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Date: 5/14/2013 Corporation Commission

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

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Complaint By: Steve

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Account Name: Steve Yahner

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City: Phoenix

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State: AZ Zip: 80650

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Arizona Public Service Company

Division: Electric

Contact Name: For assignment

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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The reason I installed my 7.5 KW system in July, 2009 was because net metering was finally offered by APS, the same that was being offered by SRP for a number of years. With net metering and various credits for solar, the payback period would be about 7 years. Thus it made financial sense. Without net metering, the payback would never happen. Net metering, as I understand it, is not just an end of year reconciliation of any KWHr credit due the APS customer. I received 1486 KWHr credit for 2012 and about the same for each of the previous 2 years. APS gave me a credit of \$91.94.

Net metering works on a minute to minute basis. If I produce more KWHr than I need, they go to APS and vice versus. If I produce more than I consume each month, that amount is carried forward till the end of the year. The total for 2012 that I sent to APS was 8976 KWHr of the total 13460 KWHr that my system generated. My house is a net zero house.

I have three thoughts that I want the AZ CC to consider when reviewing APS' request to end net metering:

1. When I made my decision to install solar, I believed I had an implicit agreement with APS that net metering would be there in the future. Otherwise, why would anyone, except maybe SRP customers, install solar. It would never pay for itself.
2. If net metering is discontinued, APS will be getting approximately 8976 KWHr per year from my system, without reimbursing me. And without my having any option to sell my KWHr to another energy provider. That might be considered theft.
3. This action by APS will severely reduce or eliminate the residential solar market in the APS customer base area. And all the jobs that go with it.

If you decide in favor of APS, several options should be made available to APS customers with solar systems:

1. All existing systems are grandfathered for net metering.

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2. Existing and future solar customers have an option of having another energy provider, such as, SRP or TEC. This option certainly would incent APS to keep net metering. Competition does that.

Thank you for reading my opinion.
Steve Yahner

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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Emailed to the Phoenix office for docketing.
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End of Comments

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