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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

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Date: 11/15/2013
Arizona Corporation Commission

Complaint Description: 19Y Net Metering
08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

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First: Last:

Complaint By: Gordon Decker

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Account Name: Gordon Decker

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Sun City West

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85375

is:

Utility Company: Arizona Public Service Company

Division: Electric

Contact Name: For assignment

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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ELECTRIC

Re: Re: Solar: APS broken promises

Dear Commission Member,

I cannot attend the meeting on Wednesday but decided to write to at least express my concern.

1. APS is trying to kill Solar!
2. APS gives rebates to encourage users to do what they want them to do (e.g. replace old appliances, become more energy efficient, or install solar).
3. It makes business sense for them to do this because without conservation, they would have to build more power plants.
4. Then that construction cost would be passed on to each consumer.
5. Avoiding this additional expense is also good for consumers -- unless APS is not allowed to pass construction costs to the consumer (yeah right!)
6. In a sense, whenever agencies do something to encourage the common good, it is for the common good.
7. For APS to pit one part of the community against another is simply immoral.
8. It is false advertising.
9. APS just did a massive building contract for schools to place solar panels on top of car ports. The car port/solar panels at the elementary school on Thomas Ranch Road is enough solar panels to cover about 40 homes. Is there anyone out there who believes that consumers have not had to "foot the bill".
10. APS also has structured their bill so that it is virtually impossible to pay for solar (for either individual home owners or the leasing companies). On a recent summer bill of \$322 only about 52% was actually electricity consumed. The rest was fixed costs, fees and taxes that made it impossible to apply hardly any electrical savings from solar.
11. In addition, for those of us who bought our system, we relied on fair play. In a real sense APS is in breach of contract. And, they are asking for you to legitimize that breach.

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12. While the 20 year grandfathering may be good for leasing customers (on a 20 year lease) it is NOT good for those who bought the system.

13. The Addendum attach shows the immortal business practices of APS.

I do hope that the ACC does its job -- To Serve the Public and NOT the greed of APS.

Sincerely,
Gordon Decker

Addendum

I spent over 35 years consulting in Silicon Valley to some of the largest fortune 100 companies to small start ups.

One of my primary tasks for small businesses was to write business plans. But APS has me beat.
APS Business Plan

Option A:

- Build another power plant to meet increasing demand in the Phoenix area.
- Cost \$1 billion payable over 20 years.
- Pay back by all customers through increased electrical bills.

Option B

- Get 22,222 people (at \$45,000 each) to put up \$1 billion.
- Do NOT pay them for the cash infusion.
- AND make them wait at least 20 years to just break even.
- AND when they break even, do not pay them any more.
- People without solar will not have to pay ANY extra, so they should be happy.
- AND start a campaign blaming the SOLAR customers for doing the responsible thing.

P.S. I used a billion to make the math easy. Whatever the number, avoiding the huge cost (and pollution) of a new power plant benefits ALL.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

11/15/13: Entered for the record and docketed

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End of Comments

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