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Memorandum From the office of Chairman Bob Burns Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. WASHINGTON PHOENIX, ARIZONA (602) 542-3682

TO: Docket Control

DATE: August 20, 2013

FROM: Robyn Berndt, Executive Aide

SUBJECT: Arizona Public Service Corporation E-01345A-13-0248

Between the dates of Thursday, August 1, 2013 12:14 am and Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:15 pm the Commissioner has received 364 email communications in opposition of the above captioned docket.

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## **Robyn Berndt**

From: Sent: To: Subject: george shepard <georgeh.shepard@gmail.com> Monday, August 19, 2013 3:05 PM RBurns-Web Reject APS's Net Metering Rollback Proposal (docket E-01345A-13-0248)

Dear

Dear Commissioner:

APS is going to great lengths to convince you, our elected Commissioners, that rooftop solar is a bad deal for Arizonans -but this couldn't be further from the truth. APS is using a flawed report to make the case that Arizona should change its most successful solar policy - net metering. The two proposals that APS is suggesting would effectively eliminate a customer's ability to save money on their energy bills, thus removing the main reason Arizonans invest in rooftop solar energy.

This is a fight over whether we continue to overprotect big utilities who are loathe to allow competition into their industry, or allow customers to invest in cleaner, safer, and cheaper energy options.

Rooftop solar delivers to innumerable public benefits – jobs, energy bill savings, improved air quality, and the decreased use of precious water resources in our energy production. In fact, a recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive \$34 million in grid benefits alone each year starting in 2015.

A vote to dismantle net metering for rooftop solar, as APS is proposing, is an anti-consumer, anti-competition vote. Please protect our energy rights over the monopoly interest of APS.

I urge you to be a solar power leader by rejecting APS' proposal today as an unacceptable start to the conversation about net metering and potential reform ideas. While that conversation should happen, these proposals are too extreme to be considered.

Thank you.

george shepard

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