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From: P Thoenke [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Net-Metering



Dear Mr. Stump,

We are solar owners and supporters, voters and a utility customer who write asking you to please protect net-metering.

Net metering is the billing arrangement which ensures solar customers receive fair credit for the valuable, clean power we deliver to the grid for usage by others. *This decision is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar!*

Utility companies in the State of Arizona are trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net-metering program. We are extremely concerned that this action will result in the loss of proper compensation to net-metering customers for their valuable energy investment while additional profit is gained by the utility companies.

Each home owner and business owner has spent their own money to install a solar system that provides benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering allows utility customers such as ourselves a choice regarding where we receive our electricity, what type of electricity we want and how much we are willing to pay for it.

Freedom of choice benefits EVERYBODY while discontinuation of net-metering benefits ONLY the utility companies.

We urge you to please protect net-metering in the State of Arizona.

Thank you,
Patti and Paul Thoenke

[REDACTED]

Surprise, AZ 85388

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From: pm [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 9:07 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: APS attempt to steal my Solar Electricity

Please tell APS no, they can't steal my excess electricity.

I paid good money for my system. I even signed a contract with APS giving them rights to my solar electricity to count towards the 15% requirement placed on them for alternate sources.

That contract also garnered for them federal funds as compensation.

Then they starting charging me, as well as all APS customers for their reduced profit.

Now they want to steal all electricity that I make in excess of usage.

It would appear that APS has gotten to greedy and should be stopped at this point.

Please stand with us and vote NO to APS.

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From: Karen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Vote solar

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Phoenix and have solar panels on my house. I would like to make sure you vote to protect the state's net metering policy. It has really encouraged people to go solar and that's a win for everyone.

Thank you,

Karen Peterson

[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Denny Huber <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 6:37 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am an APS customer who recently had a solar system installed. 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. I appreciate the fact that APS has provided and will be maintaining the infrastructure required to allow me to provide power to and draw power from the grid. I believe ALL APS customers should pay a monthly fee to support the infrastructure which is required regardless of the the power usage. People with vacation homes need the infrastructure to be available when they need it, but their monthly consumption may not be sufficient to cover the basic infrastructure costs. Many low usage consumers may be in the same situation. A basic infrastructure fee for all consumers makes sense.

APS is trying to make the case that Arizona should change its successful net metering program. 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. My solar system has no parts made in China and I would hope that the USA can become a solar powerhouse.

Sincerely,

Dennis Huber
[REDACTED]
Prescott, AZ 86305

Trisha A. Morgan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 7:03 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

We are voters and APS customers. We are writing to urge you to protect net metering.

Net metering makes sense. If we have to buy electricity from APS at a certain rate, APS should be willing to pay us that same rate when our solar panels provide electricity to the grid. After all, APS just turns around and sells the power we produce to our 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?

We are concerned that changing net metering would stop friends and neighbors from going solar. That would be bad for Arizona. We've got so much sunshine; it would be a shame not to make use of it.

Sincerely,

Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Matthew Moellering [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 8:36 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Net-metering

Dear Commissioners,

I am generally on the opposite end of the spectrum

I would like to express my support for net-metering. There is no logical reason to take away net-metering other than to give handouts to APS. If anything, we should be going the other direction, thinking about ways to encourage/educate rooftop solar customers to produce more electricity and rewarding them with higher rates for excess, not lower, considering the huge commitment they have made.

I'm not sure if any of you have solar panels, but if not, I'm sure you know people who do and know that it's not an easy process -- it's not like canceling your landline and getting a cell phone. Independent solar generators have given up their roofs, fought with HOAs, revised roofing, fronted significant amounts of money, invested time and energy, and often times signed a long-term contract with utilities.

Most prophetic energy economists & leaders in many energy industries with varying interests from industry to consumer activist are predicting that the corporate handouts (getting rid of net metering) will be short lived and result in a huge shift to off-grid battery systems that will just punish the many people who do not have solar, which will eventually convince them to go solar.

I can tell you that if net-metering goes away, I will cancel my grid service and use batteries. My contract with the utility was based on a net-metering commitment. So, if all or a significant percentage of customers go off-grid, which I am sure the solar installers will encourage as they can then sell the battery systems, the utilities will have wasted a lot of money on solar systems and their contracts will be hard to enforce in court...

The utilities would be well-served to embrace solar and partner with it rather than dragging their feet... but often times in the corporate world, business people tend to be shortsighted causing logic & greed to be mutually exclusive... but I think it's your job to keep the corporations in line (hedge that greed) for their own long-term good, right? Otherwise, why are you there?

It's sad that APS is even wasting money studying this. Hopefully, these studies are not like most corporate processes... mere formalities en route to the inevitable decision they've already made behind closed doors...

We'll see... but when in doubt, it's usually a good idea to not make changes, right?

Please feel free to contact me with any more questions.

Best,

Matthew Moellering
Gilbert, Arizona
[REDACTED]

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Linda Weatbrook [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 4:43 AM
To: Linda Weatbrook
Subject: protect 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?

As a solar consumer I invested thousands of dollars to be able to utilize the power of the sun to benefit myself, my power company, my community, my country and the planet. It will take over 10 years for my solar to pay for just the installation costs. If net metering is stopped I will have made a very poor investment that will take many more years to pay for the installation.

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,

Linda Weatbrook
[REDACTED]
Sun City West, AZ 85375

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Alexander Williams <naupika@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 7:06 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Solar Rights in Arizona

Jun 11, 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. Alexander Williams
8852 W Bluefield Ave
Peoria, AZ 85382-0828

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From: Jim Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 8:10 AM
To: pierce-web@azc.gov; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Net Metering

SUBJECT LINE: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

I am a retired and on a fixed income. I took out a 20 year lease to provide, install, and maintain my solar panels for my house in Sun City. I did this to secure my cost of electricity in the future and based on the information APS provided me. If you cut my my credit for electricity I will be paying this lease and loosing money for the next 20 years.

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?

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Sincerely,
Ruth Ann

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From: Allen Levine [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 7:55 PM
To: Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Bob Burns
Subject: APS plan to change solar users Net Metering

Arizona Corporate Commissioners,

It is my understanding that APS has requested to eliminate Net Metering for its solar customers. I would strongly urge you to vote against this change.

It is unfair of APS to expect customers to pay for the power they receive from them, but not expect to pay for power they receive from us.

Not so long ago, APS and other power companies were eager to have customers turn to solar. And now they want to fine those same customers.

We embraced solar as a clean and effective way to provide power and to help the environment. If APS needs the revenue for its costs, then there should be an across the board increase for all customers, not just the customers that have made an investment in clean energy.

I urge you to help protect Net Metering.

Sincerely,

Allen Levine

[REDACTED]

Goodyear, AZ 85395