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Dear Chairman Bitter-Smith and Commissioners,

For your consideration the attached letter requests the current net metering rules approved by the ACC be restored in the TEP service district.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Best Regards,
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RE: DOCKET NO. E-01933A-15-0100

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW NET-METERING TARIFF FOR FUTURE NET METERED CUSTOMERS AND A PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S NET METERING RULES

Dear Chairman Bitter-Smith and Commissioners,

I respectfully request the current net metering rules approved by the ACC be restored in the TEP service district until the ACC approves new rules or extends the current rules in the rate case being scheduled for 2017. As a solar integrator in Tucson for over 10 years, GeoInnovation has had the opportunity of working with the Renewables team at TEP and to date a healthy working relationship has existed. TEP recently retracted their proposal to change net metering but instead of restoring the program as it was before, TEP is stating all new solar clients will be subject to new rules which won't be defined until 2017. I have clients who would like to install photovoltaic systems on their home but are waiting for definition on exactly how renewable energy delivered to TEP will be handled. I have asked the Renewables team for specifics and their response is that the terms of net metering after June 1st, 2015 will be defined in a 2017 rate case. No ratepayer is going to invest in solar under the current environment of uncertainty TEP has created.

Disrupting the marketplace through uncertainty while maintaining an active residential program of their own which is unaffected by proposed rule changes is unfair. In Tucson, TEP is currently the only game in town for solar. More concerning is that TEP has created this market uncertainty by applying an arbitrary deadline of June 1, 2015 without ACC approval. Ratepayers deserve a level playing field with a free market which can provide choices of where their electricity comes from. For over 100 years we as society have agreed to regulate monopolies providing our electricity because technology did not allow otherwise. Photovoltaic systems have introduced the opportunity for ratepayers to have a choice. As a solar integrator in Tucson and TEP ratepayer, I respectfully request the current net metering rules approved by the ACC be restored in the TEP service district until the ACC approves new rules or extends the current rules in the rate case being scheduled for 2017.

Sincerely,

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