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Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission

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RE: 2013 REST Implementation Plan for TEP

Dear Chairman,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern with the 2013 implementation plan for TEP. The complete cuts of commercial scale solar funding and the drop of residential funding down to \$.10/watt will have a tremendous detrimental effect to one of few growing industries in our country today. These effects have already been seen as I have watched 25% of my peers laid off from work. I am of concern that before long, I too may be joining the ranks of the unemployed.

After working for 10 years working in the field of outdoor education, I returned to school to study renewable energy. I spent two years gaining skills and knowledge of electrical systems, and more specifically solar electric systems. Upon completion of this program, my family and I came to Arizona to work in this growing industry with great excitement for a future and a secure job. Today, I find myself questioning the security of my future in this industry. It was my hope that solar projects of all types would continue to see funding gradually decrease over time as the cost of system installations dropped. Instead of a gradual decrease, I am finding the recent rulings to drastically cut funding for the work I am involved in, resulting possibly in being out of the work that I intently have studied and trained for. This is a huge disappointment to me.

Of further concern, this ruling halts money that is brought into our state through federal tax credits that individuals and organizations receive from choosing to install solar systems. We are at a time where growing sectors of the economy need to be supported and not extinguished.

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I would like to urge you and the rest of the commission to address this challenge at hand. Given the abundant solar resource present here in Arizona, I believe we should be leading this growing industry rather than watching those states around us do so. I hope you will reconsider your support for solar in Arizona in future decisions that are made.

Sincerely,
Kevin Giardino

Trisha A. Morgan

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From: tfssolar@gmail.com on behalf of Technicians For Sustainability <info@tfssolar.com>
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 1:59 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: 2013 REST implementation plan for TEP

February 1, 2013

Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
RE: 2013 REST Implementation Plan for TEP

Dear Chairman:

Solar energy should not be a partisan issue. The sun provides a clean source of power that in the long term is less expensive than coal or gas in both monetary and external costs. The solar industry in Arizona provides jobs for thousands of people who are adding value to their community by the work they do. I work for one such company that has already cut 25% of our workforce as a direct result of the ACC decision to reduce the TEP incentive program. More cuts are likely as solar is placed further from an even playing field with other energy sources. The employees who were let go have valuable skills that are not being utilized because they are unable to find another job in the solar industry. This is a waste of manpower which hurts the community and seems to go against Republicans stated intent of supporting small businesses and their employees.

I have been working in the solar industry for 9 years and have gained knowledge and experience that has been put to use in service of my community. During these 9 years, solar energy was supported by the commission who realized its economic and environmental benefits. As a result of this support, the solar industry experienced tremendous growth and was able to bring many jobs to Arizona as well as federal funding through tax credits for installations. During the recent economic recession our company was doing well when companies across the state were badly affected. Steady ACC support for the solar industry prevented the recession from being worse in Arizona. Solar jobs and federal funding are now at stake with the recent ACC decision to reduce the TEP incentive program.

I would urge you and the rest of the commission to add back commercial incentives and increase the residential PV incentive level for TEP customers.

Sincerely,

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From: Dr. Kimberly Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 10:22 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: solar power in AZ is a no brainer

As PhD chemist, and researcher of energy sources, I can tell you that solar is the future for AZ power. Along with wind and nuclear, solar power is in our world's best interest as we must wean ourselves off of fossil fuels which are causing world wide changes in our environment. We must slow fossil fuel consumption and one way is to boost solar and wind power in our electric companies. I think we should require our energy companies to get 25% of their energy from renewable sources in the near future. Going back on progress made thus far is to our detriment. Please keep renewable energy in the mix.

Dr. Kim Smith

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**“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” - Mahatma Ghandi.**  
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