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RE: UNS Rate Case

Chairman Little and Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission

As a rate payer in the state of Arizona I oppose the rate increases requested in this rate case.

Specifically I oppose the addition of mandatory fees, demand charges for residential ratepayers and the attacks on my fellow ratepayers who have or will install solar power generation stations on their homes and businesses through increased fees and elimination of net metering.

This UNS Energy rate case is one of several that have been filed or are scheduled to be filed and The Commissions' agreement to their increases can set a precedent for future cases which will negatively affect almost all Arizona electricity customers. I am a customer of Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and I oppose any increases in mandatory or base fees, any imposition of demand fees on residential rate payers or any penalties on distributed energy generation customers in the state.

In addition to the lack of fairness that the proposed fees, charges and penalties will have on those least able to afford additional fees the increase of solar penalties and elimination of net metering will adversely affect those citizens who are trying to mitigate the negative environmental impact of coal and gas generated electricity which has already and will continue to poison our air.

The economic burdens that these proposed rate increases bear on the less fortunate of the rate payers statewide is obvious. The price that the proposed penalties on solar installing rate payers and the elimination of net metering will be felt to a greater degree in the form of job loss, economic degradation for solar workers as the result of slowing demand for new solar generation construction and the resultant loss of jobs. Solar construction has been a major job creator in Arizona since the "Great Recession" and the state can hardly afford to slow job growth.

Last, was the spirit in which Arizona utilities were mandated to utilize alternative energy resources such that the general and rate paying public was not to benefit? Is solar power generation to be reserved to the utilities themselves? That seems totally disingenuous and unfair to me.

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