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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 2:34 PM
To: 'RANDY AND SALLIE LOMAN'
Subject: RE: Net Metering

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From: RANDY AND SALLIE LOMAN [mailto:ransal1@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 12:25 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Net Metering

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Dear Commissioner BitterSmith,

Please find enclosed our letter of concern with APS' intent to change the Net Metering rate to residential solar producers.

Thank you for your time.

Randy and Sallie Loman

Arizona Corporation Commission
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June 24, 2013

Dear Commissioner Bitter Smith,

As current owners of solar panels on our private home, we are writing to voice our concerns over the efforts of APS to change the rate base for Net Metering.

When we were looking at alternative ways to help the environment, we made the commitment to invest \$14,000 of our own money to go solar on our home. It was a win-win for everyone! The federal government, the State of Arizona and APS must have thought it was the right thing to do. They offered rebates, (Subsidies) to customers to offset the cost and that of our carbon footprint. Now after years of coaxing customers to install solar panels, they want to change the NET Metering rate of the residential customer? We abided by our side of the contract and are producing clean energy, not only for our personal use, but also for the customers of APS, reducing the need for APS to build future generation and distribution.

It is obvious APS needs us as individual power producers to meet its quota of renewables and keep its public image intact. APS included a half page flyer in last month's (May) billing stating, "**APS GENERATING MORE SOLAR**". I quote, "An increasing amount of solar power also comes from APS customers who choose to install rooftop solar panels on their homes and businesses." And in this month's (June) billing flyer, **APS stated they were ranked top 10 in solar utilities**. Quote: "In fact, more than half of the solar power growth in our service territory last year came from individual customers, which shows that Arizona's progress in renewable energy is truly a shared accomplishment."

We made a capital investment that allows us to capture our investment over time in the way of reduced power bills. In the meantime, APS is allowed to use our power on their local grid, which we produced "Free" for them to sell at commercial rates to its customers, as they do with IPPs and commercial solar projects. We as solar energy producers have and will continue to pay our share of the transmission/distribution costs to fellow APS customers by producing local power to the local grid, offsetting the need for future transmission and distribution projects.

APS needs us, as subsidized individual power producers, to meet its quota of 15% renewables by 2025 and keep its public image intact. If they want to make the rate payers happy, embrace subsidized residential solar projects in their future business models and stop budgeting for large subsidized capital expense projects and new generating facilities.

Increasing the NET Metering rate base to residential solar power producers will most certainly cause residential solar installations to decrease or come to an abrupt halt, resulting in solar industry job losses for the State of Arizona and an increased carbon footprint.

Regards,

Randy and Sallie Loman
1112 S. Mud Springs Rd.
Payson, AZ. 85541

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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
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To: 'Mike Ledford'
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From: Mike Ledford [<mailto:amledford@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 1:33 PM
To: BitterSmith-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.

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From: Pel Abbott [<mailto:pel@syssolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 8:32 AM
To: BitterSmith-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.**

Dear Susan

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of WATER RESOURCES. We know that once you do the research, you will see that this whole net metering issue is a ploy by APS to maintain their monopoly, and you will be just as driven to support the CLEAN, GREEN energy of SOLAR – the most prolific resource we have at our disposal in Arizona.

Utility monopolies are not the Republican way. Republicans are all about small government and economic freedom.

Thanks!

Pel

Pel Abbott

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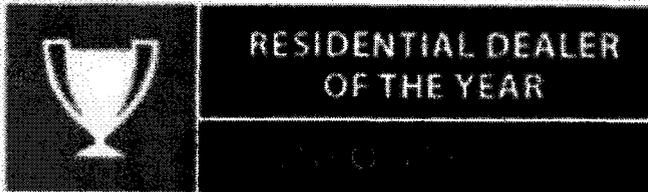


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From: Roy & Nicole [<mailto:rchalmer@cox.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 10:50 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Susan Bitter Smith,

I believe changing net metering would have extremely negative effects not only to our environment but also to our economy. Arizona is supposed to be a proponent of solar. APS claims to support solar, and yet they are diminishing rebates, and now trying to change net metering. Changing net metering will cause solar to become a much less attractive option resulting in loss of business for solar companies, loss of jobs, and possible bankruptcies for companies causing current consumers to be left with a lose lose situation. APS charges fees to have solar, they are saving by not needing another power plant, they have saved by diminishing rebates, they get to pay the winter rate for all unused credits at the end of the year...and now they want to hurt the solar industry, by taking away net metering. They didn't have the foresight to plan for the future before, and now they are only thinking of themselves, and not having the foresight to see the repercussions of this motion.

Arizona should be promoting solar, and job growth in this clean energy option, vs' endangering it.

Thank you!

Nicole Chalmers
Sent from my iPad

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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 2:19 PM
To: 'Sam Margolin'
Subject: RE: Protect Net Metering

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From: Sam Margolin [<mailto:samm5460@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 2:00 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Protect Net Metering

Dear Corporation Commissioner,

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?

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,
Sam

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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 11:03 AM
To: 'Bernadine Helriegel'
Subject: RE: SOLAR REIMBURSEMENT RATES

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bernadine Helriegel [mailto:bernmar@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:07 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: SOLAR REIMBURSEMENT RATES

When I opened your site I wished that you had a selection "To All" but since I voted for you, I am directing my concerns to your attention with the hope that you will share.

Back in July, 2008 I spent thousands of dollars on what I felt was good for our environment, good for my electric budget, and a wise use of AZ sun -- a residential photovoltaic solar system. I was ecstatic with the results...the panels were doing what I paid for them to do...generate clean, low-cost electricity for my home. AND, I was generating clean electricity for the grid.

I now feel betrayed by the Corporation Commission -- after spending all that money your proposed change in net metering would render my solar system valueless! I will no longer save on the cost of generating my own electricity nor will I get reimbursed at the same rate that I am charged for electricity...an arbitrary decision that would be shameful and wrong for all of us who chose to improve our environment, cut down on the amount of electricity drawn from the grid, and save money.

PLUS...I still have the panels on my roof for which I paid thousands and they are doing nothing!

Perhaps the Commission should rethink penalizing the residential consumers and look at the ever-growing size of the compensation of executives at, for instance APS. As a monopoly, I find it difficult to believe that these executives provide that much value to the company or that there aren't qualified people out there who could get the job done for considerably less. And why do they need a BONUS because Arizona is using electricity?? Their bonuses alone could cover electrical costs for thousands of Arizona residents.

I keep an in-depth analysis of my electricity production and see first-hand what just the "slight" increases in rates means in dollars and cents. I happen to be on a fixed income and my motivation for the solar system was to keep my monthly electrical costs low; however, these "slight" increases in rates over the five years that I have had the system means a real increase in my electrical costs.

My request to you -- do not allow the electric companies to change the original mandates for the solar systems. Hundreds of homes here in PebbleCreek committed to solar systems and changing the rules after the fact is just not right. What happened to the push to "Go Green?" Why aren't more people using solar so our horrible air quality conditions improve? Why isn't Arizona harnessing all this valuable sun? We look to you for help in this regard.

Thank you,
Bernadine O. Helriegel
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