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From: Dan Gilligan <dgilligan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 8:51 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Keep Solar

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Please stick to your word. Do not allow taxation outside established procedures

Sincerely,

Dan Gilligan

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: Geoff Woods <geoffwoods1980@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 6:36 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Rate Case for Solar

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

Please use the rate case procedure for any potential changes to net metering charges. All of your members have stated a rate case for solar changes and I expect you all to honor your word.

Sincerely,
Geoff Woods

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Geoff Woods

Debra Scordato

From: Adam Day <adchday@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 8:25 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar Rates

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

Dear Commission,

I know you wont read much of this but ill break it down into two thoughts. I work in the solar industry.

- 1.) With Battery technology on the rise and becoming more affordable, I think we need to re-develop a plan that is a blend between the 12-7 TOU and the Demand based combined advantage. This will allow user the true incentive to shave peaks as APS deems beneficial. THIS WOULD BE A GAME CHANGER and provide APS the relief during your demand times (ending most of the short term cost shift for solar users)
- 2.) The rate hike for solar should be discussed at the next rate meeting-- not whenever APS deems fit. It would not ever do this in other scenarios.

Sincerely,

Adam Day

Debra Scordato

From: John LaPorte <jr@estarevents.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Rate Case Adherence

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

My name is John R. LaPorte. I am a 61 year old military retiree; still employed full time. I invested in a 7.92kW roof-top system three and a half years ago. I use the word "invested" because I actually withdrew \$20k from my retirement to pay for my portion of the system; after rebates and tax credits. My thinking was that after the system paid for itself in savings; I would then have a hedge against future utility rate increases. So far my strategy appears to be successful with a better ROI than my retirement savings; paying for itself with a breakeven point of May of 2020.

Now with respect to the current issue (or continuing issue) of APS attempting to request additional levies against grid-tied solar customers outside of the established "rate case" proceeding I ask you to consider the following.

Since January of this year, all APS customers have already incurred one new charge, three increases, and one decrease; just in fees. Specifically they are ACC# 5883 (addition) & 5884 (increase) -1 Jan 05, #5886-1 Feb 05 (decrease), #5887-1 Mar 05, and #5888-1 Apr 05 (increases). The net difference calculates to be \$0.034016/kWh net increase.

Had I not invested in solar, that increase multiplied by 20590kWh I drew and/or used for the past 12 months equals a \$700.39 annual increase (multiply that by 1.1 million customers). Three and a half cents doesn't seem like much on its own, but it sure does compound.

Every ACC approved increase is yet another threat to, and/or cut in, my annual retirement funding. The ACC should consider that we solar owners have an investment to protect just as APS's investors do. ACC should also keep all "rate case" proceedings in open forum as they have been; and should continue to be.

Thank you for your kind attention.

John R. LaPorte

Sincerely,

John LaPorte

Debra Scordato

From: Thomas Sutton <tsutton6505@msn.comments>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 9:36 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

I just had solar panels installed and just found out that I will be charged 75 cents per KWH based on the size of my system. The justification was that it cost them money to let me use the grid even though I generate more electricity than I use. I received correspondence from APS telling me to go solar to help the company go green, yet when I do I am penalized with the fee of 75 cents per KWH based on the size of my system. Is this fair?

Sincerely,

Thomas Sutton

Debra Scordato

From: Bill Gibson <bill.bgibson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:47 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Fair is Fair

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

You give us a square deal. Solar is our future. Don't get in the way. It is not about profit.

Sincerely,

Bill Gibson

Debra Scordato

From: Linda Thompson <Areius1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:26 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Stick to your word

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

It is about time the utilities become thoughtful about the future and move to alternative sources of energy rather than being obstructionist and trying to milk every last dollar possible . Who can respect any of our modern companies nor politicians

Sincerely,

Linda Thompson

Debra Scordato

From: josh wallace <azjlwallace@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:14 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: taxing solar

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

No taxes for solar customers! Why do we allow billion dollar corporations to influence politicians who are elected to represent the American people? These utility companies are required to purchase a percentage of their power from renewable energy sources , which in turn is their own customers. Now they want to tax the person they are making a purchase from? The people who sell solar back to the utility companies, should be taxing them. When will common sense politics prevail??

Sincerely,

josh wallace

Debra Scordato

From: craig murphy <cryanm89@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:10 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Discrimination is a dirty word

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

The past and proposed rate hikes on solar customers are discriminatory. How can the utilities justify subsidizing many other technologies such as Energy Star appliances, installation of variable speed pool pumps, on demand hot water heaters, closed cell foam insulation etc. Etc. Etc..... even planting trees. These methods all reduce a customers electrical demand and they all rely on the electrical grid. The solar adopters are being singled out here. What is the difference between a customer who saves 50 bucks a month using solar vs a customer who saves 50 a month using a a variable speed pump? Why should one customer be charged an entirely different rate for the same electrical used This policy is hypocritical and discriminatory. We are already seeing the lawyers line up... What is Arizona so completely backwards at times.

We have more sun that any state in the US and yet we refuse to eve let the industry stand on it's own... now we are seeing existing industry try and tax it out of existance. The one thing this will achieve will be a reduction in highly skilled jobs in AZ...Solar City just offered 900 transfers to it's AZ employees. Please don't let discriminatory policy become law in AZ. Not good for anyone ..

Sincerely,

craig murphy

Debra Scordato

From: Natalie Knight <taliknight@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2015 6:56 PM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Solar taxes being levied outside a rate case

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Dear Commissioner Forese,

Do not levy solar taxes outside of established procedures. Please stick to your word and ensure a fair rate-making process.

Sincerely,

Natalie Knight

Debra Scordato

From: John Rafuse <jmrafuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:09 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Keep your word

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Solar helps us free up valuable resources and should not be taxed as if it was the enemy.

Sincerely,

John Rafuse

Non-Solar vs Solar - A Fair Solution

E-01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioner,

I am a resident of the City of Goodyear. For the record, I have rooftop solar on my house that I purchased outright. I alone enjoy the benefits of that purchase. This equipment has already been expensed to my non-solar neighbors as a function of the Federal and Arizona Tax Deductions that were generated by the purchase of this equipment. I will not debate the "fairness" of that here.

I have been reading the various demands of APS regarding their ability to make a profit and their insistence that rooftop solar is shifting more burden to their non-solar customers and was even sent the attached email which is in no way a "fair" or even reasonable way to solve this. It is clearly a marketing ploy to keep the general public quiet. Non-solar customers think that burden is being shifted to solar customers, old solar customers think they are not going to be affected, and "everyone wins." In reality, this is simply kicking that can down the road and not addressing the real issue.

To me, the solution seems simple. Blending rates and grid costs muddies the water of "fairness" to all. It is a disservice to everyone to grandfather older solar customers and charge them differently than someone that will install their system tomorrow. I fit into this "grandfathered" group, and it is "not fair" for me not to be billed my share. When I bought my system, there was no guarantee from anyone in regard to how rates would be calculated 5 years from now.

1. Everyone who ties to the electrical grid in the APS district should be charged THE SAME amount for access to that grid NO MATTER WHAT. While there should be varying rates for higher voltage delivery for commercial customers, pretty much every home in the Valley has the same setup; power is fed from the grid into a 220v panel to the home. The grid is not more expensive, nor cheaper whether solar is installed, or not installed. As such, this should simply be a fee everyone pays that covers their share of the maintenance of this infrastructure. Delivery Fees should also be part of this fee. There is no additional cost I am aware of to deliver more power if needed to the same 220v panel. The grid is already tied to the home.
2. Electric Rates: These should be standardized as well. Plans are fine, but the rates should be tied only to the amount of electricity production cost. People with solar are not buying as much electricity as they have paid for a small production facility to make their own. They should not be forced to pay any more for their purchased kW of power than their non-solar neighbor. Electricity should be treated something like gasoline. It is a fluctuating cost based on the cost of production and a few other predictable factors. If you buy a hybrid electric car, you are not forced to go buy gas at a higher rate, you simply buy less gas at the same price everyone else is buying gas.

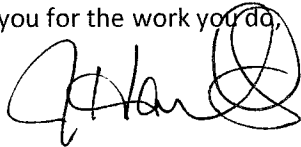
3. Demand Charges (the "gotcha" tax): The current billing structure is not a fair way to rate anyone.
- a. If the Commission were to allow APS to make the demand rate 10 times more than it is now, but be forced to bill it on the LOWEST hour worth of usage in any one month, APS would scream that it is not fair, as people would likely turn everything off for an hour during *PEAK* each month and pay nothing in the demand charge. As a consumer, letting APS pick out the highest usage hour for any one month and bill on that single hour is maddening.
 - b. The calculation for this charge should be averaged at a minimum by the week for the highest total peak demand amount in any one week of the month. This would allow consumers to have a day off and be able to run their A/C, do laundry, etc. for that day and then go back into conservation mode when they are not home.
 - c. This change would also allow solar customers to be on a "demand" plan, and not be penalized when it is cloudy one day.

While the "demand" plans are a good idea and they truly serve a purpose to encourage the reduction of power during peak times, they are not currently "fair" to consumers and there is no way anyone could argue differently.

While this is likely a simplistic view of the utility structure, and I do not proclaim myself to be an expert, I think these three principles should be a starting point in any restructure of the rates.

Regards, and thank you for the work you do,

John Hartwick
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John Hartwick

From: APS
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 1:57 PM
To: John Hartwick
Subject: Current Solar Customers Not Impacted by APS Filing



Dear John Hartwick,
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, which shows up on your bill as "LFCR-DG." This change, as stated in our proposal, would increase the charge from approximately \$5 per month to roughly \$21 per month for **new** rooftop solar customers.

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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