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Re: APS proposal for solar net metering

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Commissioners:


We are writing to register our dissatisfaction with APS' current proposal to the Commission for a change in net solar metering. We believe this would be a major blow to the promotion of solar energy, which we wholeheartedly support.

We are 100% in favor of a strong focus on increasing awareness by Arizona residents of the benefits of solar panels on their homes, and feel this attempt by APS to increase its profits by taxing new solar users is an unwarranted attack on the environmental benefits these users hoped would be afforded to them. It would certainly also discourage new users and thus further hinder the concept of clean energy use that is so important to the environment.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. Please do not approve this damaging request by APS to change solar net metering.

Sincerely yours
William C. Baker
Catherine Baker

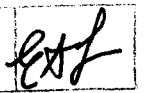
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Millard S. Sullivan

• Peoria, Arizona 85383 •

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Utilities Division
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9/23/2013

Dear Chairman Stump;

Re; Net Metering

We are writing to you with concern about the Arizona Public Service (APS) utility company's plan to change their method of net metering.

My wife and I are in strong opposition to their plan to change the way they are compensating us for the solar power we are generating. Our solar panels are owned by us but were installed by a prior owner. The biggest selling feature of the house was the already installed solar panels.

We believe that changing the cost calculation method is essentially a contract violation between APS and its customers and must not be allowed. Our national government strongly supported the use of renewable energy as it is good for the environment with less carbon based energy use and will alleviate the need for future power plants. Hopefully, these adopters were not hoodwinked.

Please, do not yield to the APS proposal. Our energy cost would greatly increase over what we expected to be cost savings from our solar panels. It would diminish the value of our home as the solar panels are an important asset. Also, if you allow this, it will effectively kill the residential solar industry in this state and damage the state's reputation as an environmentally friendly state.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration;

Millard Sullivan
Bonny Sullivan
Millard and Bonny Sullivan

CC: Gary Pierce, Brenda Burns, Susan Bitter Smith, Bob Burns

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sedona, AZ 86336

September 17, 2013

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Re: APS proposal for solar net metering

Commissioners Pierce, Burns, Stump, Smith and Burns:

I am writing to voice my dissent to the approval of the current APS proposal for a change in solar net metering before the Commission. This proposal is not in the best interest of consumers and the national policy of being independent of fossil fuels and "going green." I believe, if this proposal is passed, that it will only be the beginning of the energy company's sabotage of solar energy and all other clean energies.

We were initially enticed and encouraged by APS, the State of Arizona and the U.S. Government to "go solar" with cash and credit incentives and we wanted to do our part for clean and efficient energy production and use by going solar. Now, it appears to us as consumers, that APS has apparently decided that solar may decrease its profits so it wants to tax any new solar systems. When we put solar panels on our home, we not only were trying to be environmentally conscious ourselves, but we felt that when we eventually sold our home, that it would be an incentive to a new buyer to have solar energy thereby increasing the value of our home. If a new tax is approved, this would all go away. What incentive would solar energy be if it cost the same or more than fossil fuel energy? What's next, if this is approved? Will APS next ask for the "grandfathered" homes to be taxed?

Solar energy is important to this country's environment and a change in net metering will eventually mean that it could be abandoned if it is not cost effective for the consumer. We urge you to deny approval of this unfair and environmentally unfriendly proposal from APS.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Very truly yours,

Bill Foreman
Donna R. Foreman
Bill and Donna Foreman

Trisha A. Morgan

E-01345A-13-0248

From: clkbarnhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2013 8:59 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: I Stand for Fairness.

As an Arizona native, Scottsdale resident, and someone who has only recently started to understand the energy industry and all of its intricacies, I am writing to you about the current debate over net metering.

I want solar energy to grow and thrive in Arizona. I also want a reliable electricity grid ready to ensure reliable power around the clock. I believe rooftop solar customers should be paid a fair price for the power they generate, but I also want to be sure those who do not want or cannot have a solar rooftop system are protected from paying an unfairly high share for the costs of the grid.

It is important to look out for the interests of ALL customers when it comes to generating and providing electricity, whether through traditional means or through renewables such as solar. So please remember that as you consider changes to the current system.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Barnhart
[REDACTED]
Scottsdale AZ 85260
[REDACTED]

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Dan Williamson <noreply@formresponse.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 4:16 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Save Solar Energy!

Dear Commissioner Stump,

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,

Dan Williamson

dan@dbmk.com

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Chrystalyn Trimble <chrystalyn_t@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2013 8:16 AM
To: Jared
Cc: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Dennis Trimble
Subject: RE: APS Net metering

My husband asked me to send this from my email, his won't send it for some reason.

CC: pierce-web@azcc.gov; burns-web@azcc.gov; stump-web@azcc.gov; bittersmith-web@azcc.gov; rburns-web@azcc.gov
From: japatr@yahoo.com
Subject: APS Net metering
Date: Sat, 21 Sep 2013 07:48:21 -0700
To: chrystalyn_t@hotmail.com

I PURCHASED SOLAR PANELS 1 YEAR AGO WITH PROMISES OF HOW IT WOULD SAVE ME ON MY UTILITY BILLS. IT WAS THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO, TO GO GREEN. I HAVE HEARD WITH GROWING CONCERN ABOUT THE APS ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SOLAR POWER GENERATION BUYBACK FROM INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS. THIS IS NOW THE IRRESPONSIBLE THING THAT IS HAPPENING BY APS.

IN ARIZONA WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE SOLAR POWER GENERATION AND REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN ENERGY SOURCES.

AS COMMISSIONERS YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO WEIGH THE NEEDS OF THE MANY VERSES THE PROFITS OF THE FEW AND POWERFUL. NET METERING SUPPORTS THE GROWTH AND GENERATION OF SOLAR POWER BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE BIG PICTURE AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE SOLAR POWER GENERATION BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE PURCHASED SOLAR PANELS, INCLUDING ME, WITH THE PROMISE AND EXPECTATION OF NET METERING BUYBACKS. THIS WILL DRASTICALLY AFFECT MY UTILITY BILLS! I'VE PLANNED MY BUDGET AROUND THIS PROMISE OF NET METERING. IT IS NOT RIGHT TO CHANGE THIS NOW. THIS IS WRONG AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!!!

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL.

SINCERELY,
JARED TRIMBLE

Trisha A. Morgan

From: Howard & Evelyn Wilson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2013 3:52 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: APS electric bills.

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For some time APS advertised " Go Solar " and recycle your old refrigerator , any thing to use less electricity. So we went solar, now APS continues to nickel and dime their customers saying we need more money because people are using less power, and solar customers are using their lines for a backup. What they are not saying is that we that have roof top solar are generating power so that they do not have to replace the coal fired plants that they are shutting down.

We have several friends that have had solar for some time and their bills have been \$8.55 , our bills have been \$13. plus every month starting in March this year. I do not understand what an " Environmental benefits surcharge " is or what it is for, also Metering, Meter reading, and billing. When I worked for a rural electric company years ago meter reading was just part of what cost of the KW hours used.

I am opposed to APS charging more for customers with roof top solar.

Howard Wilson
[REDACTED]
Prescott, AZ. 86303

Trisha A. Morgan

From: John Neville <noreply@formresponse.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2013 1:14 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Save Solar Energy!

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Thanks,

John Neville

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