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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ladonna Lewis, I am a resident of Peoria Arizona and a current owner of a solar system.

I just completed reading the executive summary of the APS 2016 Rate Review. I am very concerned about the APS proposal and would like to take this opportunity to share my concerns with you.

Let me begin by saying that I know my system would continue to be Grandfathered in under this plan, so I am not writing to you out of concern for my own electric bill or my personal situation, however I am concerned about the future of the electric grid and the sustainability of our current system under the proposal that APS has put forward. Grandfathering in current solar owners feels like an attempt by APS to make sure that we don't feel compelled to read the documents or speak out about concerns, thus lessening the number of people who express interest in this proposal, and I think that ploy has worked for the most part. Receiving letters in the mail letting us know that we will not be impacted for 20 years is a way of making sure that we don't participate in this process, however I have chosen to actually do the reading anyway and did not like what I saw.

There are a couple of things that I don't understand about what APS is proposing. For one, they talk about needing to meet the extreme power demands of the summer, however my question is, isn't rooftop solar helping to lower the extreme demands on the grid during summer? The solar panels are producing the most power during peak times of day, which I would assume would lessen the amount of power that APS needs to produce. I know that I need less power from APS during those times than I did prior to having the solar installation on my roof. I would think that having more rooftop solar installations would relieve even more of the strain on the power grid during peak summer times.

I want, and I believe most of us want, APS to be able to produce power during the day and/or at night when I might need it, so I want to be sure that they are able to sustain what they do into the future. As a solar customer, I feel it is unfair that they have to buy power back from me at the same rate that I pay for the power. I think it is a no brainer that they should pay a lower price to buy my power back from me than the retail rate. Why they have been purchasing my excess power at the retail rate is a mystery to me. If that is what is causing APS to be in such a dire future situation, then why did they grandfather in all of the old systems with Net Metering? I would be willing to get a bit less per Kilowatt Hour produced if it would help to sustain the system.

Lastly, the demand charges are terrible and would serve to hurt typical families. I would like to see APS allow, perhaps on their website, for people to be able to project what their electric bills would have been under the new proposed system. They have tools on their website that allow people to project how much they might have saved had they been on a different rate plan, so why can't they allow people to see what their new bills will look like under their proposal with the demand charges? I have a feeling that bills will go up a significant amount across the board under the new model.

It is not, nor has it been by goal to take power from the grid without paying, and net metering is the problem, then make slight changes to that.

Lastly, APS may need to reinvent the way they do business in a way that makes selling power back and storing that power easy and more efficient so that costs are controlled. The grid needs to change with the times because time is not going to stand still for the grid.

These are just my thoughts about what I read, and I very much appreciate your time and the work that you all do for all of Arizona. Thank you!

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