

December 2, 2016

Chairman Doug Little
Commissioners
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: In the Matter of the Commission's Investigation of Value and Cost of Distributed Generation, Docket # E-00000J-14-0023

Dear Chairman Little and Commissioners:

We are a group of councilmembers from the City of Tempe urging you to include the benefits of rooftop solar in your proceeding (Docket E-00000J-14-0023) that will determine a method for calculating the costs and benefits of solar energy in the future.

Arizona utility companies are an essential part of our state and local communities – they provide some of the critical infrastructure needs that help our communities thrive. Distributed solar can play an important role in our state’s future. Effective public policy set by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) that balances infrastructure needs with sustainable energy practices is critical to the future of our state.

Arizona is a nationwide leader in the solar industry and solar energy could be our state’s most abundant energy source. Solar energy is also an economic driver for our state, creating thousands of high-wage jobs and producing leading solar-energy research at Arizona State University. Many Tempe residents already receive benefits from rooftop solar including water savings, energy choice and environmental benefits. We hope Tempe residents continue to have rooftop solar as a viable option to meet their energy needs.

Rooftop solar keeps more of Arizona’s energy production local and moves towards a sustainable energy source for the future of our growing state. We ask that you consider all of the benefits of solar energy and move our state forward through effective policy for a clean-energy future.

Thank you for your work to ensure a fair process going forward and for listening to the citizens of Arizona.

Sincerely,

[ELECTEDS NAMES]