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Trisha A. Morgai

From: bob stump
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Trisha A. Morgan
Subject: FW: Solar Energy & Your Recent Agreements with APS

For the docket, please.

Arizona Corporation Commission
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From: Bob Stump **On Behalf Of** Stump-Web
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:23 AM
To: 'Kris Cope'
Cc: 'meghaen@vantagepointcg.com'
Subject: RE: Solar Energy & Your Recent Agreements with APS

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Nothing whatsoever occurred "behind closed doors." This outrageous allegation was implied by a Solar City employee. I have written the CEO of the company to correct the record.

Nothing "illegal" happens here, and I am offended that anyone would make such a claim.

Thank you,

Bob Stump

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From: Kris Cope [<mailto:kriscope@me.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Solar Energy & Your Recent Agreements with APS

Hello Commissioner –

Since moving to Arizona 8 years ago, I have watched the solar energy market closely as I've always felt that this was a great way to help the environment while saving money on energy costs. Based on vendor, AZ state, and Federal incentives along with the maturity of the market our family felt that this year was "the right time" to make the investment and purchased a solar system for our home at the beginning of the year. We have been ecstatic to see the cost savings while knowing that we are helping the environment.

HOWEVER, our enthusiasm for this decision is quickly being curbed because of recent news I've learned of you and your colleagues closed door agreements with APS which frankly raises some serious concerns about ACC's cohesion with APS. I clearly understand that ACC has a difficult job of balancing the consumers' interest in affordable and reliable utility service with APS' interest in earning a fair profit. However, the fact that ACC is making closed door decisions without any public communication or hearings clearly demonstrates that ACC has lost your ability to fairly balance your priorities. Frankly, this type of activity should be illegal.

I strongly encourage ACC to reconsider 2 key decisions that were made behind closed doors:

1. Reduction of the buyback credit at the end of the year changed from APS' wholesale rate to the cost of APS' natural gas production.
2. Consideration of APS requesting that the "grandfather" clause concerning Net Metering and a Solar Monthly Fee only be extended to the person that currently has the solar system.

Not only do these decisions have an immediate negative impact on me and all solar consumers financially but you are impacting our future wellbeing by negatively impacting the future sale of our homes. My decision to go solar was based on APS' buy back rates and the positive future impact that solar would have on my resale value; it is not reasonable for you to change the rules in the middle of the game.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,
Kris

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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Bob Stump on behalf of Stump-Web
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 11:15 AM
To: Trisha A. Morgan
Subject: FW: APS Update

For docket ,please

From: bill reisner [mailto:bil-cor@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 03, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Fw: APS Update

its sad that aps gets away with this its not fair play

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

From: Doyle Dreesen
To: Doyle Dreesen
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 3:58 PM
Subject: APS Update

Hello,

I wanted to keep you abreast of what has happen the past week. We discovered two separate items that APS has not been forthcoming about and they do effect you.

The first is that they met behind closed doors with the ACC and got 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. (The cheapest way they generate electricity at this time) It is going to reduce your year end buy back from approximately \$.06/kwh to \$.025/kwh. The change was made without anyone being aware that it was being considered.

The second is that APS is requesting that the "grandfather" clause concerning Net Metering and a Solar Monthly Fee only be extended to the person that currently has the solar system. The person that buys your house will not get the same benefits you receive. It will reduce the value of your system to the new homeowner and negatively impact your sale. It was believed that the "grandfather" clause was for the system and you could use that as a selling tool.

I encourage you to contact the commissioners at the ACC and let them know you are upset that they renegotiated the buyback calculator with APS without informing the public it was up for discussion. I also encourage you to let them know that you will not accept the "grandfather" clause not being extended to whomever purchases your home. You made your decision to go solar with these items included in the decision process and it isn't reasonable for them to change the rules in the middle of the game.

The five Arizona Corporation Commissioners can be contacted at:

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*Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing*

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Bob Stump on behalf of Stump-Web
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:27 AM
To: Trisha A. Morgan
Subject: FW: ACC Letter

For the docket, please

From: solaronesw@gmail.com [<mailto:solaronesw@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Brandon@SolarOneSW.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Brandon@SolarOneSW.com
Subject: ACC Letter

Hi everyone,

Thank you for signing the first petition! I'm sorry if you received additional petitions to sign...those are not from us and you should be able to opt out if you no longer wish to get them. Just FYI for those of you that are willing to do more, Vote Solar has a call to action on its web site, which you can see [here](#). Use the Vote Solar link to convey your concerns to the ACC.

Many thanks!

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If you wish to be removed from my personal contact list, just respond to this email with "REMOVE".
Thanks!

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Bob Stump on behalf of Stump-Web
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Trisha A. Morgan
Subject: FW: Real Net Metering Reform

For docket please

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

From: chauvinemmons@yahoo.com@mailgun.org [<mailto:chauvinemmons@yahoo.com@mailgun.org>] On Behalf Of Chauvin
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Real Net Metering Reform

Dear Commissioners

Arizona Is a Hydro Power state with a crappy grid because of your criminal behaviors.
APS is a profit making business make them fix the grid they wanted to jack up the price on everyone that uses it
Including the Solar Commies yes they must pay to put it on the grid too.

Power is sold by Kilo watt hour buy it or not I will not pay for my neighbors Solar B.S. PERIOD.

I urge you to stop all Abuse of the citizens of Arizona or go to Prison.

Sincerely,

Chauvin Emmons

Trisha A. Morgan

From: solaronesw@gmail.com on behalf of Brandon@SolarOneSW.com
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Brandon@SolarOneSW.com
Subject: "APS Fights Solar"
Attachments: Barry Golwater Jr's letter to the ACC.pdf

Greetings,

You are 1 of over 1,100 reading this email, & I'm asking you to read it as there are very important events happening that directly impact Arizona residents.

On Friday July 12th, 2013, APS made an unprecedented move to stifle renewable energy and has officially proposed to the AZ Corporation Commission changes which would virtually eliminate our access to residential solar use.

AZ is the greatest State in the Nation for solar production, & our greatest natural resource should continue to be put to use and create jobs, not be further restricted by the utilities control.

The solar industry in Arizona currently employs about as many people as APS and SRP combined, yet APS' anti-solar policies contributed to the commercial solar industry shrinking 77% from the fourth quarter of 2012 to the first quarter of 2013, and they are trying to reduce it even more.

Of the 1,100 recipients of this email, 5 are our respected Corporation Commissioners who'll be deciding on these key issues. Feel free to share your thoughts/concerns with them:

Bob Burns - [\(602\) 542-3682](tel:6025423682) – rburns-web@azcc.gov

Gary Pierce - [\(602\) 542-3933](tel:6025423933) – pierce-web@azcc.gov

Brenda Burns – [\(602\) 542-0745](tel:6025420745) – burns-web@azcc.gov

Bob Stump - [\(602\) 542-3935](tel:6025423935) – stump-web@azcc.gov

Susan Bitter-Smith - [\(602\) 542-3625](tel:6025423625) – BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov

Many of you are current solar customers, and already received a letter from APS saying you're "Grandfathered-in and won't be affected by the proposed changes". This "Grandfathered" status is only good as long as you haven't sold your home or changed your APS account, so this could absolutely impact you in the future.

Please join with us in signing the online petition by clicking this link: <http://www.change.org/petitions/more-not-less-rooftop-solar-in-arizona>

To stay informed on these issues I recommend visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/Dont.Kill.Solar>

Like their page and share it! You can also visit www.dontkillsolar.com which has the latest updates and press releases. I recommend watching the videos on the bottom of their homepage.

I've also attached Barry Goldwater Jr's recent letter to the AZ Corporation Commission which outlines key facts of APS' proposal, and I think you'll find it an interesting read.

I thank you in advance for forwarding this email to your friends/contacts, and for supporting our cause to keep solar strong in AZ!

Best Regards,

Brandon Anderson

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Trisha A. Morgan

From: RikiPere@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 03, 2013 2:52 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: APS Backstabbing Solar Panel Homeowners

I am totally opposed to the APS proposal to renege on their Net Metering program for individuals who installed solar panels.

Reasons for my opposition:

It is neither fair, just, nor moral for APS to propose financial incentives and then pull the rug out from under you after you make sizable investments.

APS' "Grandfather Clause" has more holes than Swiss cheese. If residents took out a 10 to 20 year payback to the solar company BEWARE, for if they sell their home prior to the pay off, APS tears up the remainder of the Grandfather Clause and they're stuck paying off the loan.

In a retirement community, the Grandfather Clause invokes a harsh reality, for the average home ownership tends to be for a lesser time than traditional communities.

The new solar program proposed by APS would cost \$50 to \$100 more a month, thus discriminating against new participants.

APS' profits soared 51% from 2008 to 2012 while the rest of our state and nation was trying to cope with a retching recession over those times.

Now APS is importing from Washington D.C. Political Powerhouses with big bucks for a campaign to clobber those Commissioners who don't support APS' Solar backstabbing.

Two states have already defeated the greed-grab, albeit by narrow margins, Louisiana and Utah.

John Williams
Sun City West
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Bob Stump

From: tracy kinane <tkinane@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 10:11 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: My Solar

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> Commissioner Stump,
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> I am extremely upset with you and the others on the Arizona Corporation Commission!
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> I understand that your commission met with APS behind closed doors and renegotiated the year end buyback calculator. For your commission to have meetings like that without public notice is certainly unethical, if not illegal.
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> Also, for your information, I will not accept the "grandfather" clause not being extended to whomever purchases m home. I put a substantial amount of money down on a 20 year lease agreement one year ago. At the time I believed that it would enhance my homes resale value.
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> It's not reasonable to change the rules after major decisions have been made!
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> Respectfully,
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> Tracy Kinane
> 14220 N. 150th Lane
> Surprise, AZ 85379
>
>
> Sent from my iPad

Bob Stump

From: bjsscw@juno.com
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2013 8:17 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: your APS meeting

Dear Mr. Stump,

I recently heard that the Corporation Comm. met with APS to ok their request to pay solar panel users for unused Kwh (at the end of the year) using the rate of gas plant produced electricity rates instead of the rates they have been using for generated electricity in the past. Was there any kind of public hearing on this ? If not, why not ?

I am grateful that APS agreed to "grandfather" current solar users the continuation of rolling over unused Kwh until the end of each year. Did the Corporation Comm. have anything to do with that ? If so, thank you.

Please acknowledge that you have received this e-mail.

Cordially,

Mrs. Barbara Schaffer

Bob Stump

From: jer.moni@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 7:35 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: MY SOLAR

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Respectfully,

**Gerard E. Kinane (senior voter)
15359 W Robertson Dr
Sun City West, AZ 85375**

Bob Stump

From: Sharon Wieser <sharonwieser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 7:13 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Solar update

Hello

I am a citizen that has solar on my home. I bought into solar two years ago and am not happy with the current talk that I am hearing from APS regarding buy backs and the grandfather clause.

I am not happy with the private conversation that was had regarding buy backs. If I am wrong on this, please correct me. Going from .06 to .02 is not what I signed up for when buying into solar.

The grandfather clause of not being applicable for someone who is buying my home, makes the value of my system and the house less appealing to any buyer. If I am wrong on this, please let me know.

Please encourage APS to work WITH the solar companies. Invite executives from Solar City, First Solar, just to name a few to the table for discussion.

The more people know, the less they gossip, the better they can work together.

Thank you for your time.

Sharon Wieser

Sent from my iPad

Bob Stump

From: Schur, Ari <ari.schur@sap.com>
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2013 8:46 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Solar Regulation Changes, Not Acceptable

Importance: High

Commissioners:

This is the first time I have weighed in on an issue of this kind before, but I feel compelled to as what you are discussing regarding the changes to fees etc, is fundamentally unfair to the citizens that have made a significant investment into our homes and the environment to install solar on our homes.

First, as I understand it, you recently met to change the buyback rate from \$.06/kwh to \$.025/kwh. While I don't profess to understand the details of how you did this, I would expect that public comment, and approval should be apart of that process.

The more concerning and important issue to me is the suggesting that you would seek to remove the "grandfather" clause concerning Net Metering and a Solar Monthly Fee only be extended to the person that currently has the solar system. To remove this "grandfather" clause eliminates any value the systems brings to the home for possible sale, which was a key reason for installation. I made a significant investment in my home for now and the future, and will not accept the "grandfather" clause not being extended to whoever purchases my home. I made my decision to go solar with these items included in the decision process and it isn't reasonable for you to change the rules in the middle of the game.

One final thought, out of the 1million or so customers that APS must serve, what is the percentage of solar customers in the valley; 1%? Why are you looking at how to increase revenue on 1%...it might be more beneficial to look at how to reduce cost, and improve efficiency first.

Ari Schur

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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Ian Le Mair <svkokopelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 4:52 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: APS Buyback

I am disappointed to find that a back room deal was made among yourselves and APS to lower the year end buy back credit for our roof top solar systems. I personally would like to know how you arrived at that credit since that low cost power is not reflected in any APS bill to the general public. The public pays retail for their electric power, including the energy we have put on the grid. How come there was no public notice of the meeting to change the credit?

As to the grandfathering clause. These systems are expensive to begin with and their benefits are attractive to potential home buyers. It shouldn't be a negative. We are blessed with abundant sunshine and should take every advantage of it, not only existing homeowners but ones in the future, who buy a home with a system in place.

Now back to Net Metering. At least one of you had his name on a scare piece sent to seniors. As a senior citizen, I received a similar piece from an another out of state lobbying firm. I expect better from you, our elected representatives. I am embarrassed to admit I voted for you.

Please consider that the time of day that we are putting power back on the grid is the peak usage time of day by not only homeowners but businesses and manufacturing. If anything, we help lower the load on the system during those peak periods and we pay retail in the off peak periods.

I know something about load shedding. In the 60's, Detroit Edison installed a radio controlled switch to selectively shut down electric water heaters by area during peak load periods in the summer, kind of an early load controller.

Regards,

Ian LeMair
Anthem, AZ

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Ian Le Mair <svkokopelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 8:18 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Re: APS Buyback

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Now rumor or not, is there some truth in what is stated above. **Did the ACC agree to this change**, irregardless of the open door closed door comment?

There is more regarding "grandfathering" but the above is of immediate concern.

Respectfully,

Ian LeMair

On Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 6:55 PM, Stump-Web <Stump-Web@azcc.gov> wrote:

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