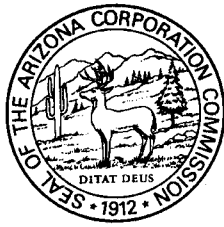


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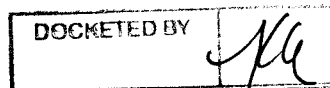
SUBJECT: Docket No. E-04204A-15-0142

Chairman Little's office received the attached letter via email referencing the case with the above Docket Number. This email can be viewed either in Docket, or on the website via the eDocket link.

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Floyd Hamilton's editorial only addressed only the tip of the iceberg. Working for SCEdison, as a lineman and crew foreman, for 35 years I have some knowledge of utility rates.. Demand charges were conceived so that electric utilities could receive revenue for large facilities (transformers and related equipment) required by industrial customers using great amounts of electricity, but for only short periods of time, thus the need for 15/30 and 60 minute demand meters. Once that demand had been reached in any billing cycle that multiplier was added to the total kilowatt hour consumption to allow the utility to reap a profit for the added electrical equipment required by the customer. Each billing cycle (month) that multiplier is reset to zero. Typically these businesses only operate 8 hours a day and closed for the weekend unlike residential customers who consume an overall steady amount of energy 24/7 with the exception of the 4 to 8 p.m. peak.

The following senerio could drastically impact your monthly bill. It's August 1st., and exceptionally hot day, and while you were at work the meter reader read your meter. You come home at 5 p.m. turn down your a/c thermostat. turn on tv. pre heat your electric oven for dinner, jump in the shower, because you smell like the north end of a south bound pig, causing your electric water heater to come on, then jump out of the shower and blow dry your hair. Because you used a large amount of electricity for this short period of time if your home is equipped with a demand meter you will pay a surcharge for all kilowatt hours used till your next billing cycle regardless of how you consume electricity for the remainder of the month.

It puzzles me how Unisource figures they are going to increase revenues. First they will have to buy new demand meters (\$100) and install them at each residential account, which will cost thousands of dollars. Second it will increase the number of man hours required to read, reset and seal these meters monthly. By using binoculars readers are now able to read several existing meters from one location therefor not requiring them to unlock to enter your premises and deal with your vicious dog. Third if electronic demand meters are available it will put hundreds of meter readers out of work and require additional costly electronic reading devices to be installed.

Unisource is sniveling and snorting snot saying they have spent millions increasing facilities, reason is increased demand caused by population growth which translates to increased revenues. Their crying because due to an act of God their facilities blew down jan. 2014. lucky for Havasu it wasn't August 20ever. The fact that several customers were without power for a week was totally uncalled for due to stupidity and lack of compassion on the part of Unisource's. The facilities were old and I doubt if the wind loading calculations were adequate, side guying would have probably prevented that catastrophe

Their crying because of the loss of revenue caused by customers installing solar energy. Fact is that if these customers hadn't installed these solar units they would have to of increased their facilities even larger. Solar

customers are actually helping electric utilities by selling back their surplus energy at 3 cents a kwh which utilities resell for 11 + cents

If unisourse feels they need a rate hike then they should go before the corporation commission and request a kwh rate increase as they have done in the past.

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