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Dear Chairperson Bitter Smith and Commissioners:

I have been interested in renewable energy for a long time. I have advanced degrees in physics and engineering and give talks about global warming. My studies of global warming and climate disruption have resulted in my doing everything within my capabilities to encourage renewable energy (as well as increase energy efficiency). Unless we drastically reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air along with other similar gases, the world that our children inherit will be radically different from ours, and quite a bit more unpleasant.

I purchased solar panels for my home, so the current debate over power company plans for future billing do not affect me since I am "grandfathered in." Nonetheless, it would behoove all of us to encourage more, not less, solar power. It is crazy that most of our electricity is from fossil fuels here in Arizona. Compare us to Germany and the difference is even more stark.

This doesn't quite address the fairness of the current billing or the proposed change. Why can't the power companies wait for a rate case. That way all relevant information can be considered. I am terribly suspicious that most of our power companies all went the same way -- within a very short time frame they all suddenly want to make it more expensive for the customers with their own or rented solar panels. I suspect that they are beginning to question whether fossil fuels are as inevitable as they would like to believe. If there were collusion on their part, was it legal?

Please make all of these power companies justify their charges and go through the rate case procedure. Also, please treat any new solar customers the way the original solar customers were, and don't let them face uncertainty in their rates.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely yours,

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