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Dear Commissioners:

Net-metering has become a common term here in Arizona. The overall idea of net-metering is certainly a sound one. If your solar panels are producing excess energy, you have the ability to sell that energy to the utility companies in the form of credits, and can buy energy with those credits when you need it. It's a policy that has resulted in tremendous growth and opportunity for the solar industry here in the state.

However, that does not mean that we should not revisit certain aspects of the net-metering policies. With the current rates, net-metered customers are essentially getting a free pass on paying for critical infrastructure costs that support the electrical grid. These infrastructure items, such as poles and wires and transmission lines, are being used by both those customers with and without solar panels on their roofs. I know that the issue is very sensitive to solar users, but I can't see how it is fair for those with low-incomes or seniors on limited budgets to have to pick up the slack financially.

Nobody wants to see solar go away in Arizona. It's too beneficial to Arizona and fits too perfectly with our endless days of sunshine. But we do need to correct the imbalances in the current net-metering policy so that everyone who uses the power grid is paying their share. We need to revise this system very soon before a small problem becomes a bigger one.

Sincerely,

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