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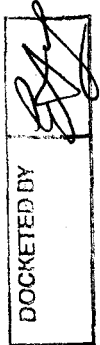
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Dear Chairman & Commissioners:

As one of the sunniest states in the country, it's no surprise that Arizona has the most solar power per capita in the country. One policy that is important to the residential rooftop solar market is net metering - the billing mechanism that credits rooftop solar customers for the excess power they generate and sells it to the utility company using the power grid. When the Commission established rules for net metering in 2007, the billing system was designed to incentivize homeowners at the early stages of residential rooftop solar. After several years, it's time to update the policy to address current concerns with the system.

Net metering allows customers who use solar panels to be credited for the power they sell to electric companies, usually at the full retail electricity rate. This rate includes all of the fixed costs of the poles, wires, meters, advanced technologies, and other infrastructure that make the electric grid safe, reliable, and able to accommodate solar panels. Net-metered customers effectively avoid paying these costs for the grid through the credits they receive.

Customers with rooftop solar panels use the grid not only to buy power when their systems aren't producing enough to meet their needs, but also to sell excess power when they produce more electricity than they need. Consequentially, Arizonans without solar panels are forced absorb the costs of the grid through higher utility bills.

Arizona needs good public policies that don't unfairly impact those who can't afford, or choose not to have, rooftop solar. The Commission should not allow this issue to go undecided any longer. I urge you to make updates to net metering policies as soon as possible so that all who use the grid are paying their fair share.

Sincerely,

Victor Daniels (handwritten signature)

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Dear Commissioner Burns:

Arizona was smart to craft incentive programs like net-metering to encourage homeowners to invest in solar panels several years ago, but as solar energy has become more widespread, it's time to update our policies to ensure that the system is balanced and fair to all energy consumers.

As you know, this system allows net-metered customers to sell their excess power for credits, and later buy power with those credits when they need it. With more and more homeowners utilizing solar panels over the years, this system essentially allows these users to avoid paying their share of the power grid, passing them on to customers without solar panels in the form of higher electrical bills.

The infrastructure costs that make the power grid safe and reliable, like transformers, power meters, and the ability to accommodate solar panels, should be shared by all who use the power grid - whether buying power or selling it.

We must update the current net-metering policy as soon as possible to be fair to all of our taxpayers - so that everyone who relies on the power grid is paying their fair share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Weninger".

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Dear Commissioners:

Over the past several years, rooftop solar power panels have transformed Arizona's energy market. Part of this shift is due to policies like the net-metering system that provides incentives to invest in solar panels. Now that so many Arizonans are already using solar panels, it is crucial that the commission update net metering policies so that all who use the power grid is paying their fair share towards maintaining the grid.

Under this policy, customers with solar panels are able to sell their excess power to the utility company in the form of credits they use toward buying energy when they need it, using the power grid.

As it's currently structured, net metered customers are effectively not paying a share of the infrastructure costs that come with supporting the power grid, and the traditional energy customer is shouldering the cost in higher utility bills.

This system needs to be updated so that all who use the power grid - to buy or sell energy - are paying their fair share. I urge the commission to revise the policy as soon as possible, and create fair net metering rules for all Arizonans.

Sincerely,



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Dear Commissioners:

I'm pretty sure that if you asked them, the majority of Arizonans would tell you that they would welcome solar panel installation on their homes. After all, it is a clean and abundant source of energy and it cuts down monthly bills significantly. The problem, though, is that the upfront cost of solar is so large, that it is virtually impossible for families with middle-incomes all the way down to low-incomes to afford it.

What's worse is that these families are being forced to pay for the majority of infrastructure costs that are associated with using the electrical grid, despite the fact that both solar and non-solar customers use it.

I know the Commission has a tough task in front of them in fixing this policy. It is my hope that you will do so in a manner that is fair to non-solar users, but does not severely damage the bright future of solar here in Arizona.

Sincerely,

