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Attention: Donald Brandt, President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Brandt,

My name is Catherine Thornton and I'm a taxpayer, energy user, and active member of the Arizona community. I'm writing this correspondence in response to the proposed deal between APS and Abengoa, to build the largest concentrating solar plant in the world about 70 miles southwest of Phoenix, Arizona. It will be one of the first cases where a utility relies on solar power for its day-to-day operations. I believe idea is wonderful, and believe tax credits from the government are meant to stimulate innovation, and creativity leading to sustainable renewable energy development. Unfortunately, I do have some concerns related to the costs to consumers for energy produced, if the proposed deal between APS and Abengoa becomes a reality.

Current APS rates are 9 cents per kilowatt-hour. When the solar plant is done and functioning, APS is to pay 14 cents per kilowatt-hour to Abengoa for energy and still have to deliver that energy to the consumer at an increased price. Last month my bill was \$284.00, including all 15 service charges. At an 64% increase from 9cents to 14 cents my bill would be \$465.00, including all service charges. What will be the price to consumers upon delivery to homes?

I believe in renewable and sustainable energy, but if cost prices are prohibitive then we'll be left with clean, not sustainable energy. Legislation for renewable energy standards seem to be supported by the Corporation Commission, but utility companies are now responsible for determining how to meet the 15% renewable energy, and 30% distributed generation projects. This could be problematic. As shown through the "net metering," example, concerned, and responsible consumers compensated APS for lost revenue, when they set up their own solar units, proving there should be regulations and standards in place to guide power companies. Thankfully the previous policy was challenged in court, and was changed. I hope the Corporation Commission sets up net metering standards, and policies and procedures which will aid in strong system development, and ensure ignorant consumers aren't gouged and systems stay strong.

I look forward to hearing from both APS, and the Corporation Commission on my solar energy cost to consumers question, and the development of standards for renewable and clean energy system building.

Sincerely,

Catherine Thornton

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