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I am a retired person living in Oro Valley who has been impressed over the last decade+ to see people in our communities around Arizona actually get interested in energy policy. This is motivated by lots of things, including a desire to understand energy use and generation and the desire to have sustainable energy supply with reasonable costs. I have been surprised that so many citizens took advantage of the chance to invest in solar energy, a policy which the Corporation Commission has supported for many years.

Many people in our community, including several friends, got interested in energy policy and decided to do solar. Despite the initial cost, our friends are happy that they are contributing to a healthier environment and actually saving energy costs over the long term.

Many of us fear the push by the Tucson Electric Power company to change the whole approach to energy use and generation and to actually discourage use of solar by eliminating economic incentives to use it.

I understand that there are long-term budgetary and economic considerations for TEP, but I would hope that a move toward a sustainable energy future would not be sacrificed to TEP's desire to protect its budget and to maintain its traditional methods of energy creation and distribution.

In your deliberations of these complex questions, please consider whether changes in rate structures really serve our citizenry in the long run. If *any* rate changes or policy changes are necessary, please make those changes in rate structures in a gradual way that continues to encourage people to use solar, to focus on energy efficiency, and to work toward a sustainable and healthy energy future for our region. Please do not make a complete change of rules in the middle of a game in which many citizens have already invested their support and money because they believe in the underlying principle of a more resilient and secure energy grid in the future.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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