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Re: UNS rate case

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Dear Chairman Little and Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission: CONTROL

I am a customer of TEP, and an electricity ratepayer in the state of Arizona. I strongly oppose the additional mandatory fees and the attack on rooftop solar, both of which have been proposed by UNS Electric in their rate case.

The UNS rate case is the first of several rate cases to be argued before the ACC this year and next, and could set a negative precedent for most Arizona electricity customers. I have solar on my rooftop, and do not wish to see huge increases in mandatory fees, demand charges on all residential customers, or new penalties on rooftop solar in my service area.

UNS's proposal to raise monthly mandatory fees from \$10 to \$15 and to impose a new 'demand charge' on all customers would have a very negative impact on working class families and those who conserve energy. These new charges would disproportionately increase the electric bills of customers who are least able to pay, and would serve as a disincentive to energy conservation.

Please oppose the new solar fees and penalties proposed by UNS. Making rooftop solar less affordable harms working class families who want to 'go solar,' and increases our state's dependence on dirty, polluting fossil fuels like coal and natural gas.

Energy conservation helps Arizona save precious water, reduce pollution, and saves customers money on their electric bills. UNS's proposal to levy large mandatory fees on all customers' bills is a regressive measure that would set a negative precedent, potentially harming customers across the state. Please oppose the mandatory fees, demand charges, and additional rooftop solar penalties as proposed by UNS Electric.

Thank you,

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