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Commissioners—

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I'm writing to express my opposition to TEP's proposed changes to net metering, which would be a disaster for the environment and the air we breathe. TEP's main interest seems to be protecting its existing infrastructure, which depends on burning coal, the most polluting of all energy-generating fuels. But TEP's profits shouldn't trump the public's right to clean air.

TEP alleges that solar customers aren't paying their fair share of grid costs, due to "cost-shifting." But the current rate structure is full of cost-shifting. Customers who live in the country, leave town for much of the year, or don't use much energy already pay less than their fair share of grid costs. Current and future solar customers are investing in a cleaner energy future, and it's perfectly reasonable to compensate them in some minor way for doing so.

In addition to unfairly penalizing solar customers, TEP's March 25th filing essentially put the local installation business into a deep freeze, since potential customers must now wait seven months to learn the outcome of the proposal. This has caused a sharp drop in business. Jobs are being lost, and some smaller companies may even be put out of business, stranding existing solar customers without professional installers to service their systems.

Please don't penalize TEP customers who want to invest in cleaner energy. Please reject this anti-environmental proposal.

Thank you,

Arthur Naiman, potential future solar customer

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Chairwoman Susan Bitter-Smith
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RE: Docket No. E-01933A-15-0100

6 May 2015

Dear Chairwoman Bitter-Smith:

We are writing you to let you know of our opposition to the changes in net metering that is proposed by Tucson Electric Power (TEP). Our power company is Unisource Energy, which is owned by TEP.

We are having our solar PV system installed next week. Having a whole home solar PV system installed is an expensive project. Are we hoping to greatly reduce our electric bill? Yes. Will the proposals made by TEP allow us to do that? **No, nowhere near proportionate to the dollar amount we will have spent. Nonetheless, we are not installing our system for monetary reasons. We are installing a PV system because we want to do our part in improving the environment.**

TEP contends that the changes are needed so that PV customers pay their part for infrastructure that TEP provides the PV customer. However, if we were able to produce 100% of our own power (which is not likely) we would still pay roughly \$15 a month in what TEP calls "customer charges". If TEP wasn't charging us that amount for infrastructure, what exactly is that charge for? **Everything else on our bill is charged as usage at a rate per kilowatt hour. Since we have no other choice in a power company it doesn't seem fair that we have been and will continue to pay for the "privilege" of being a TEP customer.**

The other major contention of TEP's proposed changes is that PV customers put an unnecessary burden on those TEP customers who cannot afford PV systems. That truly is an asinine contention. TEP will pay us for the electricity we produce a third of what they will charge their customers. How is it possible that we are hurting customers by providing TEP with their product at a third of what they charge for it? If TEP truly feels that the number of private homeowners going solar is putting a burden on those who can least afford it they need to show some concrete information that this is so.

We contend that the proposed changes are nothing more than gluttony on the part of TEP. Electric customers have no alternative choice in who provides their power. When something comes along to give some relief to that reality, they are unwilling to give up even the smallest part of their share. The current system of net metering is hardly fair, the proposed system is even less so.

We respectfully ask that you deny the changes in net metering proposed by TEP.

Sincerely,


Jay and Molly Johnson

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Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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

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Dear Arizona Corporation Commission,

How is that TEP, SSVEC and Trico Electric companies can effectively create a new net metering policy when ultimately they do not have the power to do such? Is it not the job of you, our elected Commission? What happens when an electric company takes it upon themselves, without commission, and drafts a new net metering policy? This is what happens, solar suffers. That is what is happening now and without swift intervention solar as we know it, will die under your watch. Quality, reputable solar companies will go out of business. More jobs will be lost. Clean energy and our environment will suffer. As I write this email today, we have already laid off two excellent solar technicians from our work force, with more lay-offs and pay cuts to come. It would be one thing if these new policies had been heard by you our Commission and they were found to be accurate. It is a whole other thing when they are simply the "wishes" of a few board members, their vision, their angle, their desire to protect their bottom line. I urge you all, at the very least, to revoke TEP, SSVEC and Trioc's temporary hold on solar installations by use of a grand-father date, and immediately revoke those dates until a hearing of all sides is complete and you, our Commission, have ruled on the issues.

Regards,

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