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RE: Docket No. E-01933A-15-0100

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Dear Commissioner Stump:

We are writing you to let you know of our opposition to the changes in net metering that is proposed by Tucson Electric Power (TEP). Our power company is Unisource Energy, which is owned by TEP.

We are having our solar PV system installed next week. Having a whole home solar PV system installed is an expensive project. Are we hoping to greatly reduce our electric bill? Yes. Will the proposals made by TEP allow us to do that? No, nowhere near proportionate to the dollar amount we will have spent. Nonetheless, we are not installing our system for monetary reasons. We are installing a PV system because we want to do our part in improving the environment.

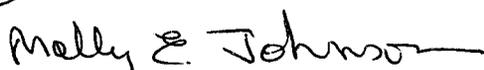
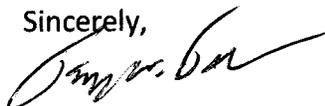
TEP contends that the changes are needed so that PV customers pay their part for infrastructure that TEP provides the PV customer. However, if we were able to produce 100% of our own power (which is not likely) we would still pay roughly \$15 a month in what TEP calls "customer charges". If TEP wasn't charging us that amount for infrastructure, what exactly is that charge for? Everything else on our bill is charged as usage at a rate per kilowatt hour. Since we have no other choice in a power company it doesn't seem fair that we have been and will continue to pay for the "privilege" of being a TEP customer.

The other major contention of TEP's proposed changes is that PV customers put an unnecessary burden on those TEP customers who cannot afford PV systems. That truly is an asinine contention. TEP will pay us for the electricity we produce a third of what they will charge their customers. How is it possible that we are hurting customers by providing TEP with their product at a third of what they charge for it? If TEP truly feels that the number of private homeowners going solar is putting a burden on those who can least afford it they need to show some concrete information that this is so.

We contend that the proposed changes are nothing more than gluttony on the part of TEP. Electric customers have no alternative choice in who provides their power. When something comes along to give some relief to that reality, they are unwilling to give up even the smallest part of their share. The current system of net metering is hardly fair, the proposed system is even less so.

We respectfully ask that you deny the changes in net metering proposed by TEP.

Sincerely,



Jay and Molly Johnson

C: Chairwoman Susan Bitter-Smith
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Tom Forese
Commissioner Doug Little