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From: Brian Webster [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 1:13 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Cc: 'Tusk Arizona'
Subject: AZ net metering

To whom it may concern:

My name is Brian Webster, I am an employee of the solar industry. I have worked across the country helping my customers save money and the environment by installing solar on their home or business. Net Metering is the one caveat that brings solar energy to the main stream. My company may or may not ever do any business in AZ but one fact holds true that when any company wins a bid to install solar we all win. Every panel installed is a reduction in harmful CO2 gasses entering our atmosphere. In a state such as Arizona you should be proud of the available resource in the sky. If Germany can lead the world in solar with a climate equivalent to Maine why would you let such a resource go to waste? Your neighbor in California is leading our country in installed solar capacity and you have a better resource? Just because coal and nuclear has been the way things were done in the past doesn't mean that's the way of the future. That was then this is now. The utilities either need to get on board or get out of the way. Whether you like it or not solar and wind are the future, There is money to be made for all. My constituents and I have more passion and energy in our blood than your old money can buy. We will not stop until every last coal and nuclear plant is shut down. Let's build a new energy economy together not against each other.

Thank you,

Brian Webster
Solar Energy Consultant
Harvesting the Sun

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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Alan K [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 1:14 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net Metering

Mr Stump,

As I understand APS' proposal is to do away with Net Metering, I strongly encourage you to vote to protect Net Metering.

APS is fine with consumers paying them for the Electricity they provide, but they do not want to pay or credit us for the power we provide to APS.

Unfair!!!

We've invested in Solar to provide clean energy and improve the environment.

If APS needs to have more revenue to pay infrastructure costs, then increase the charge for all customers - not the people who have made an investment for our planet!

Please do the right thing and protect Net Metering

Alan & Gloria Kornbluth
[REDACTED]

Goodyear, Az 85395

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Gary Stouder [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 1:30 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: APS Net Metering for home solar systems

Dear Comissioner Stump,

I am a voter, an APS customer and have a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University which naturally leads me to appreciate the benefits of using solar power. My wife and I moved to Sedona from central Indiana last year and one of the first things I did was to look into installing solar panels on my home to provide a large portion of the electrical energy I consume. With net metering a solar rooftop installation seemed like a win-win situation for me, APS, Arizona, and US energy independence in general.

It appears that APS is trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net metering program. If that happens, power bills will increase for those who have invested in home solar systems to reduce fossil fuel and nuclear energy consumption and these people will actually lose money on their investment. This will basically stop new solar installations on houses once people realize they will actually lose money by installing home solar systems.

WHY DO I THINK NET METERING HELPS EVERYONE

During the summer from 9 am to 5 pm I am able to generate enough electricity to cover most of my own needs including air conditioning and slightly decrease the peak load that APS must generate and distribute. If thousands of others do this it will decrease the peak output APS must produce and will decrease the need for new fossil fuel generating plants and peaking stations. My contract clearly states that APS will purchase electricity from me when I make more than I use with the implementation of net metering by using a bi-directional meter. It is too expensive for customers to store excess daytime energy in batteries to use at night and the net metering arrangement helps everyone involved. APS may be able to show that it would help in some ways to change the net metering formula, however, if less people use home solar systems APS will need to supply more power, build more generating and distributing systems and then raise their prices to everyone.

I am sure that you know in your heart that the net metering agreement helps us to be more fossil fuel independent and is good for our state and our country and I ask that you continue to support net metering.

Sincerely,

Gary Stouder, M.D.

[REDACTED]

Sedona, AZ 86351

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Gary Stouder

Trisha A. Morgan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net Metering Re sentplease read

I received a email response from you saying you deleted my email to you without reading it. I'm sorry you feel this way, as I feel my opinion should mean something to for our community.

Charlene Detrick
jcranch@cox.net

> Date: Thu, 6 Jun 2013 14:26:03 -0700
> From: <jcranch@cox.net>
> To: pierce-web@azcc.gov, burns-web@azcc.gov, stump-web@azcc.gov,
> BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov, RBurns-web@azcc.gov
> Subject: Net Metering
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> Commissioner Email
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> SUBJECT LINE: Protect Net Metering
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> Dear Corporation Commissioner,
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> I am a voter and an APS customer. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering.
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> Net metering makes sense. If I have to buy electricity from APS at a certain rate, APS should be willing to pay me that same rate when my solar panels provide electricity to the grid. After all, APS just turns around and sells the power I produce to my neighbors.
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> I am concerned that changing net metering would stop my friends and neighbors from going solar. That would be bad for Arizona. We've got so much sunshine; we'd be fools not to harness it.
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> Sincerely,
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> Charlene Detrick
> [REDACTED]

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Alan J. Stone [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Pierce-Web; bums-web@azcc.gov; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web
Subject: APS to reduce net metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I recently installed a solar system at my residence. We have received our bill from APS and are quite pleased with the first month's productivity. Now I understand APS is requesting a rule change whereby they can make more money off our new system by devaluing the electricity we produce.

When we were considering going solar, APS went over board in selling the concept. They offered incentives and encouragement. Now that systems are up and going, they want to pull the "old bait and switch." I for one would shut my system off, rather than fall prey to such shady practices. APS made a bargain with me to get me to go solar, and now they want to renege on that bargain. If APS gets away with this, they will be back again to reduce the value of my system, again, again and again until it is worthless.

Arizona should be leading the country in solar, not discouraging its use in this manner. On the day we turned our system on we sponsored a "solar party" for about 40 neighbors. Our installers came out to explain its particulars and the value of solar. I am now embarrassed that I encouraged neighbors to go solar. Had I known at the time APS was contemplating this action, I never would have installed the system.

Alan J. Stone
[REDACTED]
Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Trisha A. Morgan

From: areed26 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 9:22 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Cc: Burns-Web; Stump-Web; Bob Burns; BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Net Metering

I recently learned that APS is proposing to end Net Metering. I am writing to you to let you know I am against this unfair decision which punishes those who invested in residential solar energy as a means of helping the environment by supplying a source of clean energy.

If APS is using this tactic to pay for infrastructure expenditures, they should raise the rates across the board, rather than selectively punishing those who invested in the technology they supported so strongly earlier.

I ask for your support in protecting Net Metering. Thank you.

Arnold & Maxine Reed

[REDACTED]
Goodyear, AZ 85395

Trisha A. Morgan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 9:26 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; BBurns-web@azcc.gov
Subject: Net-metering

We are requesting you to maintain net-metering. We recently purchased a solar system and we feel net-metering is the fairest method to ensure properly protecting and compensating net-metering customers for their investment in solar power and enable them to make individual choices regarding electricity usage.

Please consider this request.

Sincerely,

B. K. and Helen Farnsworth
[REDACTED]
Surprise, AZ 85374-2559

Trisha A. Morgan

From: greg giordano [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: We need net metering in Arizona.

Dear AZ Corporation Commissioners,

Net metering is very important for us in Arizona. Studies show that it helps forward the industry of clean solar (and wind) energy production *independent of government subsidies* by allowing distributed green energy production to offset the upfront costs of each small "generating station."

When a customer (or solar system) produces more electricity than what is used onsite, the net excess goes back on the grid and spins the electric meter backwards and should be reimbursed to the customer at a green energy rate (which should be higher than normal wholesale rate) in dollars. This is the goal and is surprisingly not yet being done in the state of Arizona, but has been implemented in other states.

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We strongly support passage of a fair net metering reimbursement implementation. Thank you for your consideration and your movement in this logical direction.

Gregory Giordano

CC Friends who feel the same- please contact the Az Corp. Comm. as well. They need to hear from you soon before the decision is made. Please don't delay.

<http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/commcontac.asp>

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Pat Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 11:28 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Net-Metering

Dear Arizona Corporation Commissioners,

I am a solar owner/supporter, APS customer and a voter. I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering.

Net-metering is the billing arrangement that ensures solar customers receive fair credit for the valuable clean power they deliver to the grid for others to use during daytime hours. It is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering home owners, businesses, schools and city/county/state public agencies to go solar.

Utilities in the state are trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net-metering program, when they in fact agreed to net-metering. I am highly concerned that this could result in not properly compensating net-metered customers for their valuable energy investment. Net-metering has allowed Arizona's solar industry to flourish, creating nearly 10,000 solar jobs. Hundreds of residential homes; city, county and state schools/agencies; and businesses like Wal-Mart rely on roof top solar and net-metering.

Home and business owners expend their own capital to install systems that provide a myriad of benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make their own individual choice about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they're willing to pay for it. Taking away or compromising net-metering would take away this right.

I urge you to protect net-metering.

Sincerely,

James Martin

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Gloria Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Net-Metering

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I urge you to protect net-metering.

Sincerely,

Gloria Martin

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Joe and Teri Torres [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

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Sincerely,

Teri

Trisha A. Morgan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 1:33 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Bob Burns
Subject: JUSTIFIED CONCERNS OF APS SOLAR CUSTOMERS REGARDING THE APS DESIRE TO ELIMINATE CREDIT FOR EXCESS SOLAR GENERATED POWER

Gentlemen,

As an APS customer, we recently invested in a solar power system for our residence along with a myriad of Arizona residents. The compelling reason for our solar investment was certainly to substantially reduce our power consumption costs but also to contribute to a cleaner environment.

That being said, we are much saddened and concerned that APS is proposing to eliminate the Net Metering practice which means that solar customers will no longer receive the benefit of credit for the excess solar generated energy. Certainly APS has an obligation to their shareholders to conduct business in a responsible, profitable and prudent basis. Understandably the reduced revenues and profit margins APS may be experiencing with the increasing percentage of solar users must be dealt with and certainly an appropriate across the board increase in the consumer energy cost for all APS users is appropriate.

Most certainly, it is unthinkable that AZCC would even consider approval of the APS desire to eliminate the Net Metering which would not only unfairly penalize existing solar users and discourage potential new user migration to solar but would be totally contrary to protecting our environment.

We trust that as key decision makers of the AZCC that you will agree with our legitimate concerns and reject any such attempts by APS to eliminate the Net Metering program.

Best regards,

Erv Stein

[REDACTED]
Goodyear, AZ 85395

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Jeff Quatrone [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 4:29 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Docket #E-01345A-12-0290

Honorable Bob Stump:

Arizona Public Service wants to extinguish the independent rooftop solar market in Arizona to protect its monopoly. How? They want to eliminate the policy that lets homeowners get fair credit for the surplus power they return to the grid. This is called net metering and it's successful in 43 states. APS wants the Arizona Corporation Commission to change the rules so the utility can keep homeowners' excess solar energy for free while maintaining its monopoly status.

I was an early adopter of rooftop solar installing a system in 2009. At the time APS required me to make alterations to my home such as removing palm trees and in exchange for my considerable financial outlay entered into an agreement for net metering. Net metering was a factor in my decision to go forward with the project as it assured a return on my investment in addition to the return the environment receives from a clean, infinite resource. As it is now APS cancels out credits at the end of December and credits my account for pennies on the dollar to what they charge customers. If those credits were retained in the account combined with net metering I would not have a charge for electricity in the months of July, August and sometimes September. Now from what I see they want to take all the excess I produce in the day and charge me for all electric consumed at night or on cloudy days. It is not fair to allow APS to alter a contract we agreed to. It is also may discourage homeowners from future investment in this planet saving technology that is used throughout the world.

I can tell you that if it was not for the agreement APS entered with me I would never of proceeded with the project and therefore APS should stand by what they promised to myself and other customers. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I hope you will stand behind residents of Arizona that are making a commitment to clean energy.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Quatrone
[REDACTED]

Phoenix, AZ 85023
[REDACTED]

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Vinita Bhatnagar [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 4:30 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Fwd: We need net metering in Arizona.

Dear AZ Corporation Commissioners,

Net metering is very important for us in Arizona. Studies show that it helps forward the industry of clean solar (and wind) energy production

independent of government subsidies by allowing distributed green energy production to offset the upfront costs of each small "generating station."

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and should be reimbursed to the customer at a green energy rate (which should be higher than normal wholesale rate) in dollars. This is the goal and is surprisingly not

yet being done in the state of Arizona, but has been implemented in other states.

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heavy metals which are getting into our food chain (especially fish), carbon dioxide (global warming), Sulfur (acid rain), Nitrogen as well as particulates which aggravate

asthma and other reactive airway illnesses (especially children and elderly).

We strongly support passage of a fair net metering reimbursement implementation.

Thank you for your consideration and your movement in this logical direction.

Vinita Bhatnagar.

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Greg Grosser [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 4:44 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Solar Net Metering

Dear Mr. Stump,

I am a solar owner/supporter, a voter and a utility customer and I am writing to urge you to protect netmetering.

Net metering is the billing arrangement that ensures solar customers receive fair credit for the valuable clean power they deliver to the grid for others to use during daytime hours. It is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar.

Utilities in the state are trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net metering program and I am highly concerned that this could result in not properly compensating net-metered customers for their valuable energy investment.

Home and business owners expend their own capital to install systems that provide a myriad of benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make their own individual choice about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they're willing to pay for it.

I urge you to protect net metering.
Sincerely,
Greg Grosser

Trisha A. Morgan

From: geoff drumm [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web

Commissioner Email

SUBJECT LINE: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

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Sincerely,

Geoff

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Mark Hyman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 12:59 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Bob Burns
Subject: APS Rate Change Proposals

Arizona Corporation Commissioners,

As an APS customer and resident of Arizona I understand that APS has requested a rate change to eliminate "net metering". I would urge you to vote against this proposed change.

APS expects customers to pay for the power they receive from the company, it is only fair that the company pay for any power it receives from its customers. Understandably setting a rate for these net metering purchases is a challenge, but surely a rate greater than zero is appropriate. Personally I believe a rate close to APS's average cost of purchases would be fair to both the utility and the customers, but other pricing schemes are possible.

Net metering was part of a rate scheme that induced customers to enter into a 20 year contract with APS as part of the customer's solar installation. For them to be allowed to end net metering payments after the solar systems have been installed would be grossly unfair.

As a regulated utility APS is entitled to a fair return on its investment. If the increase in solar is leading to a reduction in revenues, perhaps the AZCC needs to look at how rates are set. Maybe more needs to be charged for the grid and less for each KW consumed. In some areas of the country utility bills explicitly reflect these two separate component of the cost of providing utility service. A billing structure that allows APS to profitably recover both the cost of the grid (and other overhead and infrastructure) and the cost of electricity would be a welcome change. It would also be equally fair to all electricity users.

Utilities are entitled to a return on their investment, but not by changing rules and policies that have induced others to invest. It makes no sense to protect the utilities return by renegeing on promised payments to customers. People relied on net metering when analyzing their investment in solar. It would be grossly unfair to change the rules after they have signed the contract.

Weather you take my suggested approach or some other one it is important that any change honor the net metering commitment that was made when current customers were induced to install solar systems on their homes and businesses. Changing the rules after you have encouraged people to make an investment would be the worst kind of regulation.

Sincerely,

Mark Hyman
[REDACTED]

Goodyear AZ 85395

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Paul Gabiou [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 7:50 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net Metering

Dear Bob Stump,

I am a solar owner/supporter, a voter and a utility customer and I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering.

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I urge you to protect net metering.

Sincerely

Paul Gabiou
[REDACTED]

Buckeye, AZ 85396

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Jim Cochran [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am a voter and an APS customer. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering.

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Sincerely,

James

Sent from my iPhone

Trisha A. Morgan

From: william Le Vene [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net Metering

Dear Corperation Commissioner,

I am a voter and an APS customer. I am writing to you to urge you to protect net metering.

Net metering makes sense for Arizona and the nation. If I buy electricity from APS they should be required to pay me the same rate for power that is produced by my solar panels and returned to the grid, then sold for profit.

APS is trying to change its successful net metering program. If that happens bills will increase and the investment rate payers have made to install solar panels and equipment to lower their bills will have been lost. It will also prevent others from installing panels and thats bad for Arizona and the environment.

Sincerely
William LeVene

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Sharon Ballantyne [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 3:27 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

SUBJECT LINE: Protect Net Metering

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Sincerely,

Gene & Sharon Ballantyne

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Dennis Chase [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Net Metering opinion

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Sincerely,

Dennis

Trisha A. Morgan

From: fcopeland [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 11:11 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Green energy rate

Dear AZ Corporation Commissioners,

Net metering is very important for us in Arizona. Studies show that it helps forward the industry of clean solar (and wind) energy production *independent of government subsidies* by allowing distributed green energy production to offset the upfront costs of each small "generating station."

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Francis Copeland
Phoenix, AZ