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**From:** Jon Sneddon <jonsneddon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 06, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Jon Sneddon  
**Subject:** Re: APS - Recent Changes

Hello,  
It has come to my attention that my accusations were unfounded for which I greatly apologize!!

As a concerned home owner I was mislead and was not aware of the facts. Again my sincere apologies!

Please keep me informed of any issues or questions you may have.

Thanks again and sorry for any In convenience I may have caused.

Jon Sneddon

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**Subject:** APS - Recent Changes  
**Sent:** Tue, Aug 6, 2013 3:17:22 AM

Dear Sirs,  
I am home owner in Goodyear, Arizona and my wife and I recently acquired a lease for a solar power system (Solar City) that we paid for in full (20yr). I understand that some drastic changes were imposed recently without our knowledge or our input being considered.  
I understand that there was a meeting behind closed doors with the ACC resulting in the buyback credit at the end of the year changed from their wholesale rate (The average of what it cost them to produce electricity) to the cost of their natural gas production. This "is not" what we expected when we purchased our Solar City lease. Now that we are on contract, the rules have changed. If I am to understand correctly this would mean that at the end of the year, the buyback amount would change from approximately \$.06/kwh to \$.025/kwh. This was a deal done between ACC and APS, without the public's knowledge. This is over a 50% loss to what we would expect at year end. I don't understand (I am no lawyer) how you can arbitrarily reduce what I am to be paid back, with any vote, etc. If I tried this with my personal finances, I would be accused of fraud and sent to jail.

Also it's our understanding that APS requested the "grandfather" clause concerning Net Metering and the Solar Monthly Fee, only be extended to the person that currently has the solar system. If this is correct, and I will my house to boy when my wife and I have died, then he will not benefit by our decision to go solar. It will also reduce the value of my system to a potential new homeowner, which would negatively impact a sale, especially if we decided to sell early for whatever reason.  
Both these items took place behind closed doors, and are shady dealings in my opinion. We do not appreciate these kinds of dealings and would expect honesty and integrity from businesses or local government.

If it's not too late I would like for you to reconsider these actions, and honor my contract and good faith dealings in this matter.

Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

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**From:** Rick <Rick85338@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2013 2:04 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** APS & Net Metering...

**Dear Bob Stump,**

It was recently brought to my attention from the Pebble Creek community that net metering for solar customers could be in jeopardy under your watch. I am writing you today to express my concern about this issue and to urge you to not allow APS to abolish the net metering program or curtail its advantages. If you abolish or curtail the net metering program, I can tell you as a paying consumer I would not have even considered solar as an option. Most people I speak with who are considering solar are of the same mindset. The decision that you are being asked to contemplate (abolishing/curtailing net metering) will negatively impact solar installations in the future. Had I known this issue was on the table or even a possibility, I would not have installed solar until this issue was permanently resolved.

You see, I contemplated about going with solar for a good six months before deciding to do so. On April 26, 2013 I had the solar system turned on at my primary residence after five months of going through the process. What I was not informed about at the time the system was turned on is that there was a change in the Solar City / APS process starting just this past April 2013. The bi-directional meter is not installed until after the system has been turned on. Prior to this, the system was not turned on until after the bi-directional meter was installed. I had the solar installed with the intention of being able to send back to the grid any unused electricity and I would receive the credit for that electricity. For one week all I had was the use of the energy that was generated during the day. Anything being sent back to the grid I was not receiving any credit for that week. After some phone calls expressing my displeasure about the situation, APS installed the bi-directional meter. I found out later that APS has 10 days to have the bi-directional meter installed, however until everything was sorted out I was not aware of that fact. So I was under the impression that this situation could go on indefinitely, which added to my frustration that one week. I personally experienced what APS plans on asking for with the abolishment of net metering. For that one week, I personally subsidized a monopoly with free electricity that I was not able to use and that was not the reason I went with solar. Most of the energy generated went back to APS since very little of it would be used during the day. If APS is successful in having net metering abolished I already know how current solar customers will feel as I just went through this experience.

I urge you to keep the net metering program in place as 43 other states have done. In comparison, only 7 states out of 50 do not have a net metering program. For once lets have Arizona be a leader in something. Since this impacts my personal finances, I will be watching and tracking this issue closely. I will note each commissioners vote for either maintaining the net metering program or a vote to have it abolished. Any commissioner who votes for abolishing the net metering program or curtailing its effect, will lose my vote in the next and all future elections. I will support any opposing candidate regardless of their party affiliation.

If there is one thing you can count on if I took the time to send this email expressing my concern, I will take the time to vote as will many others.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Brian Stanfill <brianstanfill@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 1:24 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** APS Solar Rate Changes - Current APS Solar Customer

Sir - I am an APS solar customer in Goodyear.

I understand if ACC approves APS suggestions; my house will be exempted until sold. Not truly "grandfathered".

If these rules allow APS to institute new fees for my solar connection, the following will happen:

1. When I attempt to sell the house; the new buyers will have to pay higher fees.
2. The new buyers will see less value in my house; basically the solar is almost of no monetary value when I sell it because of the increased fees.
3. My property is immediately worth less when I go to sell it.

Suggestion - If you go with these new rules that APS wants to put in; please exempt the "PROPERTY SERVICE ADDRESS" rather than the "CURRENT HOME OWNER".

My loss will be real and impact the sales value of my house by around 20,000 dollars.

One last point:

If we (residents) knew that the rules could be changed over time; very few if any of us would have gone with solar. I'm not a "green" person; don't believe in "global warming". This was a financial decision to invest in my house; and pay in advance for electricity at a lower rate for the next 20 years.

Now, with these suggested rule changes; I see this was a bad decision to install solar. The rate payers were not the only people who contributed to the incentive program - ordered by a prior commission; I invested 25K myself in my larger system. A bad investment if the rules can change.

Please understand my plight and please (at minimum) grandfather "PROPERTY SERVICE ADDRESS". The utility will say it is not a big deal, but it is. Within just a few years; maybe 10, every person who sells their house, will be out of the "good" program and into the much more "costly" program APS wants. Please protect us.

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