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<b>Company:</b> Tucson Electric Power Company		<b>Division:</b> Electric

Nature Of Opinion

**Docket Number:** E-01933A-15-0322

**Docket Position:** Against

As an owner of a rooftop solar system currently engaged in net metering with Tucson Electric Power I will be adversely affected by the proposed changes. More importantly, the movement to promote renewable energy in Arizona, and to reduce and eventually eliminate our dependence on CO2-producing fossil fuels, will be adversely affected by the proposed changes. In their application, TEP reports recently investing \$164 million for a natural gas plant (Gila River) and \$185 million for lease interests and coal handling facilities at Springerville, a total of \$349 million for fossil fuel versus an estimated \$100 million invested in large scale solar generating facilities. These fossil fuel investments are not appropriate for a utility in a state blessed with abundant solar energy, and for a world rapidly undergoing climate change resulting primarily from burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity. Rooftop solar is a popular and rapidly-expanding means to enable energy independence for consumers, and to contribute clean energy to the power grid. Despite technical problems, rooftop (distributed) energy CAN be integrated into the grid, as demonstrated to the Arizona Corporation Commission by the Electric Power Research Institute in a recent presentation. It requires NO investment for generating capacity by TEP for the thousands of customers who become energy-neutral. The argument by TEP that its fixed costs are not shared equitably by rooftop solar providers is bogus: the company's fixed costs for infrastructure and maintenance disproportionately benefit large energy consumers. Furthermore, it is in the public interest that rooftop solar be subsidized by large energy consumers, to mitigate for the latters' carbon footprints. Rather than discourage further expansion of the rooftop solar movement in Arizona, the Arizona Corporation Commission should take proactive steps to make the personal investment of thousands of dollars of clean generating capacity more attractive to TEP's customers. Thank you.

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