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To: The Arizona Corporation Commission
Re: UNS Electric Rate Case Docket # E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little and Members of the Corporation Commission,

I write to you as a rooftop solar homeowner in regards to the upcoming rate case. Please note: I am referring to utilities in the plural because other utility companies besides UNS have intervened in this rate case and seem likely to file for approval for similar rate issues.

Currently, when a rooftop solar home generates excess power, the credit is given at the retail level, thus parity. But now, utilities wish to change that credit to roughly 50% of the credit value, i.e.- to a wholesale rate. Yet, the utility turns around with energy not generated by them, and sells that energy to non-solar customers for the retail price- a 100% markup.

The above scenarios represent a double jeopardy for the rooftop solar customer.

But it doesn't stop there. Utilities now want, in addition to the abovementioned request, to charge customers by the peak rate. The peak rate is used for commercial enterprises, not for residential. If the ACC allows this to occur, it would then be a triple jeopardy for the solar customer.

I sincerely hope the Commission uses a fair and just approach to these rate case requests, as the future of this state will definitely be impacted in terms of a loss of solar industry related jobs and economy.

Sincerely,

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