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Commissioner Bob Stump Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing 1200 West Washington Way Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996

Dear Commissioner Stump,

This letter is in response to the APS proposal to eliminate net metering for rooftop solar customers. We are both voters and APS customers. We urge you to protect net metering, docket # E-01345A-13-0248A.

APS has purposed 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. They also purpose these charges on our monthly bill if our home is sold while it has rooftop solar panels, instead of grandfathering in rooftop solar users. If these proposals are approved it will be the death of rooftop solar.

We need clean renewable energy sources. Global warming is becoming a major factor, believe it or not. CO2 emissions are dramatically cut by renewable energy sources. Since our system was installed in October 2009, we have saved 704,221 pounds of CO2, figures from our inverter. Coal, when burned in a power plant pollutes the atmosphere. Fossil fuels are not going to last forever and over time their prices will increase. It is apparent that the APS business model is broken.

We made a major investment in our rooftop solar system. This investment was based on the rules that were in place at that time. APS now wants to change the rules, negating the value of our investment and its contribution to a cleaner atmosphere.

APS states they need these changes to protect the grid. That is absolutely false. They want these changes to help their bottom line. Renewable energy sources actually help APS, by eliminating the need for additional power plants and other infrastructure. There are actual studies that prove this.

This is a quote from an insert in a recent APS bill. "From areas such as Yuma, Flagstaff, Douglas, Phoenix and scores of other towns in between, school districts throughout Arizona have demonstrated their remarkable commitment to solar energy development-setting a positive example of creating a clean energy future." Based on the APS proposals, where is the APS commitment to a clean energy future?

We support rooftop solar in our state as an important growing industry and a means for Arizonians to have a real energy choice. These purposed taxes will effectively end the residential solar industry in Arizona. Solar is the cleanest and cheapest form of energy.

Please vote to protect net metering in its present form in Arizona, otherwise APS proposals will kill rooftop solar in Arizona.

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Jim and Marian See The voters at the

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MONSOON SEASON IS ALSO AC REPLACEMENT SEASON

As monsoon season approaches, the humidity level rises and so does your risk of an AC unit failure. An AC unit cools the air and also controls the humidity in your home. Monsoon season makes your unit work even harder than it was in prior months because it has to pull more moisture out of the air. That is why many older units fail this time of year. If you have an old unit that is in need of significant repair, it may be more cost effective to replace it with a new one.

APS is offering a rebate to help you replace your old AC system with a new, energy-efficient system if it is installed following APS Quality Installation Standards by a participating contractor.

Now is the time to be prepared. Don't wait until your unit fails—shop around for a new unit and take advantage of the APS rebate. For more information, or to get a free referral to a participating contractor, go to aps.com/ac or call the Energy Answer Line at 602 371 3636 or 888 890 9730.

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THOUSANDS OF CLASSROOMS POWERED BY THE SUN

A major solar milestone of powering Arizona classrooms with energy from the sun has been achieved, thanks to more than 300 schools that are participating in the APS Renewable Energy Incentive programs. Within five years, more than 60 participating school districts have installed, or are constructing, solar power to reach over 100 megawatts of clean energy.

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With the help of these Arizona schools, by the end of 2013, APS will have nearly 750 megawatts of solar on its system, which is enough to serve 187,500 Arizona homes.



Solar - Cottonwood Elementary