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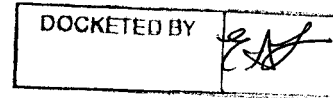
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Mr. Bob Stump  
Chairman  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996



Dear Mr. Stump,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Arizona Public Service's proposals to the commission regarding their management of residential solar power. I have within the last year installed solar panels on my roof through a leasing option. My primary reason for doing so was to do my part to protect our environment. While of course the cost saving was also a big motivator and I am glad to have APS express their desire to "grandfather in" current solar customers maintaining their current level of net metering, I also want to see the continued progression of use of solar power within Arizona and fear that these proposals by APS will hamper other residents from attaining solar.

I would like to pose the question "What is the ultimate mission of APS"? Is it as the name implies a "public service"? While I understand any company with the mission of supplying energy to its vast network of customers must insure an adequate financial base, should it also have a profit motive as its mission when I fear it contributes to the reduction of solar power in our state.

Recognizing that solar power is a natural for our sun drenched state and that the industry employs 10,000 workers as well, shouldn't our public utilities in fact, be doing everything possible to assist residents in going solar. The more solar power produced, the less need for more power plants. The cleaner and safer our production of power.

I know the commission will be giving a great deal of thought to the APS proposals and I would hope that you all will consider the future needs of our increasingly fragile environment as important to your deliberations as the bottom financial line of APS. Our state residents are looking to you to protect and promote this vital source of renewable energy ensuring that you allow it to be accessible, affordable and fair in its acquisition from our public utility.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hunter

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Dear Commissioner Bob Stamp

I am voter and an APS customer. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering, docket # E-01345A-13-0278.

I believe keeping solar power a strong investment is in the best interest of homeowners and the community. APS has proposed changes to the ~~rate~~ payment for producing solar power that I believe will discourage investment. Solar installation produces energy as well as employment around the valley while decreasing pollution.

I believe it is important to encourage the solar industry to continue to grow in Arizona. ~~to~~ ~~we~~ we can produce power locally and efficiently. I ask that you reject ~~APS~~ the plan APS has proposed in favor of what I believe is a fair payment that has led adoption of solar by many homeowners.

Charles Far

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Phoenix AZ 85020

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**From:** B Morris <morrisb2@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2013 7:08 AM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** APS Net Metering

Dear Commissioner Stump,

As a retired person living in Arizona and one who is very concerned about our environment, I am a proponent of sustainable, clean energy. Solar energy, as an alternative, presents us with a sustainable and excellent source of power.

Based on that belief, I was disturbed to learn that APS is proposing fees, taxes and or policies relative to net metering that would seriously jeopardize, if not eliminate the growth of solar energy in Arizona. After reading information provided by APS promoting the growth and development of solar energy, I was shocked that they now seem to have changed their position and wish to reduce or eliminate solar energy as an alternative source of energy.

Please stand tall and strong as you exercise your responsibility as a public service commissioner and vote against net metering or any other attempt to limit our choice to “do the right thing” to protect our environment. I pray that people in positions of authority, such as you, will carefully consider your actions and do everything possible to help protect our health and right to choose environmentally sound practices when it comes to meeting energy needs.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Morris

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**From:** Joyce Baldwin <jebinaz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2013 11:10 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** APS Solar Proposal

**HUGE Opposition from Sun City West:**

1. Neither fair, just, nor moral to propose financial incentives and then pull the rug out from under you after you make sizable investments.
2. Their "Grandfather Clause" has more holes than Swiss cheese. If residents took out a 10 to 20 year payback to the solar company BEWARE, for if you sell your home prior to the pay off, APS tears up the remainder of the Grandfather Clause and you're stuck paying off the loan.
3. In a retirement community, that invokes a harsh reality for the average home ownership tends to be for a lesser time than traditional communities.
4. The new solar program proposed by APS would cost \$50 to \$100 more a month, thus discriminating against new participants.
5. APS' profits soared 51% from 2008 to 2012 while the rest of our state and nation was trying to cope with a retching recession over those times.
6. Now APS is importing from Washington D.C. Political Powerhouses with big bucks for a campaign to clobber the Commissioners.

JOYCE BALDWIN  
SOLAR USER  
SUN CITY WEST

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**From:** Louis Mancuso <lmancusojr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2013 10:08 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed APS changes to Net Metering

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing you to express my objection to the APS proposed changes/elimination to the Net Metering regulations.

The changes are a breach of contract that APS agreed upon when these systems were purchased.

The proposed changes could lead to increased costs, estimated to be as high as \$100 per month.

APS profits have increased 51% from 2008 to 2012 while the rest our state and nation was trying to cope with a retching recession over those times. This breach of contract smacks of profiteering by big business!

The proposed Grandfather clause could jeopardise selling my residence and/or will require the pay off of the loan, which would cause undue hardship to me and the many others in SCW who have opted to install Solar. We installed solar because we feel Arizona should be a leader in solar energy. We feel we need to use renewable energy to save our planet, to have energy for our children and their children. However tactics like this will deter solar installations and thus set us back rather than move us forward to sustainable energy resources.

Thank you.

Louis Mancuso

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SCW, AZ 85375

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**From:** Becky Minks <BMinks@stealthsolar.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:09 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** Mike Craig  
**Subject:** APS & Net metering

Dear Commissioner,

I work in rooftop solar in Arizona. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering.

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, eliminating choice in the residential energy market, destroying jobs, and killing significant economic potential. Please vote to protect net metering in APS.

Thank you,

Becky Minks

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**From:** Kim Evans <KEvans@stealthsolar.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:15 AM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Re: Tusk meeting at the Capitol

Dear Commissioner,

I have worked in rooftop solar in Arizona for the past 4 years. Our business grew over 300% last year. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering.

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Thanks,

Kim Evans

Finance Manager

Stealth Solar

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**From:** Michael DiModugno <mike\_dimodugno@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:42 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web; Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; BitterSmith-Web  
**Subject:** APS Solar Proposal

I want to express my concern with APS' proposed rate increase for Solar customers. They should be lowering the rates to Customers with Solar not raising them. Just because they can't seem to run a proper business and control expenses and cut when cuts are need the people of AZ should not pay for that. APS wants to maintain their lavish salaries, generous employee benefits, boxes to the stadiums ... and just run to the corporation commission to get fee increase every other year instead of cutting expenses like any other company would have to do.

Solar is the future. If you allow them to penalize the people doing the right things what next. Their proposal will make solar unaffordable and kill the industry that needs more to help it grow. I am currently under contract to have solar installed hopefully finished in the next 60 days and now they are saying when i have to purchase off the grid i will pay more. That is just wrong! Their fees are already a joke. For years i was in an SRP area. I have tons of data. The cost for the same amount of electricity from APS compared to SRP is a lot higher. There is no reason for that. You need to be stricter on APS and make them run a business and not just run to daddy when they want more.

You have an opportunity here to set the tone for the future. Think hard before you decide. Hopefully you will act for the people who elected you.

Sincerely,

Michael