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HOW TO KILL AN INDUSTRY WHILE ARIZONA SPENDS THOUSANDS TRYING TO DRAW IN JOBS

This year my husband and I decided to take advantage of the Federal and Sulphur Springs Valley REBATE INCENTIVES to install solar panels. We thought that we would be doing something good for the environment as well as protecting our budget. Hmmm..... Thankfully we had contracted before SSVEC "lowered the boom" and we are amongst those grandfathered as to the current net metering formula. The new proposed rates in today's letter from SSVEC will however, hurt and discourage solar usage.

While it served SSVEC's purpose to get more people to install solar, they did so (I believe they had to reach a quota). Now however, I feel that we people who have invested are being villified and duped. The letter that I received today (as well as other letters and articles) keeps making mention of how we 2% (solar customers) of the total SSVEC users "are not paying our full share". The proposed increases that were cited in the letter SSVEC sent out now will make it folly for anyone to invest in solar! My bills will be HIGHER than they were before as SSVEC proposes to raise basic residential from \$10.25 to \$25 over 4 years but solar users basic would go from \$10.25 to \$50. What rational can one make for

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this other than gouging?!

While the city spent thousands of my tax dollars to find a "brand" for Sierra Vista and the State talks about spending thousands to spruce up the State image- I can only wonder what the Arizona Utilities Commission will do. Will they allow this increase and kill off Arizona's best chance at clean industry?

Arizona's biggest asset, to me, is it's climate and abundant sunshine yet so little has been done to promote solar. Our new hospital should have had solar installed, city street lights could be solar operated, etc.

If the Arizona Utilities Commission allows this rate increase to go through they can consider themselves responsible for killing off a wonderful industry in a State that can use all the help it can get! I'm totally disgusted and feel very much betrayed by a cooperative company that I had always considered to be good.

Cc: AZ Utilities Commission

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