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Chairman Doug Little's Office

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UNS Electric, Inc.: E-04204A-15-0142

Chairman Little's office received the attached email from Greg Eisert, Director/Chairman Government Affairs for Sun City Home Owners Association. The email references the above Docket number and can be viewed in Docket Control or on the ACC website, via the eDocket link.

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## **Andrea Gaston**

From:

Doug Little

Sent:

Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:30 PM

To:

Andrea Gaston

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Fwd: E-04204A-15-0142 - UNSE - Public Comment

Andrea,

Can you please insure this gets docketed.

Best regards,

Doug

Doug Little Chairman Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: "Greg Eisert" < gregeisert@gmail.com > Date: Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 3:27 PM -0800

Subject: E-04204A-15-0142 - UNSE - Public Comment

To: "Doug Little" < dlittle@azcc.gov>

Cc: "Greg Eisert" < Greg Eisert@gmail.com>

## Chairman Little

Since I was unable to enter comments during the UNSE open meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> via telephone, I sent the following via your direct on line "public comment form" on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have not seen the text in the e-docket files and simply would ask that you have the appropriate person verify that the Commissioners and ALJ Rodda did in fact receive my comments...

Sorry for the inconvenience....G. Eisert

Honorable Commissioners & ALJ Rodda

My name is Greg Eisert. I represent the Sun City Homeowner's Association.

Although Sun City is a community of only 38,000 or so and is not contiguous to the area serviced by UNSElectric, we feel the necessity to comment on these proceedings – primarily due to the intervention by APS and various public statements thereof and others; that this case will likely be precedent setting for APS cases to be heard later this year.

It is our understanding that the ACC Staff has introduced a rate design essentially abandoning the two part rate design set forth in UNSE's initial application, with a three part design including a mandatory

demand rate for all residential ratepayers. Why the ACC Staff offered up a controversial mandatory three part rate design when it wasn't even part of UNSE's request is interesting at best-possibly even problematic. Nevertheless, here we are. So, to move on - MANDATORY is the key word here.

I believe most Arizona utilities currently offer options, appropriately so. APS puts it this way: "We offer several service plans so you can find the one that's most convenient for your lifestyle and saves you the most money". I actually ran the available APS, Compare program, and the results listed my choice was indeed the best, for me, and by far the most costly option included the Demand Charge feature.

Throughout conversations with various APS personnel and ratepayers, it was evident that there is a lack of understanding of the technologies available and their costs to purchase and properly utilize. There is a propensity toward large variations in monthly costs for ratepayers due to lack of general understanding and in some, if not many instances, an inability to substantially adjust lifestyles to accommodate such mandated necessities due to health, income etc. In other words – a long learning curve......

There is a long road of marketing, training and test programs that need to be made prior to going to a mandatory demand charge residential program. Otherwise, we could have some dire consequences on our hands, particularly over the summer months.

It seems the Commission has it pretty much right, already. I don't believe we need to re-invent the wheel here, by introducing the mandatory residential design change...It will prove most problematic to our most vulnerable citizens.

Regarding Net Metering - Charge your Staff to get creative...Try some other variable of already existing policy, such as taking the net metering rebate from retail to wholesale; the company keeps say 35%–40%; the solar ratepayer diverts his share toward reducing the fee set to compensate for grid usage costs – everyone should win here....

That ends my comment. Thank you.

Greg Eisert

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