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Regarding UNS Electric Rate Case Docket #E-04204A-15-0142

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Dear Chairman Little and Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

Arizona is one of the states with the most days of sunshine a year so it is an ideal place for solar panels. The above proposal by UNS Electric, Inc. will discourage residential and business solar installations. Rooftop solar is not costing utility companies more, as they claim. Residential and businesses who install solar pay all the construction costs except for a small portion of the normal transmission and distribution cost. Rooftop solar uses existing lines (not long-distance high voltage transmission lines) and is sold locally at 100% profit. Therefore, utility companies make money on solar. The proposals by UNS are only going to pad the pockets of UNS, and Arizona will lose the environmental benefits that residential and business solar installations bring to our state.

Net metering has been adopted by almost all states in the United States. However, UNS wants to reverse it in Arizona. They want to cut what they pay you for excess solar electricity in half and turn around and sell the power to your neighbors for twice the price.

UNS wants to implement a demand charge which is completely unfair. It discourages the saving of electricity, such as lowering your thermostat when running your air conditioner, as you will be charged for the highest 15 minute usage period each month. Your total usage may be lower for the month, but you could be paying a higher rate. This does not make sense and is grossly unfair.

Another part of the UNS proposal is a 50% rate increase in the basic fee. This is a huge increase and there is no explanation why that large increase is justified.

Arizona should be encouraging solar from all sources. We need to be using clean, solar energy, not fossil fuels, and these proposals are a disincentive to do so. Furthermore, these rate increases will have a huge impact on the poor and elderly.

Sincerely,

Richard and Anne Edwards

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