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Mr. Bob Stump, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
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1200 West Washington
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Re: Opposition to APS Net Metering Cost Shift Solution

Dear Mr. Stump:

I received my letter from APS several days ago regarding their pending application for a Net Metering Cost Shift Solution. I have also reviewed the actual Application dated July 12, 2013 from Thomas A. Loquvam and Debra Scott, but have not read all of the testimony as backup to that Application. This sounds to me like a typical greedy utility crying for a rate increase. I find it interesting that APS is making this Application when most of their customers are either on vacation or seeking cooler places to spend the hot summer months away from the valley. I knew when I received notification several months ago of the LFCR adjustment that either someone erred in establishing the rate tariffs for residential solar correctly or this was only the start of additional rate increase requests. I guess the later was the case when I started hearing about the net metering issue in the media prior to receiving my letter.

I moved to Peoria in August, 2012 from Salt Lake City after retiring. I purchased a new (3000 sf) home from Meritage Homes in Vistancia that was constructed with excellent energy efficient methods and materials and that has an Echosolar rooftop system. The only energy credit available to me is a Federal Energy Credit (30% of \$22,100) available only through the 2016 Tax Year. My first APS bill was a surprise. I had never seen an electric bill (and I have lived many places across the country) with 11 (before the LFCR) nickel and dime line items and 5 taxes and fees. Unfortunately I'm not familiar with the make-up of each line item, however, I have had to deal with many utility companies during my 40+ year career in commercial real estate development/construction. I am a Mechanical Engineer by schooling.

My present APS billing from August, 2012 (partial billing that month) through June, 2013 averages about 50-60 kwh/mo in net excess metering. In total, the costs from APS per kwh are still among the highest that I have ever paid (and I have records from my last 20 years in Salt Lake) per kwh. I have also requested that Echosolar investigate retrofitting a battery storage system to my installation so that I may store and use this excess energy, as needed, when "the sun's not shining".

I did notice while reading the Application that breaks down the various costs associated with APS cost of operation that there is a missing line item. There is no mention of PROFIT although it's probably buried in the other costs. In my opinion, the real reason behind this Application is that APS is not making enough of the differential

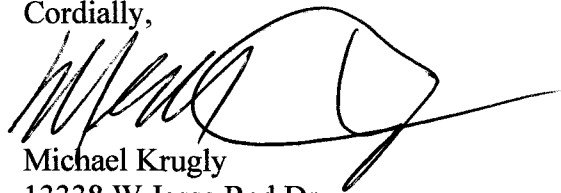
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cost (profit) between buying my extra kwh's going back to the "grid" (at their retail tariff rate) and what APS is actually selling it to other customers for as compared to what they are actually able to produce it for. They want more money! The rationale being used can be discussed and argued ad infinitum.

I would also caution the Commission that whatever decision they make, please be very careful about the requested "Grandfathering" language of this proposed change. By placing a date that the tariff as it now exists would expire would/could devalue my home as that date approaches. By being able to require that the *rates will have to change upon a sale* creates even more litigable issues. Consider that estate planning might have one sell and lease back their own property from their children or relatives to avoid probate or tax issues. Consider one placing their home into trust (new owner even though one still occupies the home). Consider a home already in a trust and the owner wants to refi (he essentially re-sells the home to himself through a different Lender). There could/will be many different scenarios forcing a rate change triggered by such language in the proposed "Grandfather" clause.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections to this proposed APS Net Metering Cost Shift Solution.

Cordially,

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July 13, 2013

To Commissioners Pierce, Burns, Stump, Bitter Smith, & Burns:

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

APS has proposed an aggressive tax on solar customers, either in the form of a radically reduced rate of payment for power sent back to the grid or a substantial charge to their monthly bill.

I support rooftop solar in our state as an important industry and a means for Arizonans to have a real energy choice.

These proposed taxes will effectively end the residential solar industry in Arizona, eliminating choice in the residential energy market, destroying jobs, and killing significant economic potential. Please vote to protect net metering in APS.

Thanks,

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To: Mr. Gary Pierce
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Mr. Bob Stump
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RE: APS proposal to change net metering of residential solar

Dear Sir's & Madam's,

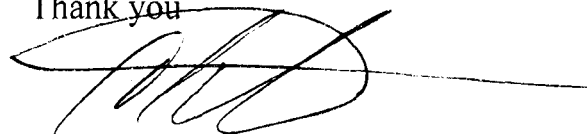
When this was brought to my attention I thought it was a joke but quickly realized that APS is as a power provider is like many 'for profit – shareholder companies' their only concern is for their bottom line and not for the environment or the individual consumer.

Their assertion does not even make sense to penalize me as an individual solar producer for using less of their product and more of my own. They do not have an investment in my infrastructure nor do I expect them to help me cover my expenses in the future. The notion that they are subsidizing me by paying me the same as I pay them is absurd.

This is, I'm sure not just an Arizona thing. As we move forward more utilities will need to change with the times. APS's argument makes about as much sense as Smith Corona complaining because I no longer use a typewriter because I have a computer. Or the phone company wining because I no longer need a land line with the advent of the cell phone.

I have no intention of letting APS steal my electricity and if the issue is pushed I think they will find a whole sector that goes off grid! And disconnects them 100%

Thank you

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Chris Iten