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This is not a Complaint. I am writing regarding Docket # E-00000J-14-0023 VALUE AND COST OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION (INCLUDING NET METERING) Per direction from AZCC employee Tom Davis, as the "Submit a public comment for a utility" function is not recognizing this docket. . This is a public comment, as I own a roof top solar electric system at my home, and will be affected by any change to Net Metering. . I would like to have my stance on record and considered, during the public comments section of the hearings on this docket starting April 18, 2016 please. . . I would like to point out what I feel are critical facts to homeowner generated NET-METERING systems, that I believe my be overshadowed and/or neglected to be recognized in these hearings. They are small and simple, but none the less, should NOT be forgotten about. . ***FACT: When our roof top solar system was installed, we received INCENTIVE rebates from our electric provider Unisource Energy Services (UNS). All guidelines for the installation, and connection of our new Net-Metering system to their service GRID were followed. Unisource (UNS) inspected and connected our Photo-voltaic system accordingly. IT WAS NEVER MENTIONED THAT FEE'S ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING FOLLOWED THESE PROGRAMS WOULD OR COULD BE PENALIZED YEARS LATER BY BEING IMPOSED FEE'S THAT ALL ELECTRIC CONSUMERS DID NOT. ***FACT: We also received United States Government Tax credits, and Arizona State tax credits, as INCENTIVES for installing the homeowner owned Photo-voltaic system. Both branches of Government were saying to homeowners that we WANT YOU to install these systems as it is the right thing to do to help the environment. IT WAS NEVER MENTIONED THAT FEE'S ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING FOLLOWED THESE PROGRAMS WOULD OR COULD BE PENALIZED YEARS LATER BY BEING IMPOSED FEE'S THAT ALL ELECTRIC CONSUMERS DID NOT. ***FACT: Unisource Energy Services (UES) did NOT CHARGE any additional service or connection fee's for having our PV system connected to the GRID, and nothing was ever written or implied that years after installation that we may have to pay any rate higher or additional fee's, than every other grid tied customer. For existing homeowner customers, this alone should be considered a mutually agreed service contract, or at the very least, as a past practice. It would be extremely UNFAIR to current ORIGINAL homeowners who followed all requirements on installations of a NET METERING system, to be charged anything different than other customers tied to the same GRID. ***FACT: When (UES) put my PV system on-line with the GRID, the ONLY change they made to their grid structure was to add an additional NET-METERING meter. To this day, there is absolutely NO CHANGE to the local electric supply grid supplying electric to my neighborhood. How could it be FAIR to charge me ANY DIFFERENTLY than other homeowners connected to this same electric supply? ***FACT: If (UES) electric GRID suffers a loss of supply to my address, I am NOT PERMITTED to use the power my PRIVATELY OWNED PV system is generating! This is due to requirements of (UES) that my electric generation must halt in such an instance. How would it be FAIR to charge me a rate ANY DIFFERENTLY than other electric customers? ***IN SUMMARY: Current NET-METERING electric customers ALL installed their systems under conditions that treated them equally as NON NET-METERING customers. To alter those conditions, the ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION would be imposing the equivalent of a SUMMARY

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JUDGEMENT against them, just for acting on the recommendations of their individual electric providers, the Federal Government, and the State of Arizona, by installing a renewable energy system. . If an alternate fee schedule for those homeowners using NET-METERING is considered, it would only be FAIR if it is established on only NEW Net-Metering connections where customers have the choice to still install, the system knowing they will be paying different base connection fee's or additional charges for having such a system connected to the GRID. It would be TOTALLY UNFAIR to change or add fee's to those already connected, and would ultimately be violating written or unwritten contracts, and/or PAST PRACTICE of those installations. . Thank You for letting me submit my beliefs and facts.. . Francis J. D'Amico, Jr.

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