

Debra Scordato



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From: Bill Hranek <billhranek@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:57 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Aps

ORIGINAL

Hi. My vote for conservatives seems to be going unappreciated. The grid access charge is ridiculous on its face. Customers supply energy to aps and have to pay for the privilege?
My system is grandfathered but that doesn't change the fact that this is a unfair tax on people who are actually helping provide more electricity.
Please do the right thing and help to stop these undo burdens on people who are already taxed and insured beyond belief.
Regards
William hranek

Sent from my iPad

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From: Nathan Hodgson <nhodgson@solarcity.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:43 AM
To: Forese-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 reading this,

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

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From: mark walters <markonesolar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:48 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: docket# E-01345A-13-0248

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

Hello Commissioner Forese,

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 waisting 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>

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From: Andre Pernet <apernet1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:10 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: E-01345A-13-0248

Debra Scordato

From: Annabelle Herbert <annabelleh13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:35 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Re: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

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 ask you 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 assistance in this matter, in advance.

Sincerely, Annabelle Herbert

Debra Scordato

From: Donald J Scholtz <donscholtz@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:05 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: APS

Hi,
Please look into APS suspicious spending.
Docket number
E-01345A-13-0248

Debra Scordato

From: William Jonas <williamjonas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:04 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: docket number E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese:

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.

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. 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

Debra Scordato

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

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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

Debra Scordato

From: Marie <mybarra3@q.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:51 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: APS / Solar

E-01345A-13-0248

Mr. Forese,

As a voter, who voted for you, 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?

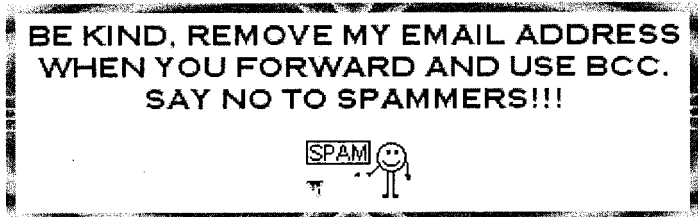
I would like a valid reason for this action by APS. It seems just because they could not provide solar energy without additional fees to individuals they have become very mean spirited toward this affordable renewable energy source made available to users by private companies.

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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Debra Scordato

From: Scott Wiedeman <scowiedeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:35 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: APS needs oversight - E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Mr. Forese;

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

Debra Scordato

E-01345A-13-0245

From: Robert Binkley <rlbinkley@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 3:34 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Fwd: Please Stop APS From Taxing Consumers

Mr Forese:

Good afternoon.

I just received the below email from APS and I am outraged. Not only is APS determined to destroy our solar industry, but they are also determined to eliminate hundreds and even thousands of jobs in our State.

I am a current solar and alternative fuel vehicle owner and staunch advocate. I make every effort to conserve energy and to use clean energy sources in my home and on the road. I am determined to practice responsible energy usage no matter the position that our public utility provider APS's supports. They continue to pour money into anti-solar campaigns while taxing those of us who work hard to help clean up the air and water through our use of renewable, alternative energy.

Please see what APS is trying to do to our State and to its future in the business of providing renewable energy to its residents. It is no wonder that more and more responsible people in our State are discussing the concept of getting off the grid completely, when we hear over and over again the APS chants for more taxes. Do you ever wonder why APS wants to destroy an entire industry and put honest people out of their jobs just to further line their pockets?

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.

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

Please act responsibly to quash any requests by APS to tax roof-top-solar owners.

Thank you,

Robert Binkley

Robert Binkley
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Cave Creek, AZ 85331

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "APS" <APSnews@apsc.com>
To: Robert Binkley <rbinkley@earthlink.net>
Subject: **Current Solar Customers Not Impacted by APS Filing**
Date: April 3, 2015 at 1:57:03 PM MST



Dear Robert Binkley,

We want to keep you up to date with the latest information regarding your electric service.

We recently filed a proposal with the Arizona Corporation Commission to adjust the current monthly grid access charge for customers with rooftop solar. As a grandfathered customer, you do not pay this charge. But for **new rooftop solar customers**, the charge would be approximately \$21 per month.

Our proposal states that existing rooftop solar customers, like you, would not be impacted by this change.

[Read more](#)

If you'd like to review the proposal in full, please visit azenergyfuture.com. Or, if you have questions, please call our Green Team at 602-216-0318 or toll-free at 800-659-8148.

We sincerely thank you for your continued commitment to a sustainable solar future.

Sincerely,

Stacy Derstine
Chief Customer Officer

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From: Jamie Michael Kern <jamiekern@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 7:33 AM
To: Little-Web; Forese-Web
Subject: 2 sentences on APS solar proposal

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Dear Commissioners Little and Forese,

I think that a highlight of the 2014 ACC campaign season was during one of the public debates, when both of you and two of your of your opponents came together to agree upon one wise course of action: handling solar-related fees within a full rate case.

I hope you'll remember that this week (and beyond), and hold true to the principle that comprehensive planning - based on thorough analysis of inputs - assures the most fair and equitable result for all parties.

Sincerely,

Jamie Michael Kern
Home in APS territory, but no solar on my roof
Tempe, AZ

Debra Scordato

From: Jim Wilber <jwilber@onewayelectric.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: APS Greed

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

I am writing to ask you to please stop the nonsense of APS continuously trying to shut down solar. They stated they would not ask for more money prior to the upcoming rate case, yet here they are as soon as SRP passed their fees asking for more money. (By the way, the SRP fee has all but shut down solar in their area). Please make APS live up to their word and let's make it fair for everyone involved by taking a close look at the rate structure and fees within the rate case where everything can be properly reviewed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Wilber

E-01345A-130248

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April 28, 2015

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542-5560 = Tom

**Tom Forese & Doug Little
Corporation Commission
Phoenix, AZ**

Sent by Fax on 4/28/2015

Hello from Prescott,

I have a concern. Maybe it isn't a big expense, but I feel I am subsidizing my neighbor. He recently had solar panels installed on all of his south facing roof. From a conversation, he indicated a portion of the installation was being "paid back" by either the government or our electric supplier, APS.

I then was informed he pays only for a portion of his electric use as there is no "extra charge" for his being a part of the electric grid and having a reduced cost for the maintenance of the power lines.

I happen to have power lines through the back portion of my property and know of the cost to clear any potential fire hazards that grow under those lines. That easement is fairly wide and APS has informed me that the federal government is very strict about the potential hazard to the electric grid concerning keeping it safe from brush fires below the power lines.

It would seem that I am helping pay for my neighbors electric bill in two ways, help with the initial cost of the solar panels and again helping with the cost of maintenance of the distribution system.

Please, may I have a reply as to what I am paying that my neighbor is using?

I voted for both of you nice people because previous questions to the commission were ignored. I trust this is now not the standard way of handling a documented inquiry.

Sincerely,

Tom Britzman
Tom Britzman

BLIND COPY
To: Steve Quinn
FAXED to
776-3671
on
4/28/15

Debra Scordato

From: Tony Burkhardt <gatechdiver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 2:31 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar Customer

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Mr. Forese,

I wanted to send you a letter discussing Solar in Arizona. I have had solar on my house for just over a year now. The decision to go with solar was 2 fold. First, It reduced my overall power bills during the summer. Secondly, enjoyed doing something good for the environment.

I am concerned with both SRP and APS wanting to raise fees on those who use solar. For years I have been listening to commercials about reducing your power usage, save energy, help keep loads down at peak hours, etc... So I now have solar, which gives power to both my house and the grid, reducing my usage and keeping power loads down during peak hours, and they want to charge me and others for it. This just doesn't make any sense.

Please stop the killing of solar. Arizona should be leading the world in solar, and these companies are squashing it.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Burkhardt

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From: jim and Elaine stack <jstack6@juno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 1:09 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar taxes E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Don't let regulated utilities add a tax on solar just because they don't have any storage yet. Add storage . This will help you stop dumping excess at night too.

Sincerely,

jim and Elaine stack

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E-01345A-13-0248

From: Ginny Dickey <ginny12056@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar rates

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Even though SRP chose to charge customers for being efficient despite public hearings and outcry, please allow sufficient input from the people of AZ before further decisions are made to penalize those who use less energy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ginny Dickey

Debra Scordato

From: Barry Wittels <Barrwitt@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 12:41 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: No rate increase I am retired and disabled, fixed income

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

Commissioners please look out for the tax payer

Sincerely,

Barry Wittels

Debra Scordato

From: Frank Pitts <ffjrpitts@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Don't Stifle Solar

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Utilities shouldn't get special treatment to raise rates for solar. The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. Solar is the right energy source for Arizona. We need to nurture solar and allow it to grow. A GREEN economy will be profitable for our state as well as healthy for our environment. Solar is good for many. Solar is good of our planet. Solar is good of our children. Solar is good of our nation. With solars many obvious and mammoth benefits why even consider limiting its growth? Please deny APS, Trico, TEP, and SSVEC special treatment at making another money grab. If these giants want to remain in business they need to evolve with healthy technology and compete on a level playing field.

Sincerely,

Frank Pitts

Debra Scordato

From: Bill and Susan Nee <billneemail@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Rooftop Solar Cost

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Many of the Arizona utilities have tried to raise solar fees, taxes and rates by a plethora of attempts in recent years to improve their cash flow, while harming all solar rooftop customers.

- Utilities shouldn't get special treatment to raise rates for solar customers.
- The fair process for discussing solar rates belongs in a rate case.
- Many Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case.
- The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Utilities should work with the solar industry, not try to shut it down within their jurisdiction.

We have lost a great deal of respect for APS over the last few years by their lobbying, deceitful ads and their hollow support for solar energy within their service area.

Sincerely,

Bill and Susan Nee

Debra Scordato

From: Sue E. Dean <deanks@juno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar rate change proposal

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

I understand that Arizona power providers want to follow SRP's model and be allowed to profit from its roof top solar customers, mostly by either charging them new fees or some other scheme to usurp the benefit from customers to whom the benefit is due. This is just wrong headed and must not go forward.

Power providers are obviously aware that encouraging roof top solar is good for Arizona and good for Arizona's air quality, with no out of pocket costs to providers. I believe this is a bad policy idea and must not go forward, but if it must be explored, it should be done within the structured guidelines of rate hearings with their required public comment periods so that all voices and views can be addressed.

Promoting roof top solar creates good paying jobs, reduces pollution, and saves consumers money.

Please do not do anything that will reduce the benefits to customers wanting to install these panels. We need more, not less of them.

Sincerely,

Sue E. Dean

Debra Scordato

From: Patricia Orlinski <bikerpat@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 4:43 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Rates for solar customers

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

You stated that the fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. So, utilities should not get special treatment to be allowed to raise rates, as four utilities are attempting to do. Keep your commitment to discuss rates in rate cases. If the utilities are having trouble meeting their investors demands, perhaps they could consider buying into solar as part of their full energy plan, and get profits from the solar industry they purchase.

Sincerely,

Patricia Orlinski

Debra Scordato

From: Susan Arnold <astudio2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 5:45 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar rates

Dear Commissioner Forese, *E-01345A-13-0248*

The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Susan Arnold

Debra Scordato

From: Perry Kapadia <perrykapadia@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 7:49 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Please decrease the Solar rates

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Kindly give more credit to generate solar electricity to households instead of charging them a fees/bill. thx.

Sincerely,

Perry Kapadia

Debra Scordato

From: Laurie Velasquez <lvelasquez42518@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 8:26 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Taxing Solar Customers

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

There are procedures for raising rates. These include public hearings. I know that this seems like such an inconvenience for both the ACC and the utilities. Still, you could at least pay lip service to the law. Do not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Laurie Velasquez

Debra Scordato

From: Levi Williams <Leviwilliams4676@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 9:04 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Please don't kill solar!

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

By passing this fee, this will put a huge damper on solar! Please do not kill solar and think about it before voting!

Sincerely,

Levi Williams

E-01345A-13-0248

Debra Scordato

From: Andrew Munoz <munozandrew1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 7:53 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Solar is the RIGHT thing to do: economically and environmentally.

Sincerely,

Andrew Munoz

E-01345A-13-0248

Debra Scordato

From: Craig Schmidlin <craig.schmidlin@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 8:43 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Stick to your word do not let utilities raise rates outside of rate case

Dear Commissioner Forese,

- Four utilities are trying to levy charges on solar customers outside of established procedures.
 - Utilities shouldn't get special treatment to raise rates for solar.
 - The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case.
 - All Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case.
 - The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.
- Stick to your word!

Sincerely,

Craig Schmidlin

Debra Scordato

From: John Neville <John@jsedona.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 6:38 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Taxing Solar is Bad for Arizona's Economy

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

Everyone has stated that the place to discuss the issue of levying charges on residential solar customers should be during established rate case hearings. Most knowledgeable economists have stated that utilities should be helping to subsidize solar and other distributed renewable energy systems and not penalizing them with extra fees. However, if APS and other utilities need a hearing to attempt to explain why, unlike leading utilities across the country, they cannot make good profits engaging with renewable energy, then that hearing should be at the next scheduled rate case...not before.

Past ACC commissioners understood the real value of encouraging renewable energy development in Arizona. It means more jobs and more profits for Arizona businesses. The ACC has a role to play in helping poorly managed utilities to move into the 21st Century. Are you that ACC?

Sincerely,

John Neville

Debra Scordato

From: Henry Harding <hardinghenry@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Increasing solar rates

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Four of the five utilities are trying to levy charges on solar customers outside of established procedures. The fifth is trying to raise the rates an exorbitant amount which is taxing to us as solar and homeowners.

- Utilities shouldn't get rates special treatment to raise rates.
 - The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. They are just trying to create an energy monopoly.
 - All Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case.
- Which means that they are trying to bend rules to gain their domination of energy in the state • The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Henry Harding

Debra Scordato

From: jared gillespie <jared_gillespie@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 9:05 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: APS trying to follow SRP monopoly

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

APS wont quit, will they! They keep trying to destroy solar. I am happy about your decision in 2013. I implore you to stop APS in their tracks. Do not approve their proposals that will negatively affect solar customers in any way. Thank you.

Sincerely,

jared gillespie