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Commissioners,

Solar panels are beginning to be seen more frequently on rooftops of suburban homes. They have ignited the age of clean, renewable energy in Arizona.

As an Arizona rate-payer, I want my utility bills to be a fair and equitable reflection of the energy use in my home. For that to happen, however, we should revisit the net-metering system now in place.

It can be argued that solar customers avoid paying a fair share of the costs crucial to the grid's operation. Some would contend that infrastructure costs are being disproportionately shifted to typically less affluent non solar customers. Under the current net metering policies solar customers sell their power to the utilities at a rate much higher than those utilities could buy it for on the open market. This creates a system where solar customers avoid costs on their utility bills thus forcing traditional customers to pay a greater share.

I applaud the burgeoning solar industry in Arizona and across our nation. It is creating jobs. Solar also provides a clean source of power for our homes and industry. We must, however, make sure the costs are borne fairly by ALL customers as we move forward.

I know the commission has many ongoing projects, but I am sure you can agree that the issue regarding the current net metering policies needs another look. I urge the commission to continue to find a resolution for the current net metering policies and work towards a policy fair and equitable to all.

Sincerely,

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