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Opinion No. 2013 - 112779

Date: 9/13/2013

Complaint Description: 19Y Net Metering
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: Joe Kuzma

Account Name: Joe Kuzma Home:
Street: Work:
City: Kingman CBR:
State: AZ Zip: 86401 is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Unisource ** Energy Services (UNS)

Division: Electric

Contact Name: Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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Arizona Corporation Commission
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SEP 17 2013

From: Joe Kuzma [mailto:...]
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 11:58 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Solar Power Customer Concern

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From: Bob Stump On Behalf Of Stump-Web
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 1:58 PM
Subject: FW: Process to Initiate change in Solar Power
Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith,

9/11/2013

From: Joe Kuzma
To: Jenny Gomez

Revision of Opinion as well as Complaint against Unisource Energy

My solar system is on grid with Unisource Energy providing all my power except for the month of February.

For 12 months per year I pay Unisource Energy's base rate of \$8/month (one of the highest in the nation) plus taxes and fees for the right to remain on the grid. For the month of February I also pay for all power useage since they currently strip all of my surplus power at the end of January. (Some customers have their surplus power purchased at 20-30% of what Unisource charges, however, that takes place a month earlier in December).

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In general, Arizona solar power's best surplus months are from March through June. The largest deficit months are November-February.

It certainly is in the utilities favor to take surplus power away in the middle of the deficit months, instead of the end.

And that need to be corrected!

I'm earning a return on my \$17,000 investment for only 11 months of the year with Unisource getting an unearned windfall the 12th month.

If you want to promote solar power in Arizona why not allow solar customers to earn a return on their investment for all 12 months?

Other than disallowing utilities from taking away any surplus power at all, here are 4 options to more fairly promote solar power in Arizona:

1) Change annually stripping of KWHs to all but 500 KWHs per year,
(This figure is based on my system and would be derived as a percentage of a customer's overall usage)
or,

2) change annual stripping date to the end of February allowing customer the right to maximize their return for all 12 months of the year or,

3) change surplus stripping from annually to monthly, with utilities buying all surplus KWHs in excess of 2000 cumulative KWHs at current wholesale rates, (This figure is based on my system and would be derived as a percentage of a customer's overall usage) or,

4) disallow all annual stripping of surplus KWHs. Instead when a customer leaves a utility company the company would buy back, at some token amount, clearing out the customer's account.

The current process does not promote solar energy in Arizona as it doesn't allow a solar customer to earn on their large investment for all 12 months of the year. Please post my opinion to your docket,

Joseph Kuzma

Kinaman, AZ 86401

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Noted and filed for the record in Docket Control.

End of Comments

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