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**RE: Reject UNS anti-solar proposals! Docket #E-04204A-15-0142**

Dear Arizona Corporation Commission,

I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to reject the UNS Electric proposal to make extreme cuts to the rate it pays solar customers for generating electricity to the grid, effectively penalizing those who install solar rooftop systems.

This proposal to force solar customers onto a demand charge rate will be extremely harmful to those customers. Even though these utilities know how difficult it is for customers to understand and control demand charges, they want to force all solar customers onto it. These solar rate changes will eliminate any savings customers receive from going solar. That is just plain wrong!

UNS is also proposing to discourage solar and energy efficiency by doubling the fixed charge for all customers from \$10 to \$20 a month. This also has disparate negative impact on lower income rate payers.

Utility customers who install rooftop solar don't just save grid electricity. Solar customers add reliability to the grid by reducing vulnerability to unplanned outages at power plants. Plus, they add energy during the day, when demand is high and when it is more expensive for utilities to generate or buy electricity. But, unlike the utilities, they do not pass on either fixed or operating costs.

Arizona has some of the best opportunities for solar in the country. We are already experiencing the negative impacts of global climate disruption – higher temperatures, extended drought, more extreme weather, larger and more intense forest fires. It makes sense for Arizona and Arizona's utilities to invest in low-carbon solar energy and energy efficiency to reduce carbon pollution.

Please reject UNS's proposal to penalize solar and energy efficiency.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Eva Vangi-Stern