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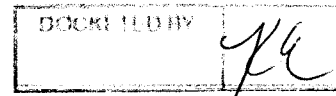
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**Chairman Doug Little**  
**Arizona Corporation Commission**  
1200 W. WASHINGTON  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
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TO: Docket Control  
DATE: March 11, 2016  
FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office  
SUBJECT: UNS Electric, Inc.: E-04204A-15-0142

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Chairman Little's office has received an additional 17 emails referencing the above docket number. The emails can be viewed in Docket Control or on the website, via the eDocket link.

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** David Prescott <windcaptive1@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:30 AM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** On Demand Electric Billing 15-0142

I read the paper this morning (March 9, 2016) that the Arizona Corporation Commission is reviewing "On-Demand" electric billing for one or potentially more utility companies in Arizona. That is the most dishonest scheme I have ever heard where customers would end up paying for electricity they never use! Dark Money corrupts!

David Prescott  
Phoenix, Arizona

Sent from my iPad

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** B Gregory <bgregory43@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:35 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** commissioners spending practices

15-0142

Hello Doug,

I have heard that you as a commissioner for APS are spending time and money helping another electric company in Arizona win a case to raise rates for their customers. Is this legal and is it true? If so, know that I am against this, "basic service charges" and "demand charges" are unfair and hurt the middle class, seniors, poor people and people on fixed incomes the most. This pricing practice isn't practical for most people in Arizona. Already we have huge summer bills trying to stay cool in our terribly hot summers and why should we pay if we are out of town and not using it for the month? I don't know of any other state that does this and think it is totally unfair. Remember you are voted in and should be working to keep your customer's bills affordable. I would appreciate your thinking about this before trying to change either of those things on my APS bill. And while I am at it I really don't appreciate you commissioners spending all that money on the "super bowl". Your job should be to give your customer's good service and bills as low as you can.

Sincerely,

Brenda Gregory

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Kay Lowe <saki13@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:08 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

Dear Chairman Little,

I strongly urge you to reject UNS Energy's recent proposal to impose demand charges and eliminate net metering.

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Sincerely,

Kay Lowe

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Robert Georgeoff <rgeorgeoff@ameresco.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 6:52 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Ameresco Response to Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

Dear Chairman Little,

On behalf of Ameresco, Inc. (Ameresco), a business providing solar photovoltaic and other energy services to educational, institutional and governmental customers throughout Arizona, I am writing to express our concern and opposition to Docket# E-04204A-15-0142, titled "In the matter of the application of UNS Electric, Inc. for the establishment of just and reasonable rates and charges designed to realize a reasonable rate of return on the fair value of the properties of UNS Electric, Inc. devoted to its operations through the state of Arizona, and for related approvals."

Specifically, we are concerned that the UNS Electric proposal will establish precedence on similar matters for all utilities regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission, and that the proposed net metering policies, as well as mandatory demand charges proposed by UNS Electric, will undermine the viability of many customer-sited solar photovoltaic opportunities in the state, particularly at public educational facilities such as K-12 schools.

Ameresco is particularly concerned by the proposal to change net metering from banked kWh retail credits to monthly wholesale net billing dollars, as this will dramatically alter the financial feasibility for schools to pursue solar photovoltaic projects. The proposed change by UNS Electric will undermine the seasonality of schools districts' energy demand and will significantly diminish their ability to benefit from net metering credits.

We are also deeply concerned by UNS Electric's proposal to retroactively apply such changes as this will negatively impact numerous school districts (Specifically LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT) in Arizona that have been developing solar projects in good faith under the auspices of current net metering policies. As you are aware, such projects require significant engineering, design and procurement processes, resulting in a longer project development cycle that relies, in part, on the stability of net metering policies.

A retroactive application of new net metering policies will undermine solar energy development efforts currently underway by numerous businesses, schools, engineers and construction professionals. Thus, should the Commission approve the proposal by UNS Electric, Ameresco recommend the Commission allow for public customers, such as schools, that have previously submitted an application for net metering to also be grandfathered in under existing net metering policies.

This will ensure that school districts, such as LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT) can move forward with the development of their solar photovoltaic project which now hangs in the balance of this proposed rate making.

Respectfully,

Robert Georgeoff  
Vice President  
Ameresco Southwest

Sincerely,

Robert Georgeoff

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**From:** Valerie Smith <valeries@npgcable.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 5:04 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. I oppose UNS's proposal

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Valerie Smith

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** enrique balderrama <balderramaenrique@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2016 5:34 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. I oppose UNS's proposal

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

enrique balderrama

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**From:** Hal Lovejoy <Halovejoy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 12:56 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. I oppose UNS's proposal

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hal Lovejoy



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**From:** Alicia Wolma <aliciawolma2012@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:44 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Alicia Wolma

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Kathie Polaski <kpolaski13@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 1:16 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

I cannot believe that, in AZ, every effort to promote solar energy isn't being utilized. A vote in favor of this ludicrous idea absolutely smacks of corporate greed and someone being bought off. Do the RIGHT THING for citizens of this sunny state, not the corporation!

Sincerely,

Kathie Polaski

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Enrique Aragon <kiki\_aragon@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 11:38 AM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Enrique Aragon

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** David Brown <dib.wick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:53 AM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** UniSource Electric *15-0142*

My wife and I are retired and live on social security. The cost of living in Arizona allows us to live a comfortable but not luxurious lifestyle.

It concerns me when I read that you are considering changes to the way public utilities charge for electricity as is the case in the petition files by UniSource Electric.

It seems to me that changes to the Basic Service Charge and the proposed new fee, Demand Charge" would put an undue burden on Arizona residents ad most especially those who are retired and on fixed incomes.

I and my wife are opposed to the changes to UniSource Electric has proposed because if approved I am confident that APS will be next in line to ask for these egregious mandatory fees.

David Brown  
Wickenburg AZ

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Ace Waldron <acewaldrons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2016 3:38 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Ace Waldron

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**From:** Melody Dawson <jazmelody@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 9:01 AM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Melody Dawson

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Susan Sanders <susansanders45@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 8:58 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

The future is renewable sources of energy, and that is what we should be moving towards. Don't allow the fossil fuel industry to hijack the future of our solar energy production.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanders

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Ruth Doremus <rdoremus\_2000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:02 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. I oppose UNS's proposal

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ruth Doremus



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**From:** Donald Vinqvist <dmvinqvist@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 4:58 PM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Donald Vinqvist

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**From:** Lois Hartwig <lhartwig65@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 5:13 AM  
**To:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Lois Hartwig