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Commissioners -

As members and customers of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC), we suggest that the Corporation Commission take measures to encourage maintenance of the current rebate level of \$ 4.00, even after implementation of net metering. In order to cover the added expense, and accomodate increased demand, we think it reasonable to increase the Renewable Energy Surcharge and Tarriff (REST) assessment from the current \$ 1.35 to \$ 2.70 (or more) per month. Financial demand has exceeded supply, resulting in up to one-year delays in rebate payments. Increasing the assessment would ensure that incentives can continue to benefit rural customers taking advantage of solar options to the same degree as those living in metropolitan areas.

As the advantages of incorporating solar into the energy spectrum in the State of Arizona are more generally understood and demand for this and other alternative generation methods mounts, utility companies are already experiencing overwhelming impacts on assessed funding of financial incentives. It would seem reasonable for SSVEC to monitor, evaluate and update their REST to accomodate the increased numbers of people who are applying and being approved for, and installing, alternative systems.

There are universal advantages to be realized with widespread or universal solar use. SSVEC will be able to comply with the ACC mandate for alternative generation by 2025. Local photo-voltaic systems will alleviate the need for costly installation and maintenance of new power lines. The reduction in coal generation will have a universal positive environmental impact.

Sincerely,



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