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Statement by RUCO Director Pat Quinn

“The Residential Utility Consumer Office applauds the Arizona Corporation Commission for adopting a RUCO-based proposal to resolve the immediate net metering issue.

RUCO exists to protect the interests of all residential customers – whether or not those customers have solar panels on their roofs, and on behalf of these customers, we worked diligently over the last several months to support a fair and balanced approach to resolve this issue.

The proposal we negotiated and the one approved by the ACC yesterday is a step in the right direction; and it sets up a sustainable framework to deploy rooftop solar energy.

With APS as the sole holdout, all parties including ACC staff, Commissioners, and RUCO found common ground. We are grateful for the careful, thoughtful and reasoned process all of the Commissioners applied in rendering their decision.

Four important successes have now emerged from the ACC decision:

First, the decision starts to address the shifting of costs between solar and non-solar customers while recognizing the value of clean solar energy.

Second, the decision preserves the ability of residential customers to go solar.

Third, the decision establishes a framework for us to closely monitor the issue and implement changes if necessary.

And, fourth, the decision ensures that net metering and other similar issues facing Arizona ratepayers receive proper scrutiny in Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) next rate case.

We believe this proposal fairly balances the interests of solar and non-solar customers and puts the issue in a more appropriate venue for future consideration.”

(The Residential Utility Consumer Office was established by the Arizona Legislature in 1983 to represent the interests of residential utility ratepayers in rate-related proceedings involving public service corporations before the Arizona Corporation Commission. Pat Quinn has served as the RUCO director since January, 2013 when he was appointed by Gov. Jan Brewer.)