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From the office of Chairman Doug Little Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. WASHINGTON PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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TO:

Docket Control

DATE:

April 7, 2016

FROM:

Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT:

Docket No. E-04204A-15-0142

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

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Attention:

Commissioner Doug Little

Subject:

UNS Electric rate Case Docket: E-04204A-15-0142.

Dear Commissioner Little,

I have been a proud and pleased user of photovoltaic solar power generation since 2008. In 1980, I had installed a passive solar hot water system on my home in Connecticut.

I find the current proposed increase in charges for solar power users grossly unfair and certainly not in keeping with the expressed desire to limit carbon emissions and reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources.

UNS Electric should go back to the drawing board and consult its customers before making proposals like the ones it has put forward in this rate case. The utility has failed to prove to the Commission that the basic service charge and demand charges won't unduly discriminate against solar customers, and hasn't yet shown that these charges will accomplish what the company says they will accomplish.

We urge the ACC to protect the people they represent against unfair charges and taxes like the ones being proposed in this rate case, and to push back I am opposed to UNS Electric's proposed increase in its basic service charge from \$10 per month to \$20 per month. This is a huge increase in the basic service charge and it will limit the ability of Arizonans to go solar and to engage in energy efficiency.

The Commission should reject the UNS Electric basic service charge because it would instantly become one of the largest basic charges in the country, and would make Arizona less competitive.

Please reject UNS Electric's proposal to adopt demand charges. Demand charges are unfair, confusing, and make it impossible for the average Arizonan to go solar.

The Commission shouldn't adopt demand charges that unfairly seek to punish solar users, and that fail to recognize the value that solar provides to the overall grid.

Respectfully

George E. Philippon