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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 12:36 am and Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 9:20 am the Commissioner has received 119 email communications in support of the above captioned docket.



## **Robyn Berndt**

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Chetan Kumar <cmkumar75

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Sent:

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 9:18 AM

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Subject:

Protect Solar Rights in Arizona-Net Metering Docket E-01345A-13-0248

Aug 20, 2013

Commissioner Bob Burns 1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Burns,

I am writing to urge you to protect solar rights in Arizona.

With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, Arizona should be a leader in solar energy. An important component of this solar energy is distributed generation via residential roof-top systems. This assists consumers by powering their energy needs with clean, renewable energy, but any excess energy can also be sent back into the grid, reducing the need for the utility company to produce extra energy while benefiting other customers.

Net metering is one of the most important issues with regards to distributed generation. Net metering ensures that solar customers get fair credit for any energy that is sent back into the grid from their systems. It would not be fair, and it doesn't make sense, not to pay these generators the fair market value for the energy they generate.

A recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive \$34 million in grid benefits each year, starting in 2015.

These benefits range from delaying the need for additional grid infrastructure and power plants, which saves a substantial amount of money, as well as reducing pollution and the associated impacts on public health and the environment.

Solar is a win-win for Arizona, and net metering is an important part of that. Please stand up for Arizona's solar rights by protecting and promoting net metering and rejecting the two proposals being offered by APS.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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