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From: Patrick Sullivan <patrick@jigsawhealth.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Burns-Web; RBurns-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Pierce-
Subject: Fwd: Urgent: Action Needed by All Conservative A



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From the email below...

> **The real conservative position is this:** if you want solar panels on your rooftop, go ahead. But don't make your neighbor pay for it!

It's hard to know what's true or false in politics these days. But if the following is correct representation of the two sides, then I do not support net metering. Please vote against it.

Thank you for your service to our community.

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On Mon Nov 4, at 11:58a, Senator Russell Pearce wrote:

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Sincerely,

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From: Patricia & Wayne [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2013 5:15 PM
To: Senator Russell Pearce
Cc: Sen. Judy Burges; Burns-Web; RBurns-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Re: Urgent: Action Needed by All Conservative Americans

Russell, let me give you my point of view.

I have a 8400 watt solar system on my roof that was activated on July 17th, 2007. At that time APS was offering \$3 per watt along with a contract that any excess at the end of the year I would be informed of but not given credit for. Each year that has been about \$22 but I was living full time then. Now this year I also have credit of over 5000 kWt credit and I am not yet back in Arizona to use them.

Back to this 8400 watt solar system I have on my roof and the rebates that were available in 2007 -

APS rebate = \$25,200

Fed rebate = \$3,000

AZ rebate = \$1,000 (this rebate was like the tax credit that AZ gives you when you make donation to a credited School District so it took me tiil

last year to use this rebate up)

Total system cost at that time (2007) was \$49,859 (there abouts, I do not have those figures here with me)

So I wrote a check to AMERICA Solar (out of Scottsdale) for \$24,659 then I could start taking advantage of the FED and AZ rebate.

What I have been reading is that they want to charge us Solar providers \$50 to \$100 month to help cover maintainance on the system. But if that is done, that breaks the contract that I have with APS and then there most likely will be a very big court battle between the Solar providers like me (wholly owned providers and not Solar systems owned by Solar City) against AZ Corporation Commission and APS. We providers like myself have already shelled out a large quantity of \$\$\$\$\$ which we were promised a return on our investment.

Back when Solar City started providing Solar Systems to the people where the people do not own but pay a flat rate (like \$.10 a watt) sounded good but that means the rooftop system will not belong to that home owner for 20 years and that home does not have the cash out lay as we wholly owned providers have done. Matter of fact, I think the SCW Fire District has gone into a contract with a provider like Solar City because when I was a member of the SCW Tea Party with Bob Burges, we went to several if the district meeting when they were talking about this. So this issue can be far reaching.

So I am asking that you do not full around with the wholly owned system people that have already made that large cash out lay to take advantage of the sun and help APS meet there FED mandate.

Yours Truly
A SOLAR System Provider
Wayne Blair
[REDACTED]

Sun City West, AZ 85375
Cell 623-9104054

On Nov 1, 2013, at 1:21 PM, Senator Russell Pearce <russell@russellpearceemails.com> wrote:

Dear Conservative Friends:

From the desk of . . . Tony Rivero

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Commissioners:

Today many Arizonans are fortunate enough to afford installing solar panels on their rooftops, taking advantage of our best natural resource - Arizona sunshine. An important part of the growth of solar energy in Arizona has been our net-metering policy. While this system was a good idea when it was designed years ago as an incentive to bolster investment in rooftop solar panels, it has become outdated and is hurting hardworking ratepayers by raising energy costs for non-solar customers, while cutting the more affluent solar users a break.

The way the policy currently stands, net-metered customers are able to avoid the fixed costs associated with maintaining the electrical grid, although they also rely on the grid. With this imbalance in the policy, non-solar customers, many of whom are just trying to make ends meet, are forced to subsidize these costs for the solar users, in the form of higher utility bills.

Rooftop solar panels require a costly upfront investment that takes time to recoup, and are financially out of reach for many middle and lower income Arizonans. It just isn't fair to penalize people who can't afford the investment or choose not to invest in solar, with higher utilities so that wealthier solar users can receive a subsidy.

Although commission's staff recently recommended updating the net-metering policy, it seems that this policy needs a lot more work in order to fix the unfair system. Please reform this system so that all are paying their fair share of maintaining the electrical grid.

Sincerely,



Tony Rivero
Vice-Mayor
City of Peoria

Tony Rivero

Peoria, AZ 85345

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From: Roger Damm [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2013 2:57 PM
To: Burns-Web; RBurns-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Fwd: Urgent: Action Needed by All Conservative Americans

Dear Commissioner,

I agree with Senator Pearce.

"if you want solar panels on your rooftop, go ahead. But don't make your neighbor pay for it!"

Respectfully,

Roger C Damm, 85048

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The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

Thomas Jefferson

**Trisha A. Morgan**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 02, 2013 2:47 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Net Metering

**IS THIS TRUE?**

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**I have been told that a group, led by Barry Goldwater, Jr., is trying to convince Arizona residents that subsidizing solar companies at the expense of non-solar customers is a good idea but that the real money behind this scheme are the same California solar companies that are currently under investigation by the federal government and are being sued in a class-action lawsuit in that same state.**

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**Barbara Shepherd**

Nov. 6, 2013

Chairman Bob Stump  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: 2014 Net Metering Program: Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Chairman Stump and Members of the Commission:

I'm an APS ratepayer who does not utilize solar panels. I am subsidizing the people who choose to use solar through my electric rates. It's a transfer tax, however in this case it's from the have-nots to the haves who have the money to purchase solar panels. For that reason alone, you should not continue net metering.

The ACC should not put off a decision for political expediency or because it is tough.

What other information do you need? You folks set the rates. The utility companies need to give you all their financial info when they come before you in a rate case. You know what the electric companies pay for the electricity they buy and you know what it costs for them to generate the electricity they produce. What else do you need to know? That should be sufficient for you to make a decision.

Homeowners and businesses with solar should be selling it back to the utility companies for what it would cost APS if they had to buy it on the electric market and not a penny more. That would be like forcing a car owner to take his car to the dealer and pay for expensive service rather than an independent shop. Let the free market decide if solar is worth it, and, please, save the little guy some money. Drop net metering.

Thanks,

Mark Stephenson

  
Phoenix, AZ 85022



# NANCY WENDLER

[REDACTED]  
SUN CITY WEST, AZ 85375

Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Commissioners;

I am one of those who live in a planned community. It is approximately 6 years old and we have a very nice mix of price ranges. I happen to live in the smallest home choice. Before I bought this place, I seriously considered having solar panels installed as part of the purchase; however, after careful calculations, I found it would take me 20 years of monthly savings to equal the amount of the additional cost. This is a retirement community in which monthly utilities are a very big consideration. My utility bills are just about what I expected them to be, and I don't believe I'll probably live long enough to regain my initial investment in solar.

It is a topic of conversation here. We do want to conserve energy and we are conscious of our power use, but there has not been a significant increase in the amount of solar panels being added to homes that have turned over a couple of times.

Now that net-metering is getting some public attention, but in our community we've known for some time that those of us who do not have solar energy are paying for the infrastructure for those who do. While it may not be a huge amount of money on a monthly basis, it simply is not fair. Those who paid a huge amount of money to have solar installed and get reimbursed for their excess energy are being subsidized by those of us who did not. We applaud our neighbors who purchased solar power, but we don't like being penalized because we could not afford it.

It is good to see that the commission is finally going to make an effort to straighten this out.

Thank you,



Nancy Wendler  
Corte Bella  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

**Trisha A. Morgan**

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**From:** Richard Hannon <rhannon1@q.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 04, 2013 12:55 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** net metering

Dear Commission Stump,

I have been following this debate and I wanted to share my concern with you about net metering. I am on the board of an organization (religious not political) that had an analysis done on installing solar power on a school. In a nutshell, the proposal only penciled out because of incredible tax benefits and subsidies that were available for the use of solar. I firmly believe that energy choice should stand on its own and not rely on governments handouts to make it work. I also oppose being forced to pay more for solar power so a neighbor can have solar power on his roof. If he/she wants solar power, that is his decision but I shouldn't subsidize it, his choice on solar should be based on the benefit that is actually created, not cooked up by the solar industry looking for the government to tip the scales in its favor and let the rest of us pay for it.

Richard Hannon

**Trisha A. Morgan**

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**From:** lubrilink [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 02, 2013 3:06 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Stop the Scam of Net Metering

**Dear Corp. Commission Chairman Stump:**

**I am not opposed to solar energy, as long as taxpayers and/or other rate-payers are not being forced to subsidize the installation and operation of solar systems for other electric customers. My position is this: if you want solar panels on your rooftop, go right ahead. But don't make me and your other neighbors pay for it!**

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**I urge you and the other Corporation Commissioners to address the net metering scam so that it's fair for all Arizonans!**

**Thank you.**

**Nancy Lange  
Prescott, AZ 86305**

**Trisha A. Morgan**

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**From:** Charles Priester [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 02, 2013 3:44 PM  
**To:** Burns-Web; RBurns-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web  
**Subject:** STOP CALIFORNIA ENERGY SCHEMES AND DITCH GOLDWARE, JR HE IS A DISGRACE TO HIS FATHER

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**YOU NEED TO stand up for fairness and oppose the Obama/Sierra Club/Goldwater scheme by reforming net metering now.**

**BE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND STOP POLITICAL WORKS AGAINST HONORABLE HARD WORKING PEOPLE.**

REGARDS  
Charles Priester  
[REDACTED]