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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMIS:

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2015 - 122153

Date: 4/29/2015

Complaint Description: 19Y Net Metering  
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Charles Last: Smith

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Utility Company: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Division: Electric

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Nature of Complaint:

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This proposal would effectively end (or at least seriously curtail) small-scale solar in SSVEC's territory. In fact, in the notice sent to members they strongly imply that they oppose distributed generation and only favor utility scale solar projects "that benefit SSVEC's entire membership versus individual solar which only benefits those who have the means/credit and home ownership to acquire solar."

Their primary stated objection is that the true connection cost (which they list as \$71.89 per month) exceeds the actual billed connection cost. They make up the loss through the sale of electricity. This means that non-solar users subsidize the solar users.

A very significant percentage of their membership are homeowners who can (and desire to) install individual solar systems.

It would be much more fair to follow the SRP model of implementing a monthly demand charge. That way, the connection cost is being covered so subsidies don't occur, while still encouraging individual solar.

\*End of Complaint\*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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\*End of Comments\*

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