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From the office of **Chairman Doug Little** 2016 JUN 3 PM 2 08

Arizona Corporation Commission
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PHOENIX, ARIZONA
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TO: Docket Control

DATE: June 3, 2016

FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT: APS Rates - Docket No. E-01345A-16-0036

Chairman Little's office received 5 emails pertaining to, and in opposition of, the above docket number. These emails can be viewed with the above Docket Number either on the website via the eDocket link, or in Docket.

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Andrea Gaston

From: George del Castillo <kingofthecastle@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Little-Web
Subject: APS Rate Request *16-0036*

Honorable Commissioner, please stop allowing APS to contribute millions of dollars to different charities. Please eliminate that line item from their expenses. I am asking you to do this for me because you are the legitimate regulatory agency for them. First and most obviously it raises my rates. Why should the ratepayers, APS only source of revenue, pay for their PR? Secondly, When APS makes these contributions they are the decisions of the APS management. It does not allow the ratepayers any opportunity to determine who gets the charitable donations. The APS management should not have that sole authority.

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Andrea Gaston

From: Walt C. <waltcjr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 1:03 PM
To: Little-Web
Cc: Tobin-Web
Subject: APS Rate Changes *16-0036*

Mr Little & Tobin,

I received the below letter from APS regarding my Solar panel system.

My question is this:

I do not get \$0.01 of benefit from APS of their depreciation deduction on their corporate taxes. Due to the extensive Solar Panel systems in place, APS only uses their power plants during the day at 50 to 60 % capacity, yet still deducting the full depreciation expenses.

If you raise the rates, the ACC should also make APS show a line item of a deduction for EXCESS DEPRECIATION EXPENSE.

I am also sure that the I.R.S. and A.D.O.R. haven't thought of investigating this incorrect depreciation deduction.

WALT CHOLEWA
E-Mail: WALTCJR@YAHOO.COM

From: APS <APSnews@apsc.com>
To: Walter Cholewa <waltcjr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2016 11:50 AM
Subject: Proposed Grandfathering of Current Solar Customers



Dear Walter Cholewa,

We want to update you with the latest information regarding your account.

On June 1, 2016, we filed a proposal with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to change how our rates are structured. If approved, these changes could impact future rooftop solar customers, **but you will not be impacted.**

The proposal asks that current rooftop solar customers, like you, be "grandfathered" for the 20-year life of the system under the agreements you originally signed. And if you move, we propose that the grandfathering remains in place regardless of a change in home ownership.

Although you will not be impacted, you may be wondering why we are asking for this change.

Our customers have benefitted from solar energy since the 1950s when we first brought solar to Arizona, and we are committed to keeping it as a part of our energy mix. But to achieve a sustainable energy future, it's important that we support solar the right way. And that means putting a structure in place that makes solar energy as cost-effective, reliable and efficient as possible, while making sure its benefits are shared by all customers.

If you'd like to review the proposal in full, please visit azenergyfuture.com. Or if you have questions about your account, please call the APS Green Team at 602-216-0318 or toll-free at 800-659-8148.

Thank you for your continued commitment to solar energy.

Sincerely,

Stacy Derstine
Chief Customer Officer

Andrea Gaston

From: james bullock <jbul159162@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:30 AM
To: Little-Web
Subject: APS rate hike

14-0036

Mr. Little,

If you do not recuse yourself from voting on the APS rate hike because of your obvious conflict of interest you will be proving to the world that you are just a stooge of APS.

James Bullock
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623-848-8091

Andrea Gaston

From: Steve Lauth <slauth1@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 6:05 PM
To: Little-Web
Subject: APS Rate Increase

14-0036

Dear Mr. Little,

The Arizona Republic has published an article on the rate increase being asked for by APS. The snippet from the article appears below.

“Arizona Public Service Co. is seeking an \$11 monthly rate hike on residential customers and a new billing structure in a rate case filed Wednesday with state regulators. The rate hike is needed, officials said, to help pay for the additional gas generators being built at the Tempe Ocotillo Power Plant, environmental controls on the Four Corners Power Plant in New Mexico, and other grid upgrades.”

I am very much against this rate increase. Years ago APS built the Palo Verde nuclear plant (with a rate increase) telling us this plant would help keep the cost of power down, which did not seem to happen. For years after the power plant was built, all I heard from APS is that rate increases were needed to offset the high cost of oil. The price of oil has been down yet my electric bill has not gone down. Now they want me to pay for new gas generators? I don't think so. If the company wants to expand they need to do so at their expense, from their profits, not at my expense.

Thanks for listening, Steve Lauth

Andrea Gaston

From: Patrick Blanton <plblanton@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:52 PM
To: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Grandfathering of Current Solar Customers . 16-0034

Dear Corporate Commissioners,

I am outraged by yet another attempt by APS to rip off and cripple the solar industry and its customers in AZ. As one of the sunniest states in the US, the solar industry should thrive here and be a model for the entire country however APS will stop at nothing to prevent that from happening. They submit these nonsense proposals time and time again and now they've got yet another scheme. Solar customers choose to go solar not only for the environmental benefits but also because they're tired of being a slave to APS' monopoly. Most solar customers want nothing or as little to do with APS as possible. Personally I can't wait for the day when I can store my own excess power and tell APS to F off. I very much urge you not to become APS stooges and to flat out reject this proposal and any other nonsense solar proposal that APS brings to you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Blanton

Begin forwarded message:

From: APS <APSnews@apsc.com>
Subject: Proposed Grandfathering of Current Solar Customers
Date: June 2, 2016 at 11:50:59 AM MST
To: Susan Jones <plblanton@me.com>



Dear Susan Jones,

We want to update you with the latest information regarding your account.

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Stacy Derstine
Chief Customer Officer

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