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Please see attached letter in support of the above referenced docket number (request by APS to increase PBI for renewable energy DG). Thank you.

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re: Docket Number E-01345A-09-0263

This firm represents SolarCity Corporation which is a leading national solar installer of commercial and residential systems with a quickly growing market presence in Arizona. Over the past several months SolarCity has been working with several Arizona schools in an effort to help them to adopt solar energy systems and reduce their utility costs. As part of this effort, SolarCity has been in constant communication with APS regarding the status of their commercial production based incentives for solar systems. As the Commission is well aware, the availability of utility rebate incentives is absolutely vital in the economics of solar. Without these rebates most systems are simply not viable. Recently it has become apparent that due to the overwhelming interest in the commercial solar sector, it is highly uncertain whether any rebate incentive funds will remain for the systems proposed for Arizona's schools. Without a resolution on this matter SolarCity's school projects (along with proposed projects for countless other Arizona schools with a variety of installation companies) are in serious jeopardy.

For this reason, SolarCity supports APS's request in this docket to allow rebate incentive funds that were previously allocated but would likely not be used for residential installations to apply instead to these school projects. Without this change, the schools would likely not receive a production based incentive award under the APS commercial program and therefore would not be able to adopt solar power. Failure to properly resolve this matter would be wasting a golden opportunity to save Arizona's schools and taxpayers millions in operating expenses through the adoption of solar energy systems. These are dollars that instead could go to improving classrooms or hiring teachers; dollars that are particularly vital in the face of Arizona's budget difficulties.

While APS's commercial program has been successful beyond expectations, the residential rebate program has thus far failed to keep pace for a variety of reasons. Although this will likely change in the future, currently these unused funds would be better allocated for providing Arizona's schools with a reliable and available solar incentive. As a matter of public policy, granting this request would be a win for all Arizona residents. SolarCity applauds APS's efforts in this matter, as it is truly in the public interest, and we encourage the Commission to grant this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hurley