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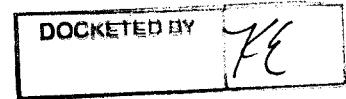
Memorandum
From the office of
Chairman Doug Little
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. WASHINGTON
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
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TO: Docket Control
DATE: April 6, 2016
FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office
SUBJECT: Docket No. E-04204A-15-0142

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Chairman Little's office has received another 20 emails referencing the above Docket Number. The emails can be viewed either in Docket, or on the website via the eDocket link.

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Andrea Gaston

From: Ray Cartwright <dentedfender@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Little-Web
Subject: Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. Please Reject UNS Energy's proposal

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Sincerely,

Ray Cartwright

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Andrea Gaston

From: Troy Deckert <tdeckert2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2016 6:08 PM
To: Little-Web
Subject: I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

As solar becomes more affordable, the power companies must adjust, without overcharging solar families. They have made plenty of money on their investments and can continue to do so without quashing unfairly solar homeowners.

Sincerely,

Troy Deckert

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Andrea Gaston

From: relemke@frontiernet.net
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2016 6:41 PM
To: Little-Web
Cc: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Unisource Energy Sneaky Rate Fees Proposal, Lake Havasu City, AZ

Attn: **Doug Little**

How could you even consider this unethical proposal by Unisource Energy. It is designed to confuse the customers so the hidden fees can be charged. They say 6% increase but I am sure it will be a lot more. I do not think any employee in Havasu or employee of Unisource has had a 6% pay increase. If Unisource was straight forward, they would simply increase the rate a couple of Percent. This is a cooperation scam. Why can't the commission and especially you see that unless there is a commission special interest that we are not aware of. This deal is very suspicious in nature.

The right answer you need to give Unisource is one word: **NO**

Regards,

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Andrea Gaston

From: Julie Zemojtel <pandabear1024@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Little-Web
Subject: UniSource rate change opposition--Docket #15-0142
Attachments: UniSource opposition letter--AZ Docket #15-0142.docx

2931 Indian Springs Drive
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406
April 2nd, 2016

Doug Little-Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Chairman Little,

I am writing in complete and utter opposition to UniSource's proposed rate change, in regards to docket #15-0142.

I was very thankful to be able to speak to your commission in person in Lake Havasu City, AZ on Thursday, March 31st, in regards to my greatest concern, which is the "grandfathered" date of rooftop solar systems purchased by homeowners prior to June 1st, 2015. This retroactive date ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED. To allow UniSource to use this arbitrary and unfair date would be completely unethical. It would be an outright abomination to rooftop solar homeowners who have purchased their rooftop solar systems since this date, completely unaware of UniSource's proposed rate changes.

Please indulge me to tell you my personal story, in hopes that you might understand how incredibly infuriated I am regarding this issue. After approximately three years of research and meeting with multiple companies, my husband and I made the decision to purchase a "100% replacement" rooftop solar replacement system in September of 2015. After securing multiple quotes from various businesses, we decided to contract with Esmay Electric/SunPower here in Lake Havasu City, AZ. They are a long-time, well-respected family-owned company, and we trust their local business and their employees.

In September of 2015, we purchased 38 solar modules, at a cost of \$46,115.46, and "went live" with UniSource with our solar net-meter in November of 2015. We made a large down payment of \$10,300 on this system out of our hard-earned, carefully created savings account. We then financed the remaining approximately \$36,000, taking care to keep our monthly solar loan payment at the same amount as our current average UniSource electric bill (approximately \$180/month). By doing this, we kept our "out of pocket" cost for electricity the same each month. This is a wise financial decision for our family, since after the 12-year loan period is up; we will have little to no monthly electric bill as we head into retirement.

Please also know that this solar loan is our ONLY debt, other than our home mortgage, which will also be paid off before we both retire from public school teaching in ten years.

I hope this “background” financial information can help you to appreciate the fact that my husband and I are EXTREMELY prudent with our finances, and we carefully examine and research any major purchases for a long period of time before making the best financial decision possible for our family.

If this “grandfathered in” rooftop solar date of June 1st, 2015 is approved by your commission, to say that I would be disgusted and disheartened that all of our careful financial planning would be completely altered by a greedy utility company would be a massive understatement.

Obviously, our family would NEVER have purchased the solar system that we did in the fall of 2015, had we known what UniSource was proposing, and if we had known that we would NOT be able to keep our solar net-metering in the same rate-structure as the “before June 1st of 2015” solar customers get to.

For UniSource to create the “June 1st, 2015 retroactive date” for solar customers’ net-metering to be “grandfathered in” is unacceptable, completely unethical, and I daresay, illegal. How dare they allow customers to enter into contracts such as we did, with more than \$46,000 on the line, without making it common public knowledge that this net-metering reward (for our hard-earned investment) would be ripped away from us?!

It is disgusting to me that UniSource would even dare to ask for the June 1st, 2015 retroactive date. They already have a complete monopoly on our rural area, and for them to allow customers like myself to go into thousands of dollars debt over the past few months (thinking we were doing the fiscally responsible thing) and then take away our means of well-deserved financial reward (in the way of little to no electric bill) is despicable and dishonest.

Please, imagine this happening to yourself, your children, your sibling, or anyone in your family that you care about. How is the retroactive date of June 1st, 2015 even legal? It appears to be a criminal, greed-based, randomly created date meant to “shut out” and punish the most recent solar rooftop customers. UniSource does not like the fact that we have made a wise financial investment (to pay for our rooftop solar panels each month for just 12 years...and control our financial future, rather than pay UniSource indefinitely...at whatever outrageous rate they decide to charge) and they arbitrarily chose the June 1st, 2015 date without bothering to clearly communicate that to solar companies and solar customers in Arizona.

If there is to be a rooftop solar “grandfathered in” date, at the VERY LEAST it needs to be starting NOW, from March or April of 2016. That is the only fair, just, and ethical way to handle UniSource’s perceived need for more money, and to not unfairly punish recent rooftop solar customers who were trying to make a wise financial decision for their family’s future.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this extremely critical matter.

Sincerely,
Julie Zemojtel

Andrea Gaston

From: M. Ghost Dancer Wene <WaziNagi@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2016 7:31 AM
To: Little-Web
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Sincerely,

M. Ghost Dancer Wene

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Andrea Gaston

From: George Yezbick <gjyezjr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 2:52 PM
To: Little-Web; editor@havsunews.com
Subject: Unisource rate increase

I was unable to go into the March 31st meeting due to the overflowing crowds but would like to ask a few questions.

1. Is the purpose of the Arizona corporations commission to make the fat cat executives of Unisource and their shareholders even richer?
2. Are you aware that the price of fuel has dropped in the past few years making electricity generation cheaper?
3. Do you know that Unisource has eliminated most meter readers due to meters which transmit readings directly to a central location?
4. Due to the savings our rates should decrease rather than increase.
5. Electric service is a monopoly so we need a commission that stands up for the ratepayer. If you are not willing to do his maybe the commission should be eliminated and a Arizona Consumers commission should be put in its place.
6. If you are not willing to protect the ratepayer, maybe you should not be taking our tax dollars and instead just be paid by Unisource.

George Yezbick
Sent from my iPad

Andrea Gaston

From: Linda Eaton <piratele@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 10:46 AM
To: Little-Web
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Sincerely,

Linda Eaton

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Andrea Gaston

From: Kathryn Uster <koolage@citlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Little-Web
Subject: Docket# E-04204A-15-0142. I oppose UNS's proposal

Dear Chairman Little,

HERE IN AZ, AIRCONDITIONING IS NOT A LUXURY!! IT IS A NECESSITY WITH THE HIGH SUMMER TEMPERATURES!! Please reject UNS proposed demand charges and elimination of net metering on the grounds that it is anti-consumer and serves to raise bills while protecting the utility monopoly.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Uster

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From: Arnold Van Schijndel <van111954@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 11:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Arnold Van Schijndel

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Andrea Gaston

From: Wiliam Cooley <Wmbcooley@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 4:58 PM
To: Little-Web
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Wiliam Cooley

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From: Laura lee Riva <riva262@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 4:58 PM
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Sincerely,

Laura lee Riva

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Andrea Gaston

From: Pamela Harkness <Pamelaharkness@citlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 6:01 PM
To: Little-Web
Subject: I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

PLEASE don't let them do this to us. I am a retired AVP from Chase bank. I live on Social Security and a pension that was far less than I thought it would be. I bought solar 14 months ago in order to save \$30 a month and stay in my home and it has not worked out that way. I did not know that Unisource would SETTLE annually and STEAL my kWh at .036 cents per kWh leaving me with no rollover for the winter months . Therefore I lost what I would've gained by having to pay them November through January on top of my solar lease bill. They made 728 million dollars last year. Isn't THAT enough!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! MY adjusted gross income was less than \$9,000. PLEASE don't cave to their GREED!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Pamela Harkness

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Andrea Gaston

From: Judy Martin <jamlwm@npgcable.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 5:32 AM
To: Little-Web
Subject: I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

I feel the demand charges are wrong. Please find another way to make an small increase fairer. The elderly have limited incomes makes this difficult for everyone. Solar users could also be effective but they already have paid for installation. They deserve to pay a responsible rate increase like everyone else. Please make a reasonable solution for everyone. Demand charges are not the answer

Thank you
Larry and Judy Martin
2125 Mimosa Dr
Lake Havasu City, Az 86403

Sincerely,

Judy Martin

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Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Andrea Gaston

From: Eileen Fidler <emyrphe@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 9:01 AM
To: Little-Web
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Eileen Fidler

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Andrea Gaston

From: Mark Holohan <mark.holohan@wilsonelectric.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Little-Web
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Mark Holohan

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From: Gary Smith <ruthmarie330@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:08 PM
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Gary Smith

165 Acacia Lane
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Sincerely,

Ruth Smith

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From: Charles and Pat Orn <patorn44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 5:55 PM
To: Little-Web
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Sincerely,

Charles and Pat Orn

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Andrea Gaston

From: Reba Mastin <rmastin38@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Little-Web
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Sincerely,

Reba Mastin

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From: Barry Thieman <slednut@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 5:41 AM
To: Little-Web
Subject: I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

I am a unisource customer and I installed solar electric panels on my house 6 years ago. The cost was extreme at the time but I felt the need to control my electric costs and help offset environmental damage in the future. The NET metering agreement as agreed to at the time was a major reason I was willing to take this large financial outlay up front. After 6 years of operation my system is finally beginning to come out of the financial red. I know that Unisource has changed ownership during this time and the new owners want to realize a greater profit ratio but that should not give them the right to modify existing agreements. I hope that you will not allow Arizona to follow the mistakes of Nevada and destroy faith in private solar ownership.

Sincerely,

Barry Thieman

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