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June 19, 2013



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Bob Stump, Arizona Corporation Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Re: Protect Net Metering and Jobs

Dear Corporation Commissioner Bob Stump:

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

Net metering ensures that solar customers like me receive fair credit for the valuable clean power we deliver to the grid for others to use during the day. It is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar, and to drive the growth of a successful Arizona industry.

Utilities in the state want Arizona to change its successful net metering program and I am highly concerned that this could result in not properly compensating customers for their valuable energy investments (APS recently announced a first quarter 2013 profit in excess of twenty-five million dollars, so it would seem they aren't hurting).

Home and business owners spend their own money to install systems that provide many benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net metering also allows utility customers to make their own choices 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David M. Platt

Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: Bob Baldesari [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 4:01 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioners,

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

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.

APS is trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net metering program. If that happens, power bills for solar customers would go up. How often is APS allowed to raise rates and why should they be able to take advantage of me and others who decided to help preserve our environment by taking advantage of solar power.

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 and you would be punishing those who are trying to preserve our environment to satisfy APS's corporate greed.

Sincerely,

Robert F & M Teresa Baldesari

Trisha A. Morgan

From: CAROL SEARS [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 8:54 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: APS and NET METERING

I am a customer of APS with solar power and I am hopeful you will vote against net metering when this is brought before the commission.

Arizona is the perfect place to have solar power and I firmly believe that every new home-business building etc. should automatically have solar power installed. We must save the environment for our grandchildren and future generations.

Have a great day!

Carol Sears
[REDACTED]

Sun City, AZ 85373

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Jeff Simpson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 3:21 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Commissioners,

I'm an AZ native, a solar power user, and a voter. I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering. We can become renewable and an example for the rest of the country using the wonderful resource we have or we can move backwards.

Please protect net metering.

Jeff Simpson

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Anthony Helmstetter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 2:59 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Please Protect Net Metering and Jobs

Dear Corporation Commissioners,

I am an Arizona voter, tax payer (a lot!), and utility customer and I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering in Arizona.

It's not fair, or smart to allow utilities to low-ball the purchase of surplus electricity produced by homeowners like me. Home and business owners spend their own money to install systems that provide many benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make their own choices about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they're willing to pay for it.

This creates freedom of choice, competition, and introduces market forces into an otherwise monopolistic process.

As you know, utilities in the state want Arizona to change its successful net metering program and I am highly concerned that this could result in not properly compensating customers for their valuable energy investments. In fact, it's

Please protect net metering in Arizona.

Thank you.

x

Anthony Helmstetter
Interactive Services

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Main Line: [REDACTED]
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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Dale & Linda Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 3:57 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering & Jobs

We are Arizona voters and utility customers writing to urge you to protect Net Metering.

Thank you for your consideration to ensure solar customers like us to receive fair credit for valuable clean power we deliver to the grid for others to use during the day.

Sincerely,

Dale & Linda Scott
[REDACTED]
Surprise, AZ 85387

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Donna Strain <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 3:36 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering and Jobs

I am writing to urge you to preserve the current net metering system utilized by utilities such as Tucson Electric Power for residential customers who have installed solar panels. I firmly believe that in a state such as Arizona, all residents should be encouraged to install solar panels to not only ease the demands on our power grid, particularly during high demand times, but also to reduce the amount of coal and other hydrocarbons being burned by coal powered power plants, helping reduce pollution and improve livability. Customers such as myself who have invested in solar with the understanding that any excess power will be purchased by our utility company, should be rewarded for helping to alleviate the need for further power plant expansion. The solar power industry also employs a significant workforce, helping to ease unemployment, thus contributing directly to the well-being and prosperity of our communities. Eliminating the net metering may discourage many potential solar customers from investing in solar panel installations and will potentially make them less affordable. If the utilities are only able to absorb 15% of their power from net metering, perhaps it is THEY who need to make changes and accommodations, instead of trying to discourage solar panel installations or allowing the utilities to make an unfair profit off the private investments of us residents.

Sincerely,
Donna Strain
Tucson, AZ

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Joseph Przybylo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 3:32 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Please Protect Solar in Arizona

Dear corporation Commissioner:

I am an Arizona voter and utility customer and am writing you to protect net-metering. Quite simply, I put in a solar system to be eco-friendly and save electricity and now we are being threatened with taking away net metering. I urge you to protect net metering!

Joseph Przybylo
[REDACTED]
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Michael McKiernan <mhmck@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 4:41 PM
To: RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Net metering. . .

As voting citizens we urge you to support net metering at a fair market price. Giving all the power for pricing back to a monopoly is contrary to our system. Please help protect the benefits of solar energy.

Michael and Nancy McKiernan

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Joan Sobba [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 3:09 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net Metering and Jobs

Dear Commissioner,

My husband and I are responsible Arizona tax payers and utility customers who have tried to do the do right thing through creating valuable clean power through installation of solar panels on our roof.

Net metering ensures that solar customer like us receive fair credit for the clean power we send to the grid for others to use. It is one of the best policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to install and utilize clean solar energy.

And, importantly it is a significant driver for the growth of Arizona industry which creates JOBS and insures that HOME SALES will be ROBUST all of which affect the Arizona tax base.

As you are aware, utilities in the state want Arizona to change its successful net metering program, and we and all of our neighbors who have installed solar power or who plan to install solar power are worried that this could result in not properly compensating customers for their valuable energy investments. Home and business owners spend their own money to install systems that provide many benefits to the grid and other taxpayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make choices about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they are willing to pay to support clean air policies.

The significant consequences of changing the policy include the following: (1) will significantly reduce clean energy use, (2) will put an even greater burden on electric power generation into the future, (3) takes away a major benefit for the Arizona citizens who have installed solar, (3) will negatively impact sales of homes with solar energy, (who wants to buy a house with solar power without net metering), (4) discourages new industry from coming to Arizona where solar power should be a major incentive, (5) WILL SHOW JOB GROWTH (6) WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE ARIZONA ECONOMY, (7) WILL CRIPPLE THE SOLAR POWER INDUSTRY.

Please stand firm firm in supporting the Arizona economy and the Arizona environment so that net metering remains an incentive to install solar systems to help clean up Arizona's air quality.

Yours sincerely, Joan Sobba

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jason Phipps
<jasonaphipps@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 3:04 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Solar Rights in Arizona

Jun 12, 2013

Commissioner Bob Stump
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Stump,

I am writing to urge you to protect solar rights in Arizona.

With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, Arizona should be a leader in solar energy. An important component of this solar energy is distributed generation -- systems installed on consumers' homes and businesses. Distributed generation not only assists consumers by powering their energy needs with clean, renewable energy, but any excess energy can also be sent back into the grid, reducing the need for the utility company to produce extra energy while benefiting other customers.

Net metering is one of the most important issues with regards to distributed generation. Net metering ensures that solar customers get fair credit for any energy that is sent back into the grid from their systems. It would not be fair, and it doesn't make sense, not to pay these generators the fair market value for the energy they generate.

A recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive \$34 million in grid benefits each year, starting in 2015.

These benefits range from delaying the need for additional grid infrastructure and power plants, which saves a substantial amount of money, as well as reducing pollution and the associated impacts on public health and the environment.

Solar is a win-win for Arizona, and net metering is an important part of that. Please stand up for Arizona's solar rights by protecting and promoting net metering.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Phipps


Tucson, AZ 85745-1725

Trisha A. Morgan

From: thetravellers@q.com
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2013 2:53 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering and Jobs

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am an Arizona voter and utility customer and I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering.

I recently signed a lease agreement and will have a solar system installed later this month. I believe that this installation is not only financially good for me , it is also good for the environment and the grid. I believe this should be available in the future for any other home owner or business. I would like to see my solar system investment protected and any one else that has also invested in this. If the net-metering changes it will also mean that fewer people will be investing in solar.

Again, please protect net-metering for all of us.

Sincerely, A. David Cawthorne
8720 E. Forest Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Forman, Jan <Jan.Forman@starwoodvo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2013 3:35 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web
Cc: RBurns-Web; Pierce-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering and Jobs

Corporation Commissioner,

I have lived in Arizona since 1960 and have been an APS customer for all those years. We are constantly told to save energy, go green, etc. and the prices continue to rise. To reduce my carbon footprint I added Solar panels last year to do my part in saving Arizona and the planet. Please protect the consumers and keep net-metering so we will receive a fair credit for the energy we produce on our roofs. This is the biggest incentive that Arizona has to get more people to go green. The Solar Industry is successful & is helping our economy to grow. It is important for the people of Arizona to have a choice. Please don't let the Utilities change a successful program. They are just interested in making more profits for themselves. Thank you,
Jan Forman

Jan
Forman
Quality Assurance Manager

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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Cody Goodell <codygoodell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2013 2:14 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Solar Rights in Arizona

Jun 14, 2013

Commissioner Bob Stump
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Stump,

I am writing to urge you to protect solar rights in Arizona.

With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, Arizona should be a leader in solar energy. An important component of this solar energy is distributed generation -- systems installed on consumers' homes and businesses. Distributed generation not only assists consumers by powering their energy needs with clean, renewable energy, but any excess energy can also be sent back into the grid, reducing the need for the utility company to produce extra energy while benefiting other customers.

Net metering is one of the most important issues with regards to distributed generation. Net metering ensures that solar customers get fair credit for any energy that is sent back into the grid from their systems. It would not be fair, and it doesn't make sense, not to pay these generators the fair market value for the energy they generate.

A recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive \$34 million in grid benefits each year, starting in 2015.

These benefits range from delaying the need for additional grid infrastructure and power plants, which saves a substantial amount of money, as well as reducing pollution and the associated impacts on public health and the environment.

Solar is a win-win for Arizona, and net metering is an important part of that. Please stand up for Arizona's solar rights by protecting and promoting net metering.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cody Goodell


Phoenix, AZ 85018-5311

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Dan Borchers <dan85395@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2013 5:39 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Keep Net Metering for Existing APS Customers

To: Arizona Corporation Commissioners
Subject: APS and Net Metering

June 15, 2013

Dear Commissioner,

APS has requested revising its net metering credit with all existing and future customers on its system. **This will destroy the future solar industry in APS's service area and financially harm every customer who entered into a contract with solar providers to buy or lease their system.**

We request that the Net Metering remain as is for existing customers.

We installed solar in 2011 and expanded the system in 2013. The economics of this decision was based on the APS net credit given for daylight power sent back to APS when our system is operational. We had several discussions with APS's Green Team on electrical use, billing options, conservation possibilities, panel location and panel sizing to maximize system performance while minimizing cost. The Team even stated that "Solar is a good thing for consumer to invest in".

Changing the net metering credits for us as an existing APS customer will financially harm us.

Net metering credits APS in the daytime when air conditioning in homes and businesses use the most power. The formula makes sense as a low cost alternative to peak power system requirements. Solar providers feed less power back to APS on cloudy days, while total APS output on those days are also reduced. Many businesses throttle back their power after 5 or 6PM when solar systems also are only marginally supplying power to the system. The rate formula is in harmony with power provided.

Solar system net metering credits make sense for our society to grow this form of available power in Arizona where the sun is so intense. A reduction of these credits will harm households that have already invested in solar and the industry in the future.

We request that the Net Metering remain as is for existing customers.

Sincerely,

**Dan and Karen Borchers
16409 W Alvarado Dr
Goodyear, AZ
85395
623-444-9545**

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Sean Martin <kam.sean@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-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.

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.

APS is trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net metering program. If that happens, power bills for solar customers would go up. How often is APS allowed to raise rates?

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.

Sincerely,

Sean

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Sean Martin
kam.sean@gmail.com
480-580-7638

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Mike Ledford <amledford@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 1:39 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net-metering

Please protect the current net-metering policy. As others have probably stated, it does encourage others to install solar systems in their homes/businesses. Without it, I would not have installed my system, and I'm sure others will choose not to either if the program is changed.

Without the added solar systems, this state will require more power to be generated from other sources, and perhaps even need to bring in power from other states.

Mike Ledford

8340 N Freshwater Ln
Tucson

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Pel Abbott <pel@svssolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 8:29 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Support my job and thousands of others

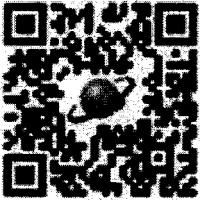
SUPPORT NET METERING

The U.S. solar energy industry employs 119,016 Americans and solar employment grew 13.2 percent in 2012, making it one of the fastest growing industries in the country. **Arizona ranks second in the nation for number of solar jobs.**

The SEIA (Solar Energy Industry Association) just published a new study showing that the net benefit to all APS customers (not just solar customers) for **rooftop/grid-tied (also called distributed) solar is a NET BENEFIT valued at \$34 million.**

Pel Abbott

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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Virginia Swisher <vcswish2008@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 4:54 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web

Dear Corporation Commissioners Bitter-Smith, Bob Burns, Brenda Burns, Pierce, and Stump:

I am an Arizona voter and utility customer and I have been following the debate on net metering recently in the news. After careful consideration I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering.

The current net metering process ensures that solar customers like me receive fair credit for the valuable clean power we deliver to the grid for others to use during the day. It is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar, and to drive the growth of a successful Arizona industry while doing something concrete to protect our environment. Unfortunately, utility companies in the state now want Arizona to change its successful net metering program and I am very concerned that this could result in not properly compensating customers for their valuable energy investments. This situation reminds me of the old adage (which has withstood the test of time): If it ain't broke, don't fix it. The current process works to the benefit not only of the individual and corporate consumer but also to the benefit of utilities by having consumers participate in the production of clean energy which the utilities can then resell to non-solar consumers. Like many other homeowners and business I have spent my personal funds to install a system which benefits me primarily but also provides many benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make their own choices about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they're willing to pay for it. Isn't it time that a decision be made which puts the consumer first instead of the utilities? Let's not start fixing something that isn't broken. I ask that you protect the current program of net metering, not only for me but for future customers who make the decision to go solar.

Thank you for your timely attention to my comments in this email.

Respectfully,

Virginia Swisher
Surprise, AZ

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Frank Valdes <fvaldes@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 5:00 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

My family invested in solar primarily to be "green" but also because it made sense and fair to use net metering. I hope other Arizonans do the same. I urge you to protect net metering for all of us.

Sincerely,
Francisco Valdes
420 S. Star Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85719

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Sharon Hall <jw_sj_hall@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 4:21 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering in Arizona

Dear Commissioner:

I am an Arizona utility customer, and I am writing to urge you to protect net metering.

Net metering is the policy that makes sure solar customers get fair credit for the valuable clean power they deliver to the grid for others to use. Utilities are using fuzzy math to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net metering policy. I am highly concerned that the utilities are threatening to stop properly compensating net metered customers for their valuable energy investment.

When Arizona homes and businesses go solar, all utility customers benefit. In fact, a recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive \$34 million in grid benefits each year starting in 2015. These benefits include saving on expensive conventional power generation and grid infrastructure as well as reducing electricity lost during long-distance transportation over power lines. Rooftop solar power also delivers tremendous economic, energy independence and public health benefits to our state.

Arizona voters know that more rooftop solar power is the right direction for our state. Poll after poll shows that, regardless of political orientation, a supermajority of Arizonans support continued solar development.

I urge you to be a solar energy champion by protecting net metering.

Sharon Hall

Gilbert, AZ 85285

Trisha A. Morgan

From: thehoz <thehoz@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 7:52 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect our investment in solar

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am an Arizona voter. I purchased solar panels to reduce my utility bills for years to come, especially when I retire in a few years. The natural result is lower pollution and conservation of our natural resources. The number of panels I purchased was calculated to ensure I'd produce all my net electrical needs. I did not purchase to become a power company. My first choice is to have the electrical company roll over excess production as a credit for the summer months when I use more than I produce. That is what is occurring at present. The banking of electrical credits should never be eliminated. It ensures that the consumer makes a wiser choice when it comes to purchasing sufficient panels to produce all their electrical needs. A larger purchase is also more efficient (cost of system per kW). Banking of credits also ensures further conservation (per below).

It would be a crime for net metering to go away. Worse case, they take my excess, but still charge me when I use excess. Why buy solar electric if the utility company is charging me if I use more than I produce, but sell my excess if I produce more than I use (100% profit for them). Second case is if I consistently produce more than I use. At a certain point of overproduction, say 10 megawatt, the utility should pay back for half of the overproduction to lower it to 5megawatt. Just an example, don't know the actual figures.

I can say one thing for sure. If the electric company starts robbing me of my overproduction and selling it to others, I'll just start wasting it. Keep a window open on a hot summer day to get in some fresh air while the AC is humming away. Forget about CFLs which take time to brighten up. Go back to incandescent. Forget about very efficient and instant lighting LEDs due to their high cost. Forget about higher priced energy efficient appliances, because they will just be burning off my excess. You get the picture.

Right now I do have CFLs and LEDS, and have been purchasing higher efficiency appliances. This will abruptly stop if all I am doing is spending extra cash to save electricity that the utility company will sell to someone else. Net metering ensures that I will continue to conserve where I can.

Let's face it, companies go Green to save money, not to save the environment. Do you think hotels would ask you to forgo linen changes if it cost them money? No. However, it is pitched as "saving the environment", but it really is "and also save us \$\$\$".

Ray Hasenstab

Trisha A. Morgan

From: mcolecchia@gmail.com on behalf of Mario Colecchia <mc92@alumni.princeton.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 8:24 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner

I have heard that net metering is in danger of being eliminated in Arizona. Net metering is essential for the viability of solar power in this state. It is also the fair way to compensate solar users who produce more electricity than they use or whose production is not perfectly synchronized with their use.

With Arizona's abundance of sunshine, there is no reason why we shouldn't be the premier solar-producing state in the nation and the standard to which all other states should aspire. It would be a shame and an embarrassment for the solar industry in Arizona to collapse under the pressure of the utility companies, not to mention the employment opportunities solar companies provide. This is no time to interfere with an economic bright-spot.

I am having solar panels installed on my roof within the next several weeks. You are welcome to come by my house and see the tremendous benefit solar power offers. You are also welcome to contact me in person.

Mario Colecchia
2333 E. Rawhide Street
Gilbert, AZ 85296
480-361-1354
mc92@alumni.princeton.edu

Thank you.

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Mario Colecchia

No trees were destroyed in the sending of this message, however, a significant number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced.

Trisha A. Morgan

From: wlstaples1@gmail.com on behalf of Bill Staples <wlstaples@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 8:23 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Solar Electric Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am an Arizona voter and utility customer and I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering.

Without net metering I would not have signed up for 'green energy'. I do not know how you will entice future electricity users. It would have stopped me.

If your goal is to stop our citizen's efforts to convert to solar, eliminating net metering is a great start.

I urge you to protect net metering.

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Kristin Burgunder
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 9:30 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: net-metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am a consistent Arizona voter and utility customer and am contacting you to ask for your help in protecting net-metering.

As a very new solar customer, I feel that net-metering ensures my family and others with solar, the opportunity to receive our fair credit for the clean energy we provide to the grid for others to use. As a Corporation Commissioner, you have the power to help ensure that homes, businesses, schools, etc. have the option to go solar as well as make this choice an appealing one which will benefit the environment as well as the help grow a successful industry for Arizona.

I'm extremely concerned that SRP wants to change the net-metering program so that solar customers will no longer be fairly compensated for their valuable energy investments. How will this help appeal to potential new customers?

We as well as other solar customers choose to spend our own money to install these systems that in turn provide energy benefits for others. We also appreciate as new solar customers, being able to have a choice about how and where we get our electricity as well as how much we would like to pay for it. This last point was a key part of our decision to go solar. Our SRP bill has continued to rise each year even though we have made it a point to try and consume less energy. How is it that when we decide for a more comfortable, financial option like solar, which will save our family money, SRP can come in and take that extra energy without compensation?

As an Arizona voter who like many has become extremely disheartened and down right disgusted with the amount of greed, hypocrisy and double talk that seems to be within our society, government and elected officials.

I'm imploring you to do what's right. It's not right to allow an already successful company to take from others just trying to better the environment, their families, their communities, and their already stretched pocket books simply because they want more. There needs to be people in office willing to say enough is enough, this isn't right nor necessary.

PLEASE do what you can to protect our right to net metering.

Sincerely,

Kristin Burgunder

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Emily & Dan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 7:33 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Net Metering

Dear Gary, Brenda, Bob S, Susan, & Bob B

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

Net metering is one of the most important tools the Commission has to encourage home owners, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar. Net metering is one of the main reasons I purchased a solar power system. I feel that net metering is part of the 20 year contract that I entered into with the company that provides power in my area. To change my net metering benefit at this time would violate that 20 year contract.

I have invested 10s of thousands of dollars in my solar system. Changing my net metering agreement would lesson my investment at a time when I cannot reverse my purchase decision!

I urge you to protect my net metering agreement.

Sincerely,

Dan Griffin