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Commission Approves APS' Net Metering Plan

PHOENIX, AZ—The Arizona Corporation Commission today approved a plan filed by APS to provide net metering so that customers who generate their own energy through solar, wind, or other renewable technologies, can be compensated for the excess energy they produce. The APS net metering tariff is the first to be approved by the Commission under the state's new net metering rules.

APS customers with renewable energy generation capabilities such as solar panels will have two-way meters installed that will measure both the electricity coming in to a property, and the energy going back to the grid. This allows customers to be credited for the excess energy. As part of APS' plan, once each calendar year, the company will issue a check or billing credit for the balance of any energy generated in excess of the customer's usage.

The net metering rules, which are required of all Arizona electric utility companies, give consumers a key tool to help offset the costs of installing and generating renewable energy or combined heat and power (CHP) cogeneration in their home or business, primarily through the use of solar technology. For a facility to qualify under this plan it must be operated by a consumer and located on his or her property—whether it is residential or commercial—and be intended to provide all or part of a consumer's energy needs. A facility's size is capped at 125 percent of the customer's total connected load.

The Commission approved the net metering rules on October 23, 2008. After certification by the Arizona Attorney General, the rules became effective on May 23, 2009. Each public electricity utility company in the state will file a net metering tariff for approval by the Commission, describing how it plans to implement the rules.

The net metering rules are an important part of the Commission's requirement that utilities generate 15 percent of their total energy from renewable energy and CHP technologies by 2025. The Commission's Renewable Energy Standards promote the generation of "clean" energy to power Arizona's future.

The net metering rules can be viewed at: <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000088991.pdf>

"This net metering tariff will ensure that Arizonans who produce excess electricity from their solar panels will be fairly compensated by APS," **Chairman Kris Mayes said**. "Arizona's net metering rules will boost our chances of spreading solar to every rooftop and help turn the state into the solar energy hub of the country."

"Having the cutting edge net metering program in place will let customers become net producers of energy and will incentivize them to invest in renewable energy, such as wind and photovoltaic systems," said **Commissioner Paul Newman**.

“Today’s decision is a victory for the environment, our economy, but more importantly a victory for the APS customer,” said **Commissioner Sandra Kennedy**.

“The approval of this net metering tariff is the fruition of an effort that began years ago,” said **Commissioner Gary Pierce**. “I am happy to vote for its approval.”

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