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SolarCity relocating Arizona workers out of state

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SolarCity is moving at least 85 of its 900 Arizona workers out of state due to a new fee structure approved by SRP this year.

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The ranks of SolarCity Corp. workers in Arizona soon will shrink, reports The Arizona Republic *The Arizona Republic*.

The largest solar panel installer in the state, SolarCity will relocate at least 85 of 900 Arizona workers out of state. The company cited recently approved increases on solar fees by Salt River Project as a reason for the personnel shift.

SolarCity CEO Lyndon Rive told the *Republic* that SRP's new fees, which were approved in February, are too restrictive. They also eliminate the potential to save money with solar for just about every customer.

"That is bad for the economy," the *Republic* quoted Rive as saying. "Arizona is the state with all the sun. All the other states (where we operate) are doubling their solar capacity, and Arizona is shrinking, which makes no sense." Last week, SolarCity met with nearly 300 installers at the company's Phoenix offices, offering relocation packages to states in which the company is expanding. As of this week, 85 took the offer.

There could be additional workforce transfers out of Arizona, according to the Republic, as well as possible layoffs depending how business goes for the remainder of the year.

In February, SRP officials approved a new rate structure for new solar customers which charges a monthly "demand charge" based on the customers' highest 30-minute average demand of power during peak hours. The new rates would average \$80 a month for the average SRP solar customer with a peak demand of approximately 8.5 kilowatts.

Greg