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**Robyn Berndt**

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**From:** Robyn Berndt on behalf of RBurns-Web  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Everitt'  
**Subject:** RE: Renege on APS Net Metering Program

Dear Mr. Everitt:

I appreciate your comments regarding proposed changes to the Net metering rules. I want to emphasize that although APS has filed proposed changes to the rules, the Commission is not bound by the proposals. A final vote to change or keep the current rules in place will not occur until we have undergone a comprehensive review of Net metering. The commissioners will consider your input in our evaluation of the issue. I encourage you to track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> (enter docket no. E-01345A-13-0248).

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Burns

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

**From:** Tom Everitt [mailto:4mymate@embarqmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 10:52 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Renege on APS Net Metering Program

Commissioner Burns,

I won't go into all the reasons which you have already heard on APS' proposal to renege on their Net Metering Program; however, I want to strongly add my voice to the many others in Sun City West who urge you to oppose the APS proposal. After making a very strong commitment to this program, Sun City West homeowners feel betrayed. Home solar is a very important solution to our air pollution problem. Cutting off incentives, as is being proposed, goes against all APS, and the rest of the world, has been telling us is good. Let's keep a good thing going!

Tom Everitt  
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Sun City West, AZ 85375

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## Robyn Berndt

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**From:** Robyn Berndt on behalf of RBurns-Web  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** 'Walter Urbach Jr.'  
**Subject:** RE: APS Solar Commitments

Dear Mr. Urbach:

I appreciate your comments regarding proposed changes to the Net metering rules. I want to emphasize that although APS has filed proposed changes to the rules, the Commission is not bound by the proposals. A final vote to change or keep the current rules in place will not occur until we have undergone a comprehensive review of Net metering. The commissioners will consider your input in our evaluation of the issue. I encourage you to track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> (enter docket no. E-01345A-13-0248).

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**From:** Walter Urbach Jr. [<mailto:wnurbach@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 2:26 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** APS Solar Commitments

Dear Mr Burns;

The purpose of this message is to oppose the APS proposal to renege on their original inducements for the installation of rooftop solar power. The APS plan to rewrite an implied contract where they induced me to spend substantial upfront costs for the promise of future benefits is morally wrong, unjust, and dishonest on its face.

I am one of those Arizona residents who believed what APS said regarding the benefits to the State and the homeowner with respect to the installation of rooftop solar panels for the generation of electricity. To that end, I was one of the early installers – signed my contract in December 2008, and was operational in June 2009. My goal at that time was to provide sufficient power to run my home so that I could be essentially free of daytime APS support and also provide a significant backup to the APS grid so that they could reduce their future new construction requirements. I maximized the number of panels on my roof (126 at an out-of-pocket cost of \$34,991). I am 79 years old and recognized that I would not live long enough for the system to ever pay for itself, but an important factor in my decision process was the knowledge that I was helping the State solve future energy needs and whoever bought my home would have a substantial electrical power benefit that would be reflected in the sales price.

Shortly after my system was installed, by asserting that it would be much cheaper, APS convinced me to switch from the 7 to 7 time-of-use billing plan that I had been on for many years, to the standard billing plan. By the time I realized that this was a lie, my previous time-of-use billing plan was no longer available. I did switch to the currently available 7 to noon time-of-use billing plan and will see, in the long run, whether that is cheaper or more expensive. Whichever is the case, I have completely lost any confidence I may have had that APS is looking out for the customer. If there were some way for me to go back to my original set up before solar, and recoup my original investment, I would seriously consider it.

At the present time, the Corporation Commission is the homeowner's only hope for an equitable outcome. APS must not be allowed to renege on their original contract commitment. A grandfather clause is inadequate because I made my investment with the knowledge that the crediting inducements would continue through the life of the system (25-50 years), not some arbitrary time that would protect the APS profit margin. I am relying on you and your colleagues to do the right thing and protect the homeowner.

Respectfully,

Walter Urbach Jr.  
Colonel, US Army (Retired)  
22832 N. Dusty Trail Blvd  
Sun City West, AZ 85375-2044  
623-546-1994

## Robyn Berndt

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**From:** Robyn Berndt on behalf of RBurns-Web  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** 'L Blodgett'  
**Subject:** RE: APS solar power changes

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

I appreciate your comments regarding proposed changes to the Net metering rules. I want to emphasize that although APS has filed proposed changes to the rules, the Commission is not bound by the proposals. A final vote to change or keep the current rules in place will not occur until we have undergone a comprehensive review of Net metering. The commissioners will consider your input in our evaluation of the issue. I encourage you to track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> (enter docket no. E-01345A-13-0248).

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**From:** L Blodgett [<mailto:Lblodgett@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 2:28 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** APS solar power changes

August 4, 2013

Larry Blodgett

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Phoenix, AZ 85022

602 867-0591

I am outraged at the decisions the Arizona Corporation Commission is making lately regarding residential solar panels.

For years now, as an APS customer, I have been showered with information from APS encouraging me to install solar panels on my home. They told me it was good for the

environment. They said it would save me money each month and raise the value of my home. About 11 months ago, after extensive research, we decided to install solar panels on our roof. The decision was based on a desire to help the environment but also on the positive economics of installing a solar voltaic system on our home.

Now APS is attempting to make the grandfathering of Net Metering and the Solar Monthly Fee only good for me and not for the system. This means that when I sell my home the solar system will be much less desirable for the buyer making it more difficult to sell my home and reducing its overall value.

It is also unacceptable that you are allowing APS to reduce the electricity buyback rate from 6 cents per kWh to 2.5 per kWh. Especially since most of the power I produce is during peak rates and resold to others at a rate of 24 cents per kWh. I have committed to a lease payment of \$117 per month for 20 years. Now you are allowing APS to change all the rules that were in place when I made this commitment. A commitment that APS encouraged me to make.

You must not allow APS to restrict the grandfather clause to only me and not to the system itself. If you do, it will be a huge financial burden to me. Further more you should require the buy back rate to return to the 6 cent per kWh that it was when APS convinced us to go solar.

Larry Blodgett

## Robyn Berndt

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**From:** Robyn Berndt on behalf of RBurns-Web  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** 'joepmeijer@sbcglobal.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Save Solar Energy!

Dear Joep Meijer:

I appreciate your comments regarding proposed changes to the Net metering rules. I want to emphasize that although APS has filed proposed changes to the rules, the Commission is not bound by the proposals. A final vote to change or keep the current rules in place will not occur until we have undergone a comprehensive review of Net metering. The commissioners will consider your input in our evaluation of the issue. I encourage you to track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> (enter docket no. E-01345A-13-0248).

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**From:** joep meijer [<mailto:noreply@formresponse.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 7:38 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Save Solar Energy!

Dear Commissioner Burns,

I am a voter and an APS customer. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering. (Docket number- E-01345A-13-0248).

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 industry and a means for Arizonans to have a real energy choice. These proposed taxes will effectively end the residential solar industry in Arizona. Please vote to protect net metering in APS.

Thanks,

**joep meijer**

[joepmeijer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joepmeijer@sbcglobal.net)

## Robyn Berndt

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**From:** Robyn Berndt on behalf of RBurns-Web  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:01 PM  
**To:** 'Andrea Scott'  
**Subject:** RE: residential solar

Dear Ms. Scott:

I appreciate your comments regarding proposed changes to the Net metering rules. I want to emphasize that although APS has filed proposed changes to the rules, the Commission is not bound by the proposals. A final vote to change or keep the current rules in place will not occur until we have undergone a comprehensive review of Net metering. The commissioners will consider your input in our evaluation of the issue. I encourage you to track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> (enter docket no. E-01345A-13-0248).

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**From:** Andrea Scott [<mailto:andreascott@q.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:57 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** residential solar

Dear Commissioner Burns:

Please do not listen to APS and put a stop to residential rooftop solar, simply because it is cutting into APS's profits. You know in the long run that solar power is good for the state and will prevent power outages as the state grows.

Your respectful voting resident,

Andrea C. Scott

## Robyn Berndt

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**From:** Robyn Berndt on behalf of RBurns-Web  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 4:00 PM  
**To:** 'DORIS TURNER'  
**Subject:** RE: APS RENEGES ON PROMISE

Dear Ms. Turner:

I appreciate your comments regarding proposed changes to the Net metering rules. I want to emphasize that although APS has filed proposed changes to the rules, the Commission is not bound by the proposals. A final vote to change or keep the current rules in place will not occur until we have undergone a comprehensive review of Net metering. The commissioners will consider your input in our evaluation of the issue. I encourage you to track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> (enter docket no. E-01345A-13-0248).

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Robert L. Burns

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**From:** DORIS TURNER [<mailto:doriemae@me.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 2:57 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** APS RENEGES ON PROMISE

Please note the unfairness of this company to try to renege on this promise after so many have put out thousands of dollars with good intentions of being economic and ecology wise.  
Doris Turner