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

Dear Chairman Smith,

I write this letter urging the Commission to immediately send a very public message indicating that the efforts of Tucson Electric Power to make solar rates retroactive will be denied.

After having withdrawn their application to eliminate net metering from consideration in the context of their rate case, TEP has now indicated a willingness to include it in their next such case. In conjunction with announcing their intent, TEP has also made it clear they will ask that any changes in solar rates be retroactive to June 1, 2015. Such a move will cripple the solar industry as customers unsure of rate spikes will simply wait until the ACC provides clarity. It's that clarity I request of the Commission.

In a free market, buyers must be assured of the costs associated with the purchase of goods and services. Where uncertainty exists, the market is hampered, and stagnates. This is exactly the net result one can anticipate if the ACC does not declare now that any rate changes adopted going forward will become effective at the time agreed, and not on a retroactive basis. Failing that, solar customers will sit on the sidelines, and businesses will suffer until everybody knows the cost of entry.

Demonstrating the Commission's clear intention to refuse any retroactive rates is the key to the short term health of the solar industry.

Thank you for your consideration and for taking this issue under advisement.

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Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
Tucson City Council Member, Ward 6

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