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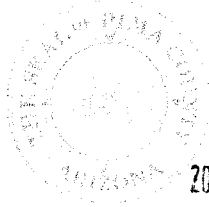
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Dear Chairman Stump:

Installing rooftop solar panels has become common practice for Arizona residents over the past few years. Policies initially put in place to spur growth may have worked well at the outset of the solar panel market, but now that it's established, it's time to revisit these policies.

Although the sun is an abundant source of clean energy, installing solar panels requires a sizable investment that most lower-income residents and those on fixed budgets just can't afford. What's more, these non-solar residents are essentially being forced to help subsidize costs for solar users under the current net-metering policy through higher utility bills. These non-solar ratepayers are bearing the brunt of infrastructure costs, while solar customers are off the hook.

I'm aware that the Commission has recommended some policy updates, and that's certainly a step in the right direction. However, it's going to take much more to correct the system's current imbalance.

Solar energy provides many benefits to Arizona, but those benefits should not come at the expense of non-solar customers, many of whom are just trying to put food on the table. Reforming net-metering policies to the appropriate level will bring an equal playing field to the power grid's payment system.

Sincerely,

[Signature of Ally Miller]

Ally Miller, District 1 Supervisor
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Dear Commissioner Stump,

I am concerned about the issue of net metering and wanted to share with you the results of our survey of members of the Conservative Business League, just completed.

Our member base is made up of many small businesses, business owners and individuals from across Arizona. When polled recently, the results was overwhelming opposed to net metering.

Members are against subsidizing power, against compensating solar users at premium pricing and passed on cost to non-solar users. This is not fair or sustainable.

The current net metering policy is contrary to the principles of a free market approach to Arizona's electricity sector. Please consider the voice of these, your fellow constituents when this matter is voted on in early November.

Your vote will have an effect on all utility consumers, both individuals and businesses for many years to come.

This vote is about fairness.

Thank you in advance,

Bob Thomas

Director

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October 8, 2013

Dear Commissioners:

We in Arizona are so lucky to have plenty of renewable energy available in the sunshine, and it's encouraging to see more and more Arizonans investing in solar panels. The problem we are facing, however, is that our current net-metering policy is outdated and unfairly punishes those who haven't invested in solar panels – whether they aren't able to afford the investment, or choose traditional energy instead.

While the current net metering system has become outdated and is hurting the pocketbooks of non-solar users – many of whom are on fixed incomes and often lower incomes than those who've been able to invest in solar.

As it stands, net-metered customers currently aren't paying the fixed costs associated with making sure our electric grid is safe and functional. This is not to say that net-metered customers don't use this infrastructure, they just aren't required to pay for it because of the way the current net-metering system is designed. The result is that customers without solar panels are paying higher utility bills while others pay nothing towards the power infrastructure we all use.

We need the Commission to reform the net-metering policy to ensure that everyone is paying their fair share of costs to maintain the power grid. I realize that your staff acknowledged that there is an issue with the system, but the Commission must go further than these recommendations in order to correct the problem.

Sincerely,



Terri Proud

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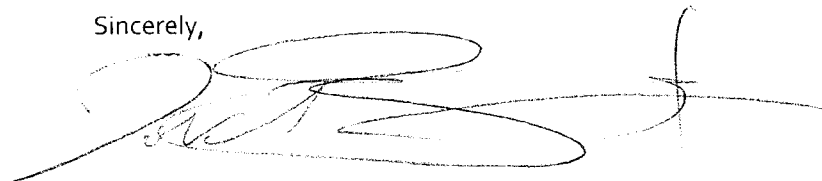
Dear Commissioners:

The net-metering issue is certainly a complicated one. On one hand, you want to continue growing the Arizona solar industry and make it an attractive and viable option for Arizona homeowners. On the other hand, you want to be fair to those who do not have solar so that they are not paying for the majority of infrastructure costs. It's an issue that your staff has recommended being reviewed, and I hope you will take action on it soon.

Nobody wants to do damage to the solar industry here in Arizona. We all realize how lucky we are to have the majority of our days filled with sunshine, and that we should take advantage of that opportunity. But like any other city, we have lower income families and seniors on fixed incomes who cannot afford to invest in rooftop solar panels. These are the folks that end up paying for the majority of the grid costs, not solar customers, and that is just not fair to them.

Please take a close look at this issue when it comes time to revise the policy, and keep up the great work you and your colleagues are doing on the commission.

Sincerely,



Todd Bradford

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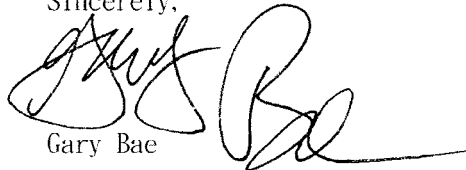
Dear Commissioner Burns,

Seeing all these new solar panels and sources of energy around Arizona has prompted me to do a little research on solar paneling and net metering. As an Arizona taxpayer, I feel it is crucial for all utility bills to be fair. After some research, I found that the current net metering system is probably unfair and hope that new revisions to the policy can be implemented.

While looking at the current solar policies, I found that many net-metered customers are avoiding infrastructure costs and leaving the rest of us non-solar users to pay the majority of them. The current net-metering system has vast room for improvement. We need a policy that allows us all using the grid to pay our fair share. People should no longer be allowed to avoid paying this cost as others who may not be able to have solar panels are left to pick up the slack.

Net metering policies need to be revised and it needs to be done now. I urge the commission to review these policies to resolve the financial struggle of many Arizona ratepayers on this matter. Solar panels will lead us into an era of clean energy, but this era cannot continue without proper policies placed on net metering.

Sincerely,


Gary Bae

October 28, 2013

Mr. Bob Stump
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Dear Mr. Bob Stump

A long awaited analysis of "net metering," the policy that allows homeowners, school districts business to offset the cost of their electric use with the rooftop solar power they generate and export to the grid, finds the policy will cost California's non-solar customers \$1.1 billion a year by 2020.

Utilities have argued that under the current rate structure, customers using net metering do not pay their fare share of the costs of transmission and distribution grid. And since solar customers tend to be more affluent, utilities argue that lower-income, non-solar ratepayers are subsidizing solar customers.

Please understand that many of understand exactly that "net metering" is nothing other than a tax, disguised with an unfamiliar term.

We believe that "net metering" will be a deterrent to Arizona and any other state which chooses to fall into mistake of being led down the path by California.

Very truly yours,



Robert Smith, precinct captain



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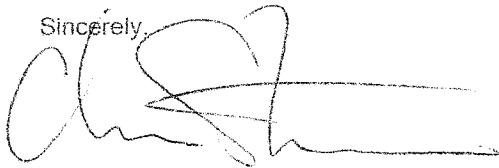
Dear Commissioners:

The word subsidy has become a dirty word in policy-making, but I think it is safe to say that the subsidies and policies in place for the solar industry in Arizona have helped maximize its growth, and today Arizona is one of the leaders in the nation in utilizing this clean energy. But those policies that were instituted a long time ago are now quickly growing outdated, and are in fact hurting middle and low income families who get their energy by traditional means.

Currently, those with solar panels on their roofs are avoiding certain costs that traditional utility customers are paying. These include infrastructure costs like wires and poles that both net-metered and traditional customers use. Why is one sector of the energy market being favored over the other, especially when solar users typically have the means to pay their fair share, given how expensive the upfront costs are to put up solar panels?

Nobody is trying to kill solar here in Arizona. It is too beneficial to lose. What the Commission does need to do is to revise these policies so that everyone is paying their fair share and that those without solar aren't stuck paying for those with solar.

Sincerely,



Christian Stumpf

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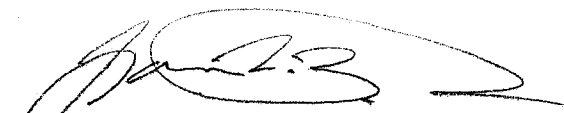
Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners:

2013 has most certainly become a very important one for the Arizona Corporation Commission, with deregulation and now net-metering taking up much of your schedule. I would like to express my hope that you will fix the net-metering policies so that they are not so one-sided, and so those without solar panels are not stuck paying for those that do have solar panels.

Arizona is tremendously lucky to have an abundance of sunshine. That has given our solar industry ample opportunity to grow across the state. But the net-metering policies that have worked to grow that industry are now outdated. Too many net-metered customers have meant that the bulk of costs associated with infrastructure are being paid by those of us who are traditional energy consumers.

I know that you will correct this imbalance because it is the right thing to do. Solar should be allowed to grow in Arizona, but not at the expense of those who do not have it.

Sincerely,



Larry Pike