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From: Thomas McPherson <tmcpherson@fenixpcg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 3:47 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: E-01345A-13-0248

Commissioners,

Transparency in our government and government regulated monopolies is of critical importance to society. By approving APS rates you have a fiduciary responsibility to every person within their service area to ensure that the rates you have approved are the absolute lowest possible for APS to stay in business and provide reliable power service.

What you should not be allowing is for APS to inflate their rates so they can then funnel that money through various back channels to further APS's agenda. This is ratepayer money, no a donation. This is money that every family struggling with paying for food could use.

Please reign in APS.

Regards,

Thomas McPherson

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: Jeff Simpson <jeffsimpson177@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Docket # E-01345A-13-0248 i

Folks,

The funneling of funds from APS through back-channels is dishonest at best and would seem to be illegal. I want my electricity \$ to go to electricity, not toward funding such shady, underhanded efforts.

It might be worth finding out..

- 1) Who IS funding the "Taxpayer Protection Alliance"?
- 2) Why doesn't this group ask for positive experiences from solar?
- 3) Why don't we have a similar group go around asking for negative comments about APS?
- 4) How may of the APS ratepayers' dollars have been spend in this effort.

Thank you,

Jeff Simpson

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From: Marc <fishinmission76@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 3:09 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: E-01345A-13-0248 info for you

I ran across this today and was concerned. Is this true that APS is funding a door to door campaign to kill solar? If so are they using ratepayer money? I have a solar system that provides a little of my power but still use and pay plenty to APS. I was aware going in as the solar company explained it wasn't total elimination. And since I was happy they just left and said they didn't need my info. Very funny they didn't want to tell my story.

Marc in Peoria

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From: Frank Oulman <atlasven@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 5:10 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Question

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I am a Snow Bird. I spend summers in Beaverton, Oregon and Winters in Quartzsite, Arizona. I am also a land owner in both States. In Beaverton, I have solar on my roof and it works wonderfully well, generating electricity which I put back in the grid. For every KWh I produce, I get a KWh reduced from my bill. I paid to lease the solar panels on my roof for 20 years. It's a very good arrangement and it will pay for itself in 6 years.

I am presently looking at putting solar on my home in Arizona. I have heard on the news two things that disturb me. The first is that APS is petitioning you to add a \$50 surcharge on top of the bill for people who have solar. I need to know if this is true or where that request presently stands. I am unable to get any GOOD information for other sources.

Next I need to know if it is true that in Arizona, APS is allowed to charge those of us with solar one price (retail) but pays back another price (wholesale) for the electricity private people's solar panels produce and put back in the grid. Is this true?

Keeping in mind that generating electricity economically and environmentally smart is our duty to this earth. Is Arizona doing its part in working toward being "green"? I sure hope so.

Perhaps it's time that APS does what other businesses do when costs outweigh income, and that is make changes to reflect the needs of its consumers and slim down. The grid isn't the big cost in providing electricity, it's personnel costs.

I sure would appreciate getting the straight scoop from you. I don't know where to turn and won't invest in solar if it doesn't pencil out.

Thank you,
Frank Oulman
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Quartzsite, AZ
503-803-9701

Teresa Tenbrink

From: David Kennedy <dkanomaly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:16 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Dear ACC Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that the Arizona Corporation Commission investigate APS spending on C4 and political groups. Recently, it has been discovered that APS is affiliated with front groups, such as the "Taxpayer Protection Alliance," whose mission is to attack solar energy. APS's suspicious spending deserves further scrutiny and investigation by the ACC.

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. I ask that the ACC demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers, that they've contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups.

Best,

David Kennedy
Phoenix, AZ

David Kennedy

"Those who have been required to memorize the world as it is will never create the world as it might be." --Judith Groch

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Scott Wiedeman <scowiedeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:33 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: APS needs more oversight - E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Ms. Bitter-Smith;

As an Arizona constituent and consumer of utility services, I need to find confidence that the ACC can really stand up to APS, TEP, SRP and the rest. The utilities spin their own books, belly-ache about how their expenses are always up, and they can't afford either fuel, maintenance, or something.

Yet they always turn a huge profit, pay huge salaries, and benefits, and take no risk - ever. And I see our rates always going up, even if gas and coal costs are down. Is the ACC really on top of these guys? Does the ACC really 'regulate' the utilities in the public interest?

Speaking of public interest, these utilities should be absolutely prevented from interfering in the growth of distributed solar energy. We need true net metering, and real free choice as homeowners.

And specifically, is APS engaged in using rate-payers money for more PR and lobbying against distributed solar energy in AZ?

You need to know, and Arizona needs to know.

Sincerely,

Scott Wiedeman

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From: George Panone <gpanone1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:42 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Numer E-01345A-13-0248

To Whom It May Concern:

We have had photovoltaic panels on our house for about 6 years and I would recommend them for everyone in the state of Arizona, why should we use other forms of power to cool our homes when we have the sun. We paid a considerable amount of out of pocket money to have these installed and now APS is considering charging us additional monthly funds because we are not contributing to the upkeep of the grid.

APS is not giving us any more or less then they would give to anyone they would buy power from. I think you would be doing an injustice to the people of Arizona if you would let this happen.

Please vote conscientiously when this comes before you.

Thank you for listening.

Anita Panone

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Marie <mybarra3@q.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:53 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: APS additional fees for solar

Dear Susan Bitter Smith,

As a voter I am very distressed by APS's push to penalize solar customers who have tried to utilize our natural resources.

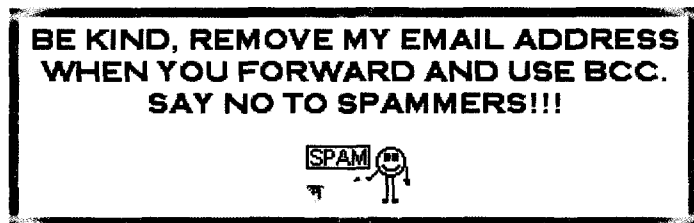
Please work very hard to squelch the additional fee proposed by APS on rooftop solar users. It's just not right. Solar users help to eliminate the need to increase expansion of the 'grid' by supplying power back to the electric company. Why should they be penalized?

I would like a valid reason for this action by APS. It seems just because they could not provide solar energy without additional fees to individuals they have become very mean spirited toward this affordable renewable energy source made available to users by private companies.

What choice do we really have for an alternative electric source other than stand alone solar systems that are not affordable to everyone?

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Marie Ybarra



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From: Beverly Cameron <beverlyjcameron@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:24 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Concerns about Anti-Solar tactics using taxpayer funds

There are rumors going around that APS is using rate payer funds to promote anti-solar politically motivated efforts. The sun in AZ makes promoting solar power a positive no-brainer for all Arizonians. However, certain vested interested seem determined to discourage the use and growth of solar power to line their own pockets.

As a taxpaying voting Arizonian I'm concerned that APS might not be equitably representing the interests of all Arizonians and rather the interests of a small group of people who have a vested interest in not having many Arizonians switch to solar power.

Please respond and let me know if any APS ratepayer money has gone to groups like TPA, the Taxpayer Protection Alliance, that is promoting negative views about the current and future uses of solar power.

Beverly Cameron
Tucson, AZ 85704

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From: lawton mullin <lmullin500@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2015 5:03 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: solar increase chages

No rate hike for solar..youre setting a precedent for the whole country...l mullin/naples fl

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From: Bill Zaffer <sunsetlife@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:26 AM
To: Forese-Web; Little-Web; BitterSmith-Web; rbunrs-web@azcc.gov; Stump-Web
Subject: net metering

Corporate Commissioners:

Republicans talk how they want to help business. Well, allowing Trico or other electric companies to charge people for placing solar and taking away or charging a monthly fee for net metering takes away incentives for home owners or businesses placing solar is a job killer and just an example of how special interests groups like coal or others run our political system today not dealing with carbon emissions, pollutions or other issues of being sustainable which saves individuals, businesses, money and us all in the end.

When will we move with progress instead of allowing a certain status quo to keep existing at the expense of our kids future?

William Zaffer
Tucson, Arizona
Direct 520-307-6560

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From: Sonny Shrivastava, Realtor <sonny@westusa.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:34 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Cc: RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; Daniella Hauptmann
Subject: Re: Please look in APS suspicious spending

Hello,

I am very unhappy with the recent attacks on solar customers by both SRP and APS. I have been a happy solar customer for 3 years and signed a 20 year lease based upon the rate plans that were available at the time. Unfortunately, both APS and especially SRP continue to attack gauge solar customers.

SRP is or wants to charge its solar customers a \$50/mo "grid" fee. If a solar customer uses zero power in a month, that customer is still responsible for the \$50 grid fee. However, if a non-solar customer does not use any power in a month, they are not charged a comparable \$50 grid fee. It is my understanding that a non-solar customer uses the grid as well. SRP's entire position was that solar customers do not "pay their fair share", so if that's true, why aren't regular customers also being asked to pay their fair share?

I find it absolutely mind boggling that you would allow both companies to make life more difficult for solar customers. May I point out that solar customers are doing the right thing for the environment and are helping clean up Arizona's air. Here in Arizona, 40% of our power is generated by burning coal. This dumps countless carcinogens and CO2 into the air that we breathe.

In the 3 years that I've had my solar array - just me - I've prevented almost 92,000 lbs (46 tons) of CO2 from being generated. That's equivalent to almost 100,000 miles not driven or 1,100 trees grown for 10 years. This directly benefits the people of Arizona. The more people put solar on their roofs, the better the benefit to our communities.

If SRP and APS are so concerned about losing revenue, I have an idea for them. We live in one of the best states for solar production. I absolutely cannot believe that neither SRP nor APS have invested sufficiently in building concentrated solar plants. With our tremendous sunshine and open desert space, if enough of those plants are built, not only can we supply all of the electrical needs for Arizona, but we could sell power to other states such as California and Colorado. Such plants would also help us reduce our reliance on coal power.

You really should listen. A big push into solar on an industrialized level would mean massive job creation here in Arizona. That is a preferable solution than gauging those customers who are doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Thank you,

Sonny Shrivastava GRI CSSN CNE CDPE

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On Apr 1, 2015, at 6:35 PM, Daniella Hauptmann <dmusca@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing you today in the hopes that you will do some investigating into what APS is spending their money on. I have been noticing some shady tactics being employed by APS as solar becomes more and more popular. Recently, it was revealed that APS may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda. Their front group, Taxpayer Protection Alliance, has been going door to door seeking out negative experiences with solar. When a reporter asked APS if they had any connection to TPA's action, they did not deny it.

I have been a happy solar customer for three years. I love that not only am I saving money every month, more importantly I am helping our environment. The people of Arizona deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. Please make APS disclose how much money collected from ratepayers has been contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups. Lets put politics aside and do what is right for electricity customers and our environment.

Thank you,

Daniella Hauptmann

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From: Daniella Hauptmann <dmsca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:35 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Please look in APS suspicious spending

Hello,
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Thank you,

Daniella Hauptmann

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From: Mark Dorsten <markdorsten@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:03 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Support Solar in Arizona

Dear Arizona Corporation Commissioners,

My name is Mark, I am a 20-year resident of Prescott, AZ. I am a proponent of solar and believe Arizona is ideally suited for to thrive economically and environmentally through continued implementation of this technology.

I am appalled to think that APS is using money collected from my electric bill to unjustly limit solar implementation in Arizona. I am writing to ask you to look into the suspicious APS spending tactics opposing solar development and to demand that APS disclose how much ratepayer money has been used to try to limit the development of solar technology in our state.

Thank you,

Mark Dorsten
551 Kildare St.
Prescott, AZ 86305

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Many Arizonans experience unforeseen problems when it comes to solar. This includes safety risks in times of an emergency, or higher rates when it comes to monthly fees. We are sorry to hear you also experienced problems with your solar panels. The Taxpayers Protection Alliance is fighting for everyday Arizonans to get the energy we need in a safe, reliable and efficient manner.

We need YOUR help to prevent these business practices to continue as well as to help pave the way for ethical solar companies to do business in Arizona.

My personal experience with my solar panels is as follows:

Samira Proffitt

**Please select ANY of the following actions you would be willing to take
Solar panel customer on behalf of the Taxpayer Protection Alliance.**

Write a letter or make a phone call to my elected officials.

Participate in an event with the Taxpayer Protection Alliance.

Speak to my local media about my roof top solar experience.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Mobile or Home Phone #

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Email Address

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Nathan Hodgson <nhodgson@solarcity.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:42 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Docket E-01345A-13-0248

My request is very simple to express but may not be so simple to accomplish... please ask APS to disclose and then investigate thoroughly how much money they have given to anti-solar political groups. There are canvassers going door to door trying to find unhappy solar customers, who is paying for this?

I have been an employee in the solar industry in AZ for over 10 years and these underhanded tactics by APS and other groups have seriously affected my wellbeing and stress level... I may move to a state without such dirty politics so my family has a more secure future. Please strengthen AZ by encouraging innovation instead of corruption.

Thank you for your time to anyone who reads this,

Nathan Hodgson | Direct Energy Consultant | SolarCity | T: 928-642-0060 | nhodgson@solarcity.com | www.solarcity.com

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From: Beckie Madsen <beckiemadsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:32 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; Forese-Web
Subject: Docket # E-01345A-13-0248 concerns

Dear Comissioners,

In the past year or so I have been watching the ACC and its activity. I watched as APS and other Monopoly Energy companies have attempted to destroy choice and freedom here in our state. I find their actions to be distasteful and disgusting. Over the past couple months I have been researching and have noticed quite a few questionable tactics and dishonest dealings that APS has committed. One of them even involving your ACC.

I feel that in order for the truth and good business practices to happen again a company that is trying to gain favor in anyway should have to show what they spend their money on. Is APS really the clean energy supporter that they claim to be or are they secretly undermining the green companies by spending dark money? Are they spending the ratepayers money to attack those that decided to put solar on their homes? In my opinion it certainly looks that way. They are more worried about the depths of their pockets then the good that can be done for the environment.

Our state should be embracing solar as a renewable energy source, not penalizing those that choose to go green. If APS doesn't have anything to hide they should allow a PUBLIC report to be published by an outside, unbiased company that shows every dime they have spent on projects, maintenance, business meals, political campaigns, paper purchases, etc.. Show the people what they really spend their money on. Like I said, if there isn't anything shady going on they should not have any problem showing the public, since they are a public company after-all.

We need to bring honesty and good-will back into the business arena. Isn't that what the ACC is really there for anyway? Before any decisions are made regarding a company they should have to show a complete financial record for their business without any doubt that it is 100% genuine. Do not let APS and other Energy companies take away our freedoms with suspicious spending.

Thank you for your time,

Rebecca Madsen
Voter and Ratepayer

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From: Bryan Wilson <bryan@azsolarsolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:52 AM
To: info@dontkillsolar.com
Cc: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Commissioner Bob Stump
Subject: Docket # E-01345A-13-0248

As my elected officials I demand that you look into how much money, collected from ratepayers from APS as to how much money they have contributed to shady tactics by C4 & political groups. APS has their own anti-solar agenda. APS's agenda toward solar isn't good for the people of Arizona.

Bryan Wilson
Arizona Solar Solutions
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From: Ray Rudick <rayrudick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:48 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Docket # E-01345A-13-0248

Dear ACC Chairman and Commissioners:

Can you please look into APS's political spending habits. It appears that Mr. Pierce had to have quite a few lunches and meetings with the APS big wig when he was ACC Chairman, maybe it was all about his son Justin who was running for AG but I doubt it. Thank god he lost even with all the cash APS doled out! I believe I read that Chairman Bitter Smith is considering looking into this subject, good I hope so. APS is a monopoly and they do not deserve more unfair access to the ACC. In fact, in my opinion you should strip them of any dark money giveaways with our rate payer funds. I also find it quite interesting that APS gives an ASU Foundation just under 200K and APS gets back \$85K for a shady APS front group. Arizona should lead the way with solar in this great country.

Please pass policy that will end APS's ability to spend money on these shady political groups. Also, please demand that APS disclose how much money they spent during the last election cycle on favored candidates and then end this unnecessary and unfair practice. APS should not be allowed to spend money to attack solar or be involved in contributing to political candidates and special interest groups. I believe they spent/wasted a sizeable sum for the Super Bowl and related activities as well?

Another waste of our funds is the commercials with "Jim" driving around Arizona and wasting gas in his APS truck or the frig credit...add a flyer in our bills. My God who are they advertising to? Again, APS is a monopoly and we have no choice of utilities! I wish we did have a choice with competition.

Please read Robert Robb's article in today's Arizona Republic if you haven't already done so. A lot of what he stated makes since. By the way, I am a CONSERVATIVE first and registered Republican but running out of patience with elected official who abuse the system and do their own thing and I am not an extreme right of center wacko. Please make the RIGHT decisions for the people of Arizona NOT the APS monopoly. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Ray Rudick
480-726-0990

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From: Fred Smith <dodgerfred@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:48 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Cc: Forese-Web; Little-Web
Subject: Docket # A-01345A-13-0248

How much of taxpayers' money is APS spending in its on-going attack on SOLAR?

It appears to be very spurious, funding C4 and Taxpayer Alliance activities, seeking to discredit solar.

I do not have solar, yet, but am curious as to APS' stance.

Will you respond to my inquiry?

Teresa Tenbrink

From: RikiPere@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 1:02 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Please Look Into APS's "Funny" Spending (Docket Number E-01345A-13-0248).

Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the ACC,

Re: Docket Number E-01345A-13-0248

Please look into the questionable spending patterns of APS. Their past history appears to be littered with shady tactics, but their recent actions seem to have reached a whole new level with regard to spending "dark money" to push their anti-solar agenda.

The APS "front group", Taxpayer Protection Alliance (TPC), has been going door to door, seeking out negative experiences from solar customers, and I agree there are a very limited minority of solar customers who are less than fully satisfied with their service, with the emphasis on "very limited minority". Emphasis on this door to door "survey" has been on the negative aspects, ignoring the positive. When asked by a reporter whether they had any connection to TPA's actions, APS did not deny it.

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. APS should be required to disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers, they have contributed to these less than above-board tactics by C4 and miscellaneous political groups.

Thank you,

John Williams
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Donald J Scholtz <donscholtz@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:47 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: APS

Hi,
Please look into APS suspicious spending.
Docket number
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From: Paul Robinson <paulr82450@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:00 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: E-01345A-13-0248

Good Evening,

Please look into APS's suspicious spending?

APS's history is littered with shady tactics. Recently, it was revealed that the utility monopoly may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda.

APS front group Taxpayer Protection Alliance has been going door to door seeking out negative experiences from solar customers. When a reporter asked APS if they had any connection to TPA's actions, they did not deny it.

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. I am asking that you demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like myself, they have contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups.

Also, how can APS justify the outrageous salaries, bonus's and perks they pay their executives.

I had my solar installed in 2006, with the main reasons of saving money, reducing greenhouse gases and saving additional money in the future when APS increases their rates. Little did I know that along with increasing rates APS would start charging additional fees (the majority of which I have no idea what they are for) and now punishing solar customers.

To the best of my knowledge the ACC has blessed all these rate hikes and additional fees. To what end to put more money in the pockets of the executives running APS.

I for one am fed up and not sure what to do about it.

Have a Blessed day,
Paul Robinson

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Annabelle Herbert <annabelleh13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:23 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Re: Docket # E-o1345A-13-0248. APS Dark money?

Dear Ms Smith,

APS's history is littered with shady tactics. Recently, it was revealed that the utility monopoly may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda.

When a reporter asked APS if they had any connection to TPA's actions, they did not deny it.

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. I would like my elected officials to demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like me, they've contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups.

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely, Annabelle Herbert

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Bradley Benson <bensonbrad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:18 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: E-01345A-13-0248

Dear AZ Representatives,

APS the utility is using suspicious tactics to kill rooftop solar in our great state. This is against growth and independence for homeowners in this state.

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. I'm Asking you, my elected officials to demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like me, they've contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups.

Please investigate this activity to allow solar to flourish in our great state.

Thank you
Brad Benson
480.636.0321

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From: Andre Pernet <apernet1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:09 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: 01345A-13-0248

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From: bill Holmes <bholmes42@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:51 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Fwd: Tell the ACC to demand APS reveal their suspicious spending

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Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2015 at 5:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: Tell the ACC to demand APS reveal their suspicious spending

Commisioners

If this is what APS, the monopoly, is doing with customers money you need to put a stop to it and get APS under control, that is your reason for existing in the first place, right!!!!

They waste more money than they use for proper utility business. All you need to do is go and watch them change a panel or transformer or SES, dig a ditch or put in a new power pole or etc. and you will see the overkill and wasted manpower and machinery usually standing there watching one person work. Money for all their waste is seen in the rates they charge customers!

Now they are wasting it trying to stop something good for the USA, Arizona and their customers (free additional capacity with no new power plant that uses Fossil or Nuclear fuel) They are just upset because finally they don't own that capacity!!! And their current customers, therefore, do not have to pay to build it.

Somehow you also need to get control of SRP who is doing the same things with a free rein it seems! How can they operate as a utility and a monopoly without controls?

All the right of ways, and lands they both use actually belong to the State, the Cities and private individuals yet they have almost free rein to do what they please!

Yes, the Grid is absolutely a necessity but the way it is being administered is an abomination.

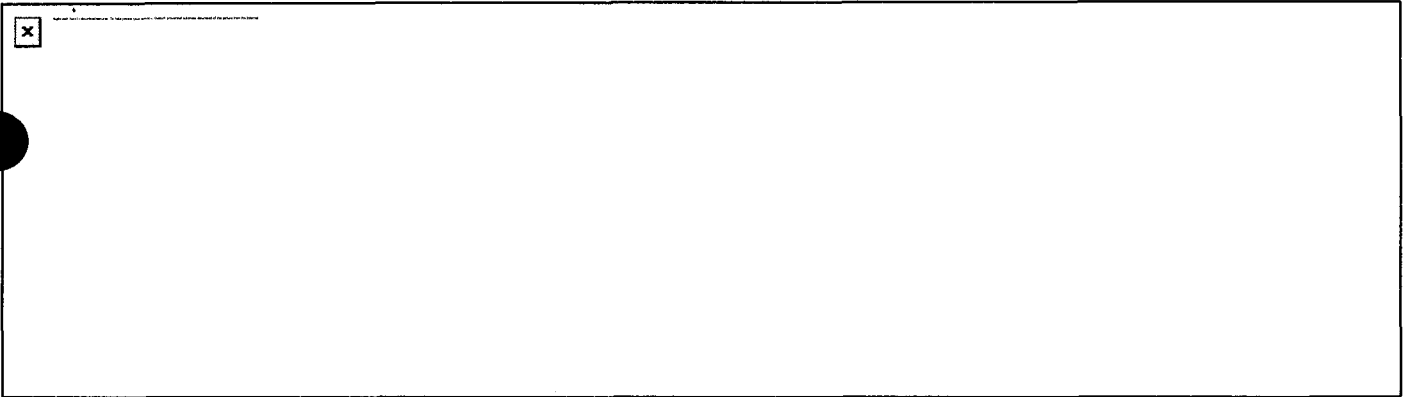
please see attached email.

Thank you.

W J Holmes

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From: **TUSK America** <info@dontkillsolar.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2015 at 4:50 PM
Subject: Tell the ACC to demand APS reveal their suspicious spending



Dear

Thank you for all you have done to help TUSK promote choice and competition in Arizona. Can you take 5 minutes today to send a letter to the ACC, asking that they look into APS's suspicious spending?

APS's history is littered with shady tactics. Recently, it was revealed that the utility monopoly may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda.

APS front group Taxpayer Protection Alliance has been going door to door seeking out negative experiences from solar customers. When a reporter asked APS if they had any connection to TPA's actions, they did not deny it.

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. Ask your elected officials to demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like you, they've contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups.

Email the ACC using the email addresses below. Be sure to include docket number E-01345A-13-0248 in the subject line of your email and blind copy (BCC) TUSK if you can at info@dontkillsolar.com.

Keep up the good fight,

TUSK Arizona

Chairman Susan Bitter Smith: BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov

Commissioner Bob Burns: RBurns-web@azcc.gov

Commissioner Tom Forese: Forese-web@azcc.gov

Commissioner Doug Little: Little-web@azcc.gov

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Teresa Tenbrink

From: mark walters <markonesolar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:41 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Re: docket# E-01345A-13-0248

Re: docket# E-01345A-13-0248

Hello Commissioner BitterSmith,

APS has tricked the public in the past with their anti-solar advertising. It has been revealed that this utility monopoly may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda. They've shown shady tactics by contributing to C4 and political groups that are clearly anti-solar.

APS front group Taxpayer Protection Alliance has been going door to door seeking out negative experiences from solar customers. Apparently, when confronted, they don't deny the dastardly tactic. Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money or their own state regulated profits on front groups to attack solar. Please demand that APS disclose how much utility rate payer money they are wasting in this hidden effort to do away with solar.

I was disgusted by their lies about how the "solar tax fee" was to protect the poor people who can't afford solar!

Sincerely,

Mark Walters
Heliocol Green Energy Inc.
Ph# (602)315-1993
<http://www.markonesolar.com>

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Nick (ACE) Acciardo <nacciardo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:32 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Cc: Nicholas Acciardo
Subject: Why are you doing this to us! E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As you already know however, you still don't have a clue...APS's history is littered with shady tactics. Recently, it was revealed that the utility monopoly may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda.

APS front group Taxpayer Protection Alliance has been going door to door seeking out negative experiences from solar customers. When a reporter asked APS if they had any connection to TPA's actions, they did not deny it.

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You need to give us a break! This is criminal and needs to be stopped! Start to work for us, the customers who elected you into office! Remember...It's the sun! Let's use it wisely!!!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo

APS Rate Payer and Arizona Resident

Sent from my iPad.

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Gail Archambeau <archie7671@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:22 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: E 01345A-13-0248

Please look into APS Part of Pinnacle west monopoly suspiciously spending money through Tax professional alliance going door to door to customers. With EPA standards changing taxpayers who want rooftop solar should be fully funded to save costs for all. A utility is a necessity for all and the cost should not be part of a monopoly capitalizing off the needs of all. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. With warm regards, G. Archambeau

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Tom Hicks <hickst@theriver.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:05 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Please investigate. docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Recent allegations have surfaced that APS has been spending ratepayer money to advance its own political objectives by supporting anti-solar front groups. If true, this is reprehensible behavior from a monopoly which operates under license from the people. Such behavior must not be tolerated. Please investigate these allegations and, if true, impose stiff penalties on APS.

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Tom Corpron <tpcorpron@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:23 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Number E-01345A-13-0248

In Regard to Rooftop Solar:

It is no secret that some of you received campaign contributions from the very utilities you are supposed to regulate. By any standard, it would be considered unethical for you to vote on matters concerning APS or their parent company, Pinnacle West. There is a clear conflict of interest. Members of both political parties are calling into question whether you can act in a fair and unbiased manner.

APS apparently feels they cannot compete in an open marketplace in the energy sector. It is not the government's job to protect monopolies. Imagine what telephone service would be like today if AT&T were allowed to continue as a monopoly.

The Definition of Bribery:

Bribery is an act of giving money or gifts that alters the behavior of the recipient. Bribery constitutes a crime and is defined by Black's Law Dictionary as the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any item of value to influence the actions of an official or other person in charge of a public or legal duty.

Can you really vote on matters involving APS and consider yourself an ethical person? What would your children, parents or pastor say?

Sincerely,

Tom Corpron

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Terry Wooldridge <terrywooldridge@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:19 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. I'm asking my elected officials to demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like me, they've contributed to political groups.

Teresa Tenbrink

From: William Jonas <williamjonas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:59 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Chairman Bitter smith:

We are asking that the ACC look into APS's suspicious spending.

Recently, it was revealed that the utility monopoly may have reached a whole new level of spending dark money to push their anti-solar agenda.

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Arizonans deserve to know if APS is spending more ratepayer money on front groups to attack solar. We Ask the ACC to demand that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers, they've contributed to these shady tactics by C4 and political groups.

Sincerely
William and Ruth Jonas

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Robert Mac Nish <macnish7@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:03 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Number E-01345A-13-0248

Power utilities should looking at ways to modify their business models to incorporate solar energy in their power generation mix, be it their own facility, or privately owned facilities connected to the grid. Instead, these utilities seem to be focussed more on tilting the playing field in favor of their historic model by discouraging distributed (private) solar energy generation. TEP made moves in that direction but did not follow through (as yet), SRP has made moves in that direction, and now APS appears to have been spending rate-payer money in an attempt to discourage distributed solar energy generation.

I think you should demand that APS reveal how much rate-payer money they have spent on this, rather than on providing their customers with energy unburdened by the costs of their attempts to curtail private solar development.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Mac Nish
Tucson, AZ

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Steve Gray <gr8stay@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:10 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; Forese-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web; Little-Web
Subject: Docket number E-01345A-13-0248

I urge you to **demand** that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like me, they've contributed to these door to door TPA solicitations

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There is no such thing as too late.
That's why they invented death!

Teresa Tenbrink

From: steve schliebs <Arbol@esedona.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:07 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web; Little-Web; Forese-Web
Subject: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

The numbers are in! After two full years, the 5 kiloWatt solar panel array on the roof of my house has produced about 15,437 kWh of electricity. The house used 17,349 kWh, which means I bought about 1,900 kWh of mostly coal-generated power from Arizona Public Service Company. It looks like I'm saving about \$11 a month, or around 10%, compared to what my electricity costs would have been without the solar. It's not a huge savings in money, but I like knowing it's clean electricity directly from the sun, photons to electrons. To make electricity, it's no longer necessary to dig up the earth and burn stuff!

Steve Schliebs
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(928) 301-1372

Teresa Tenbrink

From: john jackson <johnjac777@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:36 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Hello Ms. Bitter Smith,

I am a concerned citizen requesting that APS disclose how much money, collected from ratepayers like me, they've contributed to shady tactics by C4 and political groups. I believe in my right to know this information and am demanding that this be revealed immediately.

I am awaiting your response.

Thanks in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,

John Jackson
Citizen/Taxpayer/Ratepayer

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Susan Bitter Smith
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:35 PM
To: Teresa Tenbrink
Subject: Fw: Docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Susan Bitter Smith
Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission President of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-542-3625

Original Message

From: Patrick Blanton <plblanton@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 9:33 PM
To: Susan Bitter Smith; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web
Subject: Docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to investigate APS' recent and escalating secret political spending against solar. Most recently APS has been loosely tied to a front group called Taxpayer Protection Alliance (ironically) who is attempting to drum up negative solar experiences. Now why would a Taxpayer Protection Alliance be doing this? Because they receive the funding from our public utility. This is just one of many, many examples of APS' outrageous and reckless political spending to do nothing more than further their own monopoly power. The fact that APS is even able to spend ratepayer money to further their own agenda is outrageous. APS customers deserve to know how all of their utility rates are spent and APS, as a public utility, must be transparent regarding 100% of its spending. They are constantly claiming they need more money, yet they spend it on initiatives such as this and then they are granted rate increases and taxes on solar?? Don't tell me that APS needs another \$1 until I know what they're doing with it!

Sincerely,

Patrick Blanton
917-622-5487