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August 26, 2013

RE: Arizona Public Service Company's Application Relating to Net Metering
Arizona Corporation Commission Docket No: E-01345A-13-0248

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Dear Chairman Stump:

On July 12th, 2013, Arizona Public Service submitted a plan that would amend the way rooftop solar users would be charged for their electricity. The plan contained two options. One would retain "net metering" and add a substantial fee for the customer's grid-tie, and the second would eliminate the net metering option in favor of a "bill credit" option.

The Town of Clarkdale believes that either of these options will unfairly and permanently harm our State's adoption of distributed generation rooftop solar for residential customers. Clarkdale is an "Arizona Solar City," with more than 8% of our homes having installed some form of solar energy. We are committed to increasing that percentage and believe that the implementation of solar renewable energy will help Arizona become energy independent and at the same time provide a more secure, reliable and robust power grid.

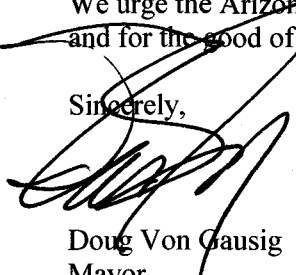
If the APS plan is approved by the Corporation Commission, we believe that the installation of rooftop solar will essentially stop, since the plan will increase a customer's monthly bills enough to make rooftop solar an uneconomic and unattractive alternative.

In addition to this, the solar industry, including installers, electricians, and technicians, provides jobs for more than 10,000 people in our state, and these are very high-paying jobs. Clarkdale believes that the APS plan will cause most of these people to lose their jobs, at a time when a well-paying job is hard to find. This is no time to lose jobs in our state.

The Town of Clarkdale also believes that there is significant public good in the promotion and installation of rooftop solar on residential homes. Rooftop solar reduces the need for new power plants and assists in stabilizing the grid, reduces transmission loss, and, as market penetration grows, will actually benefit the state's utilities by reducing fuel cost, depreciation of infrastructure, and decentralizing the generating capacity of the utility.

We urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to reject the plan as proposed by APS for the good of the State of Arizona and for the good of our Town.

Sincerely,


Doug Von Gausig
Mayor

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