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I am writing regarding Docket # E00000J-14-0023 Value and Cost Distributed Generation. I consider this letter as a public comment. My wife and I six years ago installed Solar Panels on our property and will be challenged by any change in Net Metering. The installation was done by a licensed Contractor and the specifications set forth by the city and UniSourceEnergy. During this time it was an understanding that the fees set at that time will be constant in all parameters and not altered to add more income to UniSourceEnergy.

It is evident that UniSource, feels that their loss of income, due to Home and Business solar use is unacceptable. It is obvious they will try and make up their loss by levying other charges on Home & Business owners.

With that being said, UniSource, in their infinite wisdom, set the yearly recovery fees that they pay the solar home owner in October, so that they would benefit solely from this process. The time element for recovery should have been set midsummer. Obviously, there is more sun in the summer, thus more power generation. In the fall months the days are shorter and the power generated is less. This means more profit for UniSource, less recovery for the solar owner. As an example, a homeowner may accumalate 2-3000 hrs in the summer which stays in the grid. UniSource can use these hours and charge a regular customer \$0.083810 to \$0.103009 cents per KWH. They are making money on the solar and wind turbine owners. However, in October when they buy power from the Solar owners they pay us \$0.03697 cents per KWH.

It is well known that the origin of these add on fees for solar and wind turbine power production is a product of the Koch Brothers. Evidently, they resent the fact that they will sell less coal for electrical generation plants. They have spent many millions of dollars in bribes to politicians and Corporation Commissioners to add additional fees and suppress the desire for other home owners and businesses to utilize solar and wind power.

This last summer the Corporation Commission voted 3-2 in favor for APS, to proceed to court and levy additional fees on to the cost of solar energy. Commission member Susan Bitter Smith, and two other members, ruled in favor of APS. In question is the validty of this ruling, because the Chairwoman has been accused of a conflict of interest.

Since Susan Bitter Smith, has since resigned her position as of the first week in the new year, this left a gap in the commission. However, Governor Ducey in his desire to keep top notch commission members, who will always vote in favor of the Utility Corporations requests, he has appointed a former legislator, who is a known acolyte of the Koch Brothers. My how the plot thickens. Bribery goes a long way to integrity??

If the commission has any conscience for the future of solar and wind turbine energy, they will deny UniSource Energy its request for fee changes in their favor. In addition they should ask the court to nullify previous granted requests, to levy more fees on the solar and wind turbine owners.

There is a tremendous future in Renewable energy. UniSource Energy and other Electric Generation Corporations, should join in that endeavor. They should start there own renewable energy companies and be involved in installing this energy from the sun and wind. In essence they could generate respect for themselves and earn income.

Cc: Consumer Protection Agency,gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce & Charlotte Friend", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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