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RE: Unisource Energy Services (UNS) – Customer Comments

Docket No. E-04204A-15-0142

Please docket the attached 2 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed case.

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Investigator: Jenny Gomez **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Opinion Date:** 4/1/2016
Opinion Number: 2016 - 129889 **Priority:** Respond within 5 business days
Opinion Codes: Rate Case Items - Opposed **Closed Date:** 4/1/2016 2:48 PM

First Name: Chere **Last Name:** Davis **Account Name:** Chere Davis
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Company: Unisource ** Energy Services (UNS) **Division:** Electric
Cara Roll **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Email:** <<< REDACTED >>>

Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-04204A-15-0142 **Docket Position:** Against

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I do not want to be a the county to be tested on. We already pay some of the highest utility bills in the state. I do not want a raise or change in the delivery charge for services we already have established a rate for the first 1000 KW and then higher rate for usage above that. I believe this would open up for even higher charge for delivering service. A high number of users are of retirement age and are on fixed incomes. I am entirely against any demand charge base on any given hour of use. Some customers like myself have all electric homes. Some customers have gas heaters, gas water heaters, gas dryers, and gas stoves. Sincerely, Chere Davis (homeowner in Mohave County) and City of Kingman.

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I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed UNS rate changes, particularly as it relates to net metering. Like many other commenters about this proposal I have a significant investment in solar panels. Even with the current net metering policy and tax credits it will take several years to break even on this investment. Despite UNS' arguments to the contrary there are numerous studies that consistently conclude that solar customers benefit the grid. Environment America compiled 11 cost-benefit analyses that have been carried out on solar net metering and found that most show the economic benefits outweighing the costs:

- All 11 analyses reviewed here found that solar energy brought net benefits to the grid.
- Eight analyses out of 11 found that the value of solar energy was worth more than the average residential retail electricity rate in the area at the time the analysis was conducted. The three analyses that found different results were all commissioned by utilities.
- Of these 11 analyses, the median value of rooftop solar energy was 16.90 cents per kWh, compared with an average U.S. residential retail electricity rate of 11.88 cents per kWh in 2012.
- The studies that estimated lower values for solar energy consistently undervalued, or did not include, important environmental and societal benefits that come from generating electricity from the sun. Also, net metering helps keep electricity prices low for both solar and non-solar users by allowing utilities to avoid costs by using the net metering exports to serve nearby loads, instead of generating or purchasing a like amount of power and moving that power down to the distribution system. These avoided costs are a benefit for non-solar ratepayers. There is widespread public support for renewable energy.
- 79 percent of Americans wanted the nation to use more solar energy, and
- 70 percent wanted the nation to use more wind energy.

Increasingly, public officials are realizing that we are at a point where the politics, the economics and the technology are all there to support bold action. Cities and states that have adopted 100 percent renewable energy goals or policies include:

- San Diego, the eighth-largest city in the country, governed by Republican Mayor Kevin Faulconer, recently adopted a policy to reach 100 percent clean and renewable energy by 2035.
- The state of Hawaii passed a law requiring 100 percent clean and renewable electricity by 2045.
- Fourteen other U.S. cities, including San Francisco, CA, Georgetown, TX, and Fort Collins, CO, have made similar commitments.
- Burlington, VT, and Aspen, CO, have already achieved 100 percent clean and renewable electricity.

In order to keep Arizona as a leader in renewable energy we must reject UNS' proposed rate changes that would impede long term renewable energy goals. My last point is that the fossil fuel industry and for profit, monopoly utility companies are spending millions to lobby against solar power because it threatens their out of date business models. If they have the money to fund these lobbying efforts and to contribute to political campaigns it seems their current cost structure and profitability is already providing a satisfactory return for their investors, and they do not need any rate increases. The approval of rate increases would in effect make UNS customers pay for the lobbying that is against their best interests. Sources: <http://mediamatters.org/research/2015/09/14/myths-and-facts-about-net-metering-for-solar-en/205519> <http://www.environmentamericacenter.org/sites/environment/files/reports/We%20Have>

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