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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Patrick  
15607 W. Vista Grande Lane  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Patrick,

I received the letter that you sent to me and would like to thank you for sharing your concerns about Net metering with me. The Commission has not received an application from APS regarding Net metering. Technical conferences have been held about this issue. The Commission will be holding hearings on this issue later this year. Scheduling of these hearings will be announced later this summer.

For more information, please look on our website. [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov) Please feel free to contact my office for more information at (602) 542-3625.

Sincerely,

Susan Bitter Smith  
Commissioner

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Arizona Corporation Commission - Commission Wing  
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Dear Chairman Stump:

We invested in a solar power roof system for our home in 2010. We did so as an investment aimed at reducing our electrical energy costs. We also felt it was important to contribute to the reduction of fossil fuel requirements of traditional coal-fired sources.

During this period our electric supplier (APS) has been charging us approximately 9 cents per KWH usage during months when our total usage exceeds the supply generated by our solar system. Yet, during months when we generate an excess (which goes directly into the "grid" for resale by APS) we only receive only about 6 cents per KWH credit. Bottom line, we made a major investment in our system and pay for its maintenance but, APS resells any excess production and makes a nifty 50% markup on their 6 cents per KWH rebate cost with no maintenance costs whatever.

This is unvarnished greed on the part of APS! It should be rectified by increasing the rebate amount to those of us who provide APS with clean, solar generated electricity. To add insult to injury APS now wants to reduce its rebate further and increase its already obscene profits derived from solar power suppliers.

The electric utility business is huge and well-established. It should not be looking to further its profits on the backs of those of us in the private sector who invest in clean solar power.

Your specific comments on APS gouging independent solar electricity suppliers would be appreciated.

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Respectfully yours,



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C Patrick

  
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CCs: Mr. Gary Pierce, Ms. Brenda Burns, Mr. Robert Burns, Ms. Susan Bittersmith  
BCCs: As appropriate

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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

June 7, 2013

Lawrence & Margaret Lloyd  
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Phoenix, AZ 85085-7079

Dear Lawrence & Margaret,

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Dear Commissioner Bob Stump,

We are solar owners/supporters, voters and an APS utility customers and we are writing to urge you to protect net-metering and do not approve any utility company proposals in this area.

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 and contribution to the local/global energy grid. APS currently resells electrical power that our system produces and that we don't use to other customers at retail rates. However, it is interesting to note that APS only provides compensation to solar owners at year end for that excess electricity at a wholesale rate. That's a very fair rate of return to APS right there! That is the agreement that we signed in our contract with APS. While we don't necessarily like it and would prefer to receive retail rates for the excess energy we provide to the grid, that's the way our mutually agreed contract is written. However, if you start allowing changes to the net-metering program, we fear that we won't even get that much and worse, excess electrical energy that we don't use would not be used by anyone.

Home and business owners expend their own capital to install systems that provide a myriad of benefits to the energy 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.

One other related point, in May 2012, the ACC approved an additional tariff on APS customers which began showing up on APS' bills in March 2013. The rationale provided for this additional tariff in the January bill was that APS is selling less electricity because more and more people are installing renewable systems such as solar or wind and that CFLs require less energy. Such proposals degrade incentives that are intended to encourage energy consumers' participation to reduce our overall energy footprint. Reducing our energy footprint should be a goal that we all strive for and APS needs to find other ways to improve/maintain its revenue stream by reducing overhead costs and management infrastructure instead of artificially propping up its revenue by using commission-sanctioned tariffs or adjustments to the here-to-for successful net-metering program.

We strongly disagree with the ACC's previous approval of the May 2012 energy tariff but moreover, we urge you to protect net-metering and disapprove any utility company proposals in this area that will surely have even further adverse impacts on solar owners. Alternatively, should you choose to approve some version of the net-metering proposals by the utility companies, we urge you to "grandfather" all existing solar owners having existing contracts with utility companies.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence & Margaret Lloyd*  
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June 7, 2013

Ronald L. Lawson  
3125 N. 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Goodyear, AZ 85395

Dear Mr. Lawson,

I received the letter that you sent to me and would like to thank you for sharing your concerns about Net metering with me. The Commission has not received an application from APS regarding Net metering. Technical conferences have been held about this issue. The Commission will be holding hearings on this issue later this year. Scheduling of these hearings will be announced later this summer.

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Susan Bitter Smith  
Commissioner

Ronald L. Lawson  
3125 N. 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Goodyear, AZ 85395

June 3, 2013

Susan Bitter Smith  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing  
1200 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Ms. Smith,

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

Net metering is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar and it was promised to us by the utility companies who were urging people to install 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 are willing to pay for it.

Of the over 800 homes in the PebbleCreek community of Goodyear, I would imagine about 800 of them have invested retirement savings in their solar power installations as we did. It seems unfair that the utility companies are allowed to change the game rules now. I URGE you to protect net- metering.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Lawson  
Goodyear, AZ "Arizona Solar Community"