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Arizona Corporation Commission

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Rich Remaley

Glendale, AZ 85310

May 6, 2013

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Dear Commission Member:

My name is Rich Remaley, I am 62, retired, a registered Republican and I DO vote EVERY election. I am very concerned about APS proposing changes to the solar net metering process. I paid approx. \$32,000.00 net of my own money to install solar panels on my home. This decision was based on being able to achieve payback within my remaining lifetime which is possible only with net metering remaining in place.

Any negative change to net metering is viewed by me to be a NEW GOVERNMENT TAX on me for the rest of my life and PUNISHES me for trying to make a prudent financial decision while helping protect the environment. Unlike governmental changes to the tax law, there is realistically nothing I can do about a change to net metering. I can't reallocate my solar panels to another purpose.

I am not a tree-hugging "nut". I am an engineer who has worked more than 30 years in the utility power industry. I support a mix of energy including nuclear, coal, natural gas as well as renewables. I have worked for many years at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station as well as SRP's Coronado Station. ALL forms of utility energy supplies have subsidies of some sort. I have worked with utilities enough to know that you need to take their data with a grain of salt so APS statements about the cost of net metering to them needs to be looked at skeptically.

If you truly decide that the net metering process is unfair, then I urge you to make any changes applicable only to future solar installs so decisions can be made with full transparency and early adopters aren't penalized. I'm sure with the smart meters that are now installed on most homes that this can be easily accommodated.

Sincerely,
Rich Remaley

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William & Linda Stern
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Gilbert AZ 85298-4615

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

July 17, 2013

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

I am a voter and solar customer concerned with the future of Net Metering in Arizona. **Last fall a number of you ran on a pro-solar initiative, promising to keep the industry strong and to protect our rights to choose the sun to power our homes.** I am writing to urge you to protect Net-Metering as it stands in Arizona.

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 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 much needed jobs, and killing significant economic potential.

Please vote to protect Net-Metering.

Thank you,

Linda R. Stern
William D. Stern

John and Carole Soine

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Surprise, Arizona 85374

Bob Stump, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996

21 July 2013

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

It has come to my attention that APS has proposed a 76% decrease in the net metering rebate and/or a substantial fee for those of us who have installed roof top solar.

I strongly recommend that either of these proposals be denied for the following reasons:

1. I(We) have spent thousands of dollars on long term leases to install solar. We did this based on advertising and rebates offered by APS.
2. APS has started charging solar users \$3.78 a month to recoup the rebates given. According to the person I talked to at APS this charge will continue forever.
3. The energy we generate through solar is energy APS does not have to buy on the open market. What difference does it make if I provide the energy or some other company?
4. APS continues to advertise solar knowing it would be economically unfeasible to do so if the new charges are approved.
5. Solar panel production and its installation provides thousands of jobs and millions of dollars for Arizona.
6. Roof top solar makes a small but significant decrease in carbon emissions from fossil fuel energy production .
7. It is just NOT FAIR to those of us who made the decision to install solar under the conditions that existed at the time we did it.

In conclusion we respectfully request that you deny APS's request to change net metering. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John T. Soine
Carole Soine
John and Carole Soine

Harley & Judy Taylor

[REDACTED]
Buckeye, AZ 85396-7221

August 1, 2013

The Arizona Corporation Commission

Bob Stump
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Mr. Stump:

We leased our solar system in 2012 with certain warranties in place. These contractual agreements played a large part in our decision to have a solar system. Now APS wants to change them because they don't like the rules they agreed too.

whole idea of solar is to help protect the environment, not APS. They can't change the contract we signed. For example APS wants to change the end of the year buy back of power, something that you should not allow. It is going to reduce my year end buy back from approximately \$.06/kwh to \$.025/kwh, a 41% reduction. That's a bonanza for APS but not for me.

Additionally, having solar should be a "plus" for selling the house, but APS is making it a "negative." This is totally wrong to do to people that bought the system with that "plus", in mind such as myself. This knowledge would have stopped me from buying the Solar System had I known that APS could change the terms of the contract. The new home buyer should be able to assume the solar benefits that we signed a contract for until the end of the contract period of 20 years. This is only reasonable.

I'm stunned that APS wants to, and is getting approval to change the terms of an existing contract. Mr. Stump please stop this now!

Yours Truly,

Harley Taylor
Harley & Judy Taylor

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

August 5, 2013

Lynn Blodgett

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Phoenix, AZ 85022
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Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Mr. Stump,

I remember three Commission Candidates who ran their campaigns as solar advocates. Now APS is pushing you for a decision that will have devastating, adverse effects on home owners who chose to install solar panels.

It is a shameful vote that gives APS the power to lower an already low buyback price. Our solar panels output makes them a substantial profit, already. Most of our power is produced when APS is charging 24 cents per kWh.

Vote against ruining the resale value of my solar powered home due to APS reneging on the rules that our 20 year Solar City lease was signed under. Homes marketed with solar panels should not be penalized by making new owners pay more for the solar devices that were previously leased under a certain set of rules. The grandfather clause should be for existing systems, not just the original owners.

Admonish APS for not maintaining their efforts to help the future of Arizona's Solar potential. Stay the course of Solar as you have promised to do.

Sincerely,



Lynn Blodgett

Dr. & Mrs. RON & ALISSA HARVEY

[REDACTED]
PRESCOTT, AZ 86305-4140

August 7, 2013

Bob Stump, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2927

Re: Don't Dim Arizona's Bright Future

Dear Chairman Stump,

Please don't succumb to Arizona Public Service (APS) and their lobbyists. The APS solar proposal for increased fees is excessive and unjustified (e.g., APS reaps savings through lower maintenance costs, fewer new power plants). These savings need to be passed to the solar customers.

I have seen many elected officials who are confident they are doing the right thing and cause great damage to Arizona's future in the process. Now, the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) is at one of those decision points.

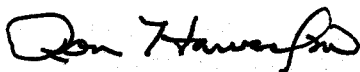
Arizona solar energy potential is vast, yet APS wants its future residential customers with solar units connected to its power grid to pay more. Ostensibly this would cover APS' costs for maintaining the grid. APS would remove incentives that promote cheaper energy.

If APS **decreases the benefit** of solar, consumers won't install units, **leading to higher unemployment** in Arizona. Don't **punish** those who try to do the right thing. APS claims solar bills are too low, but their administrative **fees** are paid on every bill.

If the consumer buys his own equipment, he/she shouldn't be **charged** to use it. If the consumer rents the equipment he/she is already paying enough.

APS is attempting to **destroy** the solar industry in AZ with their **clandestine marketing campaign**. Please don't let greed defeat the solar industry.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Harvey, M.D., MBA



Alissa K. Harvey, M.T. (ASCP)

~~Prescott, AZ 8605-5024~~
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August 13, 2013

Arizona Corporation Commission Members
Commissioners Weing
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commissioners Pierce, Burns,
Stump, Bitter-Smith and Burns:
We are asking you to not sell out
to Arizona Public Service on their
request to add an outrageous price
for the use of "their grid", by home-
owners with roof-top solar installa-
tions. We sell our power to them
at wholesale and have to buy back
at retail already.

I have found that we represent only
1% of their power production. If they
cannot make their income goals with
the other 99%, it is a sad commentary
on their business management.

We have invested over \$12,000.00, from
our 401K's to reduce air pollution
and to gain some kind of control
of our electrical power bills.

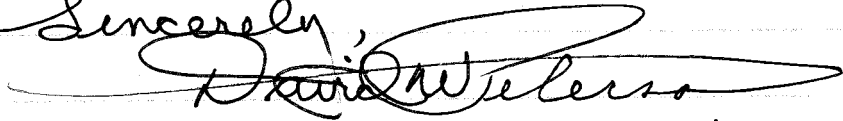
We are not wealthy or elites,
just semi-retired people in
their 70's trying to control our

expenses on a limited income.
Please tell APS's representatives that they need to be more creative than to stick it to their roof-top solar customers.

Secondly, take a very careful look at all the facts from those who want to open electrical power provision to competition.

Who are these competitors going to buy from other than APS and SFP? Are they going to give these companies a great deal on pricing? I really doubt it. If our present utilities are forced to deal, they will be back over and over for rate increases. The "competition" may cause prices for power to increase more than if we kept the present system of supply.

APS as a "public utility" should not be a profit making company.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. PETERSON

ELISABETH JAMES

[REDACTED]
GOODYEAR, AZ 85395

August 16, 2013

Commissioner Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Win
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commissioner:

I retired recently and relocated from California to Arizona, thinking that the Arizona cost of living would be more affordable than California. The cost of cooling a house in Arizona is very high and I was told that solar panels were a good way to avoid high utilities bills in the Summer. Most retirees are on fix income like me and cannot afford higher energy bills. I am an APS customer and I am writing to urge you to protect net metering, docket: E-01345A-13-0248.

APS has apparently 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 to have a real energy choice. If this aggressive tax takes place it will affect those retirees and the people who are choosing solar. These proposed taxes will effectively end the residential solar industry in Arizona and drive those on fix income to move out of state.

Thank you



Sincerely,

Elisabeth James

August 16, 2013

Re: APS Net Metering Proposed Changes (Docket E-01345A-13-0248)

From: W.E. Priebe

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Goodyear, AZ 85395

To: Mr. Bob Stump - Chairman

AZ Corporation Commission

1200 W. Washington Way - 2nd Floor

Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Mr. Stump,

I have read many articles and attend several seminars concerning APS's proposed "Net Metering" Changes. I assume you have as well (Probably more than you'd like!!).

The numbers APS is presenting just don't add up. For years they have been receiving huge subsidies from the state and federal government. Didn't they prepare for the days when this would change?

I can't imagine the commission would vote in favor of the APS proposal. It would just not be right to punish Arizona's smart "Solar expansion" just because they can't manage their business.

Please encourage your commission to deny APS's request. Don't "Punish" the citizens and workers in Arizona for APS's poor management.



Thank you, Bill Priebe

August 17, 2013

Commissioner Bob Stump
Arizona Corporate Commission
Commissioner Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix AZ 85007-2996

RE: Net Metering

Dear Commissioner,

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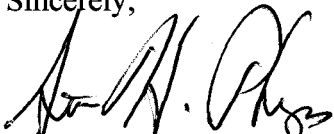
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I support rooftop solar in our state as an important industry and a means for Arizonans to have a real energy choice.

These proposed taxes would effectively end the residential solar industry in Arizona. Please vote to protect net metering in Arizona.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Steven H. Phelps

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Goodyear AZ 85395-8176
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Charles McGibbon

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Chino Valley, Arizona, 86323

Arizona Corporation Commission

Commissioners Wing


1200 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona, 85007-2996

Dear Senator Pierce:

I have read reports how Arizona Public Service is attempting to stop paying people, who install solar panels, to receive credit for excess electricity they provide to the power grid and to charge people up to one hundred dollars a month to sell excess power to the power grid. I oppose these proposals by Arizona Public Service. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Yours Truly,



Charles McGibbon

Arizona Corporation Commission
1300 W Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: APS Net Metering changes

Dear Commissioner Stump,

I entered into an agreement with APS several years ago when I had a solar system installed on my residence. The decision to install the system was based on many factors which included federal and state tax credits as well as rebates from APS. The contractual agreement with APS included paying **higher** basic rates in consideration for the power purchasing program from APS. My decision was also based on the planned 25 year Life expectancy of the system. APS now wants to change that agreement by limiting their commitment to 20 years.

Do not allow APS to "Change their mind" regarding past agreements! APS in conjunction with and encouragement by the Corporation Commission actively sought residential customers to participate in the program. Now they want to change the rules of the game. Don't let them change the rules after the game has started.

Sincerely yours,



Roger Gacke

PO Box 211

Morristown, AZ 85342

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To: Commissioner Bob Stump,
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commission Stump,

Recently I received a letter from APS telling me that I was not paying my "fair share" on my electric bill because I had the audacity to invest in solar panels for my home. I had done this in response to urging by APS so they could apparently comply with a federal government mandate concerning "alternative fuel" sources. I was told at the time that if I committed to a 20 year lease for solar panels and related equipment, I would not only avoid future cost increases but would benefit from being able to "sell" electricity to APS at the wholesale rate of .05 cents a KWH to offset the use of grid electricity at night or on cloudy days that I would have to buy at .094 cents to .174 cents per KWH .

By telling me that I'm not paying my "fair share" do they mean that my electricity isn't worth anything or that they feel a 100 to 300% mark-up is not sufficient? I'm sorry but that's the kind of mark-up jewelers get on diamonds and they are very happy with it.

The letter indicated I would be "grandfathered" into the old rate because I have an existing system. If that's the case, why bother to tell me I'm not paying my "fair share". You and I know that if they are allowed to change the rules of the game, it is only a matter of time before "grandfather" passes away. Just ask any Native American about grandfathered treaties.

Please make APS keep their promises and tell them to look elsewhere for additional revenue.

Sincerely,



Robert MacCallum

[REDACTED], Sun City West, AZ 85375

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CC: Governor Jan Brewer