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Re: APS's Rate Application Docket No. E-01345A-16-0036

Dear Chairman Little:

The past few years, politics have begun to cloud important issues on energy policy in Arizona. Misinformation, delay tactics and distractions by California-based rooftop solar leasing companies have shifted the broader policy conversation away from determining what is best for customers to a finger-pointing, cyclical game of assigning blame. The Arizona Corporation Commission has done a great job in sifting through the rhetoric. It's not about placing blame; it's about finding solutions that benefit customers.

As the leading business advocates in Arizona, we strongly believe that electricity is the backbone of Arizona's economy. Arizona needs an energy policy that encourages a broad array of technologies and the highest degree of freedom and fairness for all utility customers. This is important to every Arizona business. The more control consumers have – absent subsidies paid by the vast majority of power users to benefit the few – the better off our state will be.

We support the growth of clean energy solutions and choices. We are proud to say Arizona is one of the top states for solar deployment and employment. However, to have safe, secure, and affordable power it is very important that our utility companies are able to properly recover costs for the assets of the grid. Over the past decade there has been enormous growth in the deployment of residential solar. The under-recovery from residential rooftop solar customers currently results in millions of dollars per year in cost shifts to other customers, and this number is growing rapidly, which ultimately harms the state's competitiveness.

In our organizations, we are continuously working to make sure our state's laws keep pace with technology. Similarly, it is important that the rate structure keeps pace with this changing technology with respect to residential energy generation that relies on the grid for backup power.

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We respectfully request that the Arizona Corporation Commission continue to put Arizona utility customers first, ignore the unfocused noise generated by out-of-state solar leasing companies, and thoughtfully consider the proposals for change made by the utilities you regulate.

Thank you,



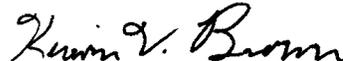
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