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From: Gary Pierce  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 4:41 PM  
To: Antonio Gill  
Subject: FW: APS bid to transfer solar funds



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From: Gary Pierce On Behalf Of Pierce-Web  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 4:39 PM  
To: 'karen206@cox.net'  
Cc: 'Stacy.Aguayo@aps.com'  
Subject: FW: APS bid to transfer solar funds

Ms. Austermilller,

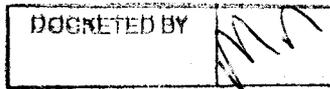
I just realized that I failed to include you on my last email. I just wanted to let you know that I've asked APS to contact you to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding your interest in installing a solar system on your home. If you don't hear from APS, please let me know.

Thanks,

Gary Pierce

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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From: Gary Pierce  
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 5:20 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Cc: 'Stacy.Aguayo@aps.com'; 'Barbara.Lockwood@aps.com'  
Subject: RE: APS bid to transfer solar funds

Ms. Austermilller,

I just wanted to let you know that (1) I will be docketing this email correspondence so that my fellow Commissioners may be aware of your concerns as we discuss APS's proposal, and (2) I am, by copy of this email, requesting APS to contact you regarding your interest in installing a solar system on your home.

Have a great weekend.

Gary Pierce

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From: Gary Pierce On Behalf Of Pierce-Web  
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 11:59 AM  
To: 'karen206@cox.net'  
Subject: RE: APS bid to transfer solar funds

Ms. Austermilller,

Thank you again for a very thoughtful email.

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I certainly would not support depriving you or any other residential ratepayer the opportunity to receive an incentive to install solar panels on your roof. As a Commissioner who supports renewable energy, I feel a great need to ensure that ratepayer money that is collected through the renewable surcharge is used to provide the greatest amount of benefit to ratepayers. I don't think we would be advancing the interests of ratepayers or the environment to let school solar projects go unfunded when there is excess money on the residential side.

I encourage you to contact APS about your desire to install a system on your house. I am fairly certain that APS will be able to assure you that you will be able to participate in its incentive program.

Thanks again,

Gary Pierce

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Austermilller [mailto:karen206@cox.net]  
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 11:33 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: RE: APS bid to transfer solar funds

Dear Commissioner Pierce,  
Thank you for your reply. In response to you questions:

Yes, I am concerned that the proposal will sufficiently alter the amount available for residential installation rebates, possibly to the point that my application will be denied for lack of funds. Noting that the newspaper does not always do the best job of accurately capturing and protraying the details of a situation, that is what I gleaned from the article.

If it was clearly understood that APS was required to maintain some dollar amount in the pool for residential applications, sufficient to cover anticipated demand, I would be OK with their proposal. I am NOT OK with allowing APS to transfer funding based on their judgment in the matter, without a statement on how much must be made available to residential customers.

I really do believe there will be an 'uptick' in residential applications with the removal of the federal tax credit limit. The removal of the \$2000 cap was a HUGE incentive to me in proceeding with a solar installation.....the tax credit is now a pure 30% of the cost of the system, after APS rebates. For a sizeable system, this can amount to a several times multiplier of the previous \$2000 tax credit capped amount. This is why I believe many other people will soon follow suit and proceed with their own installations. The removal of the federal tax credit cap makes this a really viable option for a much larger group of people.

Again, thanks for the reply and taking the time to understand my issues.

regards,  
Karen Austermilller

----- Pierce-Web <pierce-web@azcc.gov> wrote:

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Dear Ms. Austermilller,

Thank you for your email. I am curious why you percieve APS's proposal as "pulling the plug on residential participation." If you haven't already, I encourage you to review the filing

where APS makes its proposal to classify school projects as residential:  
<http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000101132.pdf>.

To clarify, are you concerned that APS's proposal will not allow you to receive the advertised residential incentive to install solar on your roof? If so, I think you will see that that is not what APS is proposing.

Also, am I to understand that the removal of the \$2000 cap on federal renewable energy tax credits made installing solar on your roof more attractive?

Thank you again for your email.

Best Regards,

Gary Pierce

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Austermilller [mailto:karen206@cox.net]  
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 8:11 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: APS bid to transfer solar funds

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

I am writing in reference to the current issue being discussed with APS - the request to allocate residential renewable energy rebate money to programs for schools, as described in the August 20 AZ Republic article.

I wish to add the following point:

The federal government has just this year removed the \$2000 cap on federal renewable energy tax credits.

This means that many people, like myself, have been spurred into action, and have been spending the last several months researching which system to purchase, talking with various installers, and working toward making decisions. THIS ALL TAKES TIME, which I believe you have not considered in reviewing APS' request.

Now that I am in the position to make a decision, APS wants to take away residential rebate money and give it to other entities.

I STRONGLY object to what will amount to APS "pulling the plug" on residential participation, just as people are ready to act. I believe their request will only serve to disrupt progress on the residential renewable energy front, as the APS rebate is certainly an important piece in the decision to purchase.

APS and the Corporation Commission need to allow more time for the new market conditions created by the change in federal tax credit to take effect, and not kill it by taking away residential rebate money.

regards,  
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