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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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Opinion No. 2013 - 110779

Date: 5/22/2013
Arizona Corporation Commission

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

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First:

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Complaint By: Dwain

Blum

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Account Name: Dwain Blum

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City: Scottsdale

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85266

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Arizona Public Service Company

Division: Electric

Contact Name: For assignment

Contact Phone: ()

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED***** E-01345A-10-0394, E-01345A-12-0290, E-01933A-12-0296, E-04204A-12-0297*****ELECTRIC

I have executed a contract with APS (5/13/2010) for net excess electrical power generation from our Net Metering Solar system. The rate a which APS pays for this net energy is less than my annual APS charges for Metering, Meter reading, billing and taxes for the tru-up annual period (ACC No.5712, July 7, 2009). I based my decision to install this Solar System on the net payout for excess energy at the rate indicated in my agreement for the 20-year life of the system. As part of a rate increase initiative to make up for the loss of revenue that has resulted from the mandated solar energy requirement by the ACC, I understand APS wishes to decrease this contractual rate and has applied to do so. I know that non-Solar ratepayers have expressed their objection to rate increase requests on the basis that solar generators should pay for infrastructure maintenance and higher rates as well. I recommend that Solar Systems be exempted from Metering, Meter reading, billing and taxes since APS does not have to supply the power generated by such systems and annually reimburse net generators at the wholesale rate that APS has to pay other power companies for their additional power needs.

ACC has precipitated this issue by mandating APS generate a fixed percentage of their electrical power from renewable energy sources. Solar grid producers are counted toward this generation percentage. However, they reduce the APS revenues because they lower electrical demand, and APS has not reduced other non-infrastructure costs accordingly. Solar providers have invested more than APS has in "their own" infrastructure (panels, etc.) to connect properly to the Grid.

The solution is for ACC to forgo these mandates, and let APS balance its incentives for new solar providers against the future demand for additional electrical energy within its jurisdiction.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

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Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

5/22/13: Entered for the record and docketed CLOSED
End of Comments

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