

SRP Price Process Comments

Week ending March 1, 2025

SRP Public Price Process Comments from: 2/23/2025

Name: FRANCINE MCCLUNG

Record Number: d4bd48ac

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

REFERRING TO PRICE INCREASE PROPOSAL, I DONT UNDERSTAND PRICE INCREASE IF MAINTINENCE AND UPKEEP SHOULD ALREADY BE INCLUDED IN BILL

Name: Steven Neil

Record Number: 2fa762bc

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

Regarding the publication entitled "COST ALLOCATION STUDY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO SRP'S STANDARD ELECTRIC PRICE PLANS EFFECTIVE WITH THE NOVEMBER 2025 BILLING CYCLE", it references "LOLP studies". I am very interested in studying all the information you have about these LOLP studies such as emails, spreadsheets, powerpoints, texts, etc. This would include the full phrase of Loss of Load Probability and other synonymic words and phrases, and key words such as "LOLP-Weighted Peak" and LOLP-Weighted Net Peak" and "LOLP Peak" and variants with and without hyphenation. Please also include any discussion of the 4CP measurement that is also referenced in the Cost Allocation Study and the data that supports the data in the study. I have received one spreadsheet named "LOLP Study Resulst.xlsx"(sic), but there may be older versions of this workbook and contributory parts also that relate to this request, so those too please. The Cost Allocation Study also references previous LOLP studies. For starters, please include just a list of those studies including timeframes each covered, and then I'll know if I need to make a followon request for them. But if there is a deadline for making price process information requests and you will not be providing that list a couple days before that date, please consider them to be part of this initial request. Say anything used starting with the 2019 price process and up until the present study. Speaking of deadline dates, I note your recommendation in the legal notice that submissions be made by last Friday, 5 pm, and right now

is before your offices open again, so this should not be a burden. THANKS IN ADVANCE!

SRP Public Price Process

Comments from: 2/24/2025

Name: Earl Schneider

Record Number: d5cdb18d

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Comment:

I have solar and my proposed pricing increase is higher per month than those who don't have solar??? After the initial hook up costs you are sayin it still costs to have my free power put back into the line every month??? How do you account for this?? It doesn't figure that way to me. Where do the extra charges accrue each month?

Name: Yuhong Li

Record Number: 959ab448

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

Checking rates

Name: Scott DeWald

Record Number: MI7121718

Delivery Method: Email to Corporate Secretary

Attachments: 20250223_Comment_DeWald.pdf

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Record #MI7121718*

Comment:

I have been an SRP customer for over 35 years. I installed solar at my home over 10 years ago, and it motivated me to buy plug-in hybrids so my solar could charge them. I am in favor of continuing to encourage solar, please don't eliminate incentives for solar. Our watershed is in long-term drought, the soil, wildlife and flora is fried and wildfire danger high, ground water levels are in jeopardy, so we need to stop generating electricity so much from non-solar sources in order to slow the effects of greenhouse gases.

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Sincerely,

Scott DeWald

SRP Public Price Process Comments from: 2/25/2025

Name: Jeffrey Gilbert

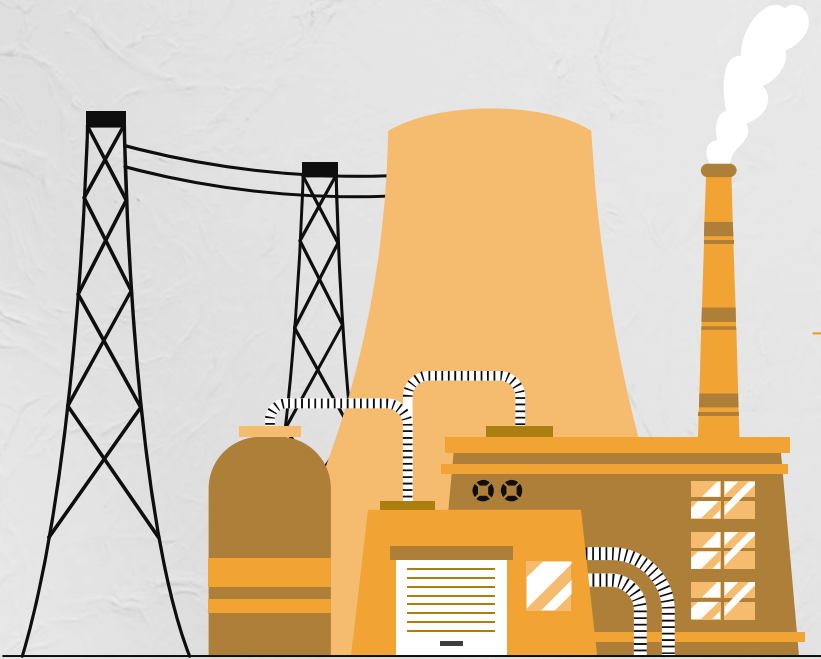
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Comment:

I have prepared a slide set presentation as a follow up to the my comments at the 11 Feb meeting. Please let me know how to submit it and or present it to the board. Thank you. -- Jeff Gilbert

Regarding SPR's Nov 2025 Rate Proposal



One residential customer's remarks



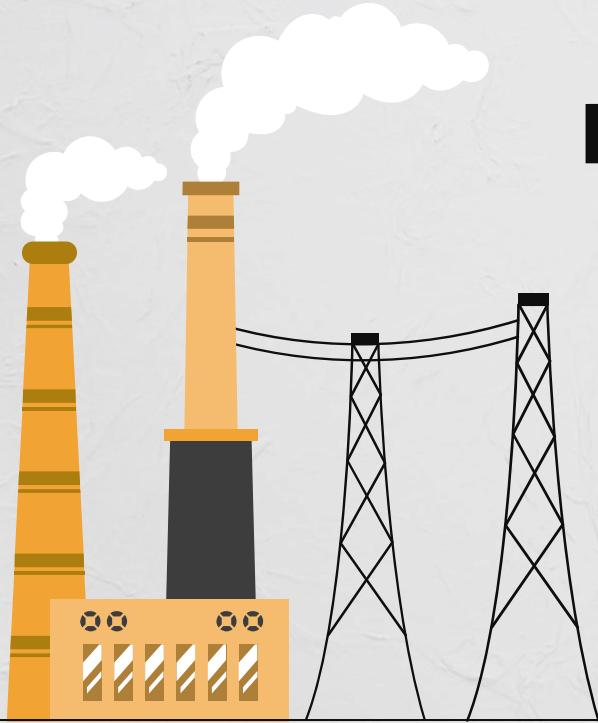
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Perfunctory Introduction

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- Jeff Gilbert
 - Unincorporated Apache Junction SRP Electric Power Customer since December 2012
 - MSEE 1978
 - No issues with general price level but ...
 - Focus on adjacent issues outside of SRP's wheelhouse

A: The E-0 Gambit

“The way to stop cost shifting is to stop cost shifting”

To paraphrase Chief Justice Roberts



Pay for What You Get, Get What You Pay for

E-0 Characteristics

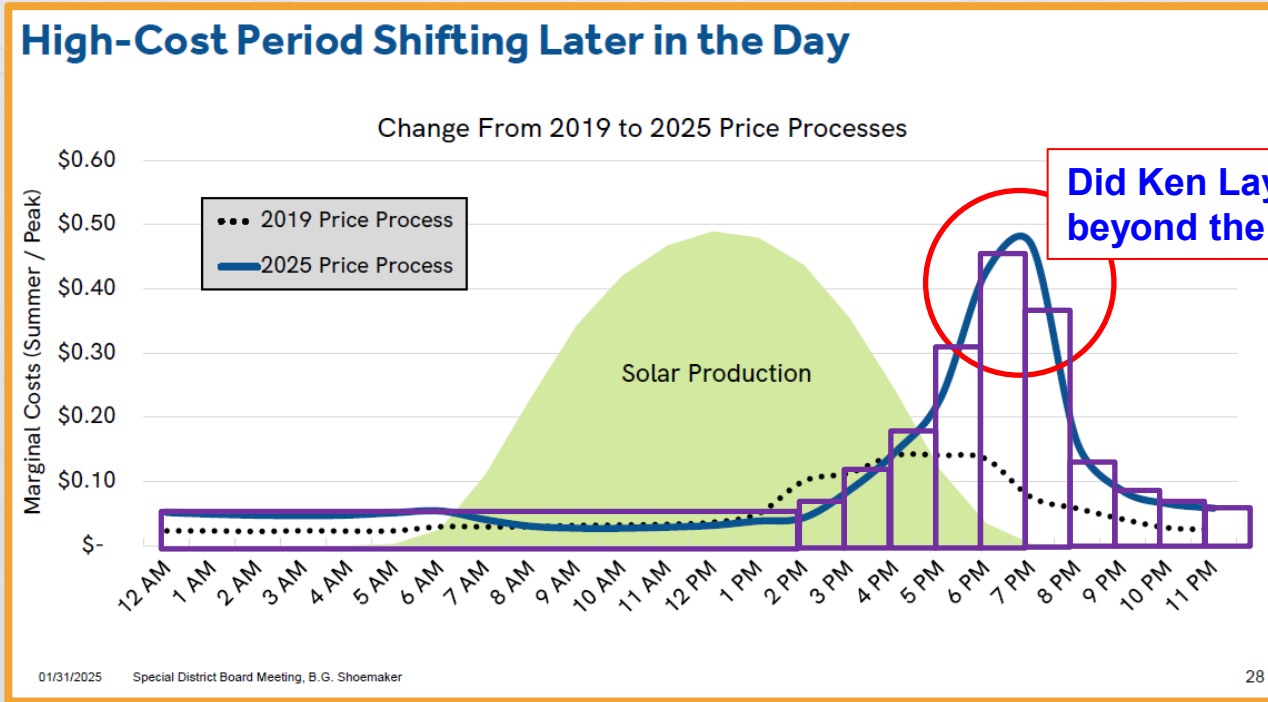
- Set MSC to full fixed costs (Yes: \$103)
 - Refine SFR vs. MFR
 - Refine 200A vs. 400A service
- Energy-related billing
 - KWHr rate set hourly
 - Average cost of generation
 - ? Banded + small adder ?
 - Publish ahead (1+ days?)
 - Real-time notice via app/web
 - Export payment:
 - Fraction of hourly rate (90%)?
 - Unbanded?

E-0 Participation Ideas

- Existing residual customers:
 - Optional immediate cutover
 - Starting in 2027:
 - blended 20% steps annually
 - One plan for all in 2031
- Required for new SFR customers (maybe starting in 2026)
- New MultiFamily customers: enter at current blended option
- 2031: Nothing special for anyone

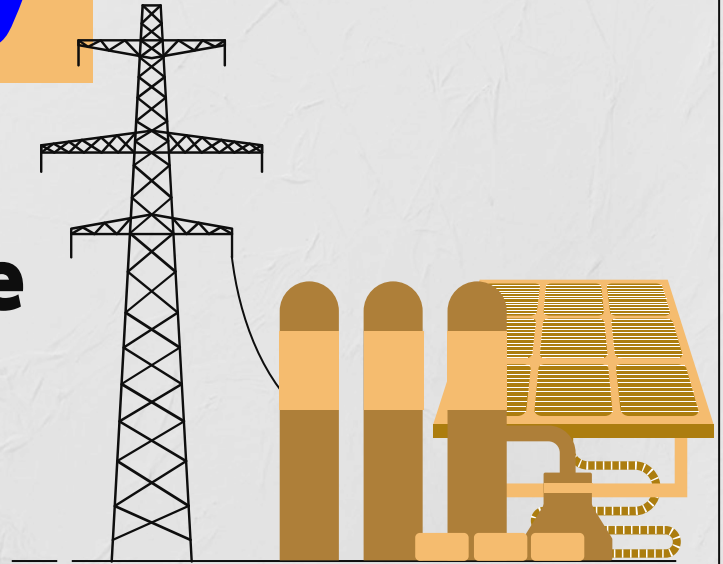


E-0 Billing from Generation Cost Slide (?)



B: Stop the Net Zero Fantasy

**Virtue Signaling
is all signal and no virtue**



Only Actions Beneficial to Customers Justifiable

NO Net Zero Benefits to Customers – **None!**

- Minuscule CO2 emission reduction
- Scaling of IPCC “model” “projection” probably put benefits in the billionths of a degree decades in the future
 - Defer discussion of IPCC **bad science** for another time
- Completely swamped by new coal-fired generation in PRC and India
- Net Zero efforts being abandoned across the globe
- FERC may restrict allowed dispatchable generation

Substantial Net Zero Costs

- Environmental and financial (investment *and* maintenance) costs
- Grid-scale storage wildly impractical and risky (c.f., Moss Landing)



Some CO₂ Numbers and Arithmetic

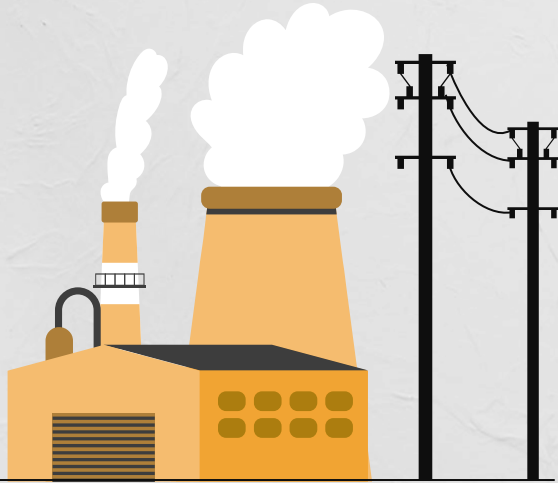
1 ppm of atm CO₂: about **5½ billion** tons

Coal generation of 1 GW: **4 million** tons annually

SOTA: about 800 lbs CO₂ per MWhr

CH₄ generation of 1 GW: **2 million** tons annually

SOTA: about 400 lbs CO₂ per MWhr

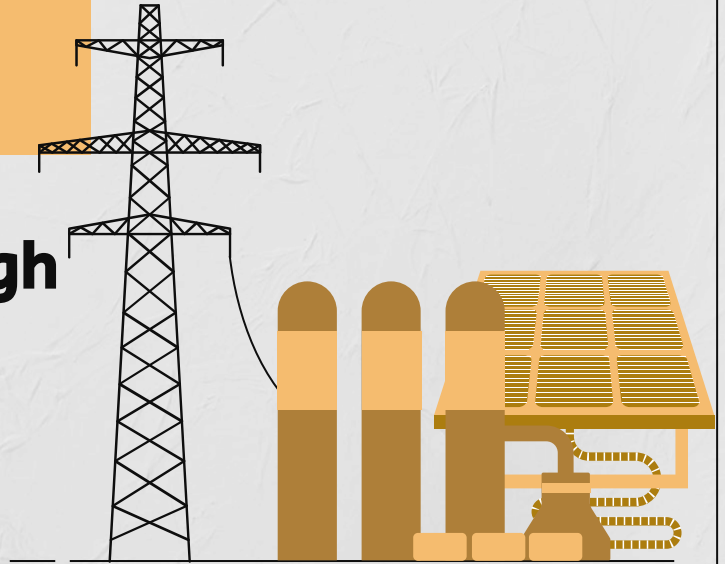


- 2005 level of 1576 lbs per delivered MWhr seems terrible
- 2024 level of 861 lbs *compares to 100% coal generation (!!)*
- Reduction to 284 lbs (per dMWhr) at 35 TWhr
 - 20 billion lbs reduction annually
 - 10 million tons reduction annually
 - 0.0018 atm ppm (vs. current 400 ppm) per year
 - Comparable to 2½ - 1 GW coal-fired generation plants
 - About one week of added generation in PRC and India
- A 4 GW nuclear plant (c.f. Palo Verde) can supply 35 carbon-free TWhr annually



C: Should SRP be a Social Welfare Agency?

The primary task seems hard enough

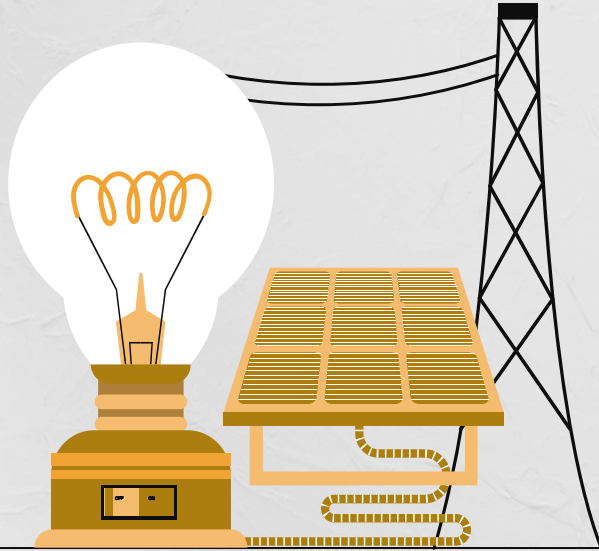


Guiding Principal(s) for “increasing assistance to limited-income customers”?

- Why 2% of gross (residential) revenue (vs. 3% or 1% or 10%)?
 - 2% “Peanut buttered” over 1/3 of residential customers → 6%
- Why eligibility at 200% of FPL (vs. 300% or 250% or 166%)?
 - Assert that 1/3 of residential customers will be eligible – really?
 - Household size: 2 – \$ 42.3K, 4 – \$ 64.3K
- Able to qualify over the phone or via third party?
 - Real verification of income / assets / legal residency at initiation and on an on-going basis?
- Complex topic dealt with in a, frankly, naïve manner
- Maybe allow customers to individually set their “participation level”?



Thank You



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Comment:

*See attached letter received via USPS on 2/25/2025

Glenn A. & Ann H. Brockman

**P. O. Box 27923
Tempe, Arizona 85285-7923**

February 21, 2025

**Salt River Project
PAB 215**

**P.O. Box 52025
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2025**

Attn: SRP Corporate Secretary

This letter is being written to you out of our concern regarding increasing monthly service fees being assessed to solar customers and the lack of adequate reimbursement to homeowners for excess power which they produce and put back on the grid. Service fees should be the same for everyone and solar customers keep SRP from needing to spend more money to provide more power. A number of years ago, we installed solar panels on our residence, but the system does not meet all of our electricity needs. We are only now realizing a benefit from that investment. In a few years, when we need to replace our roof, we hope to update our panels to more efficient ones and add panels so that they more closely meet our needs. We are hopeful that there will be credits from SRP available to us like when we first installed our current panels.

It concerns us that Salt River Project has forgotten it's true mission and the reason which it was created in the first place. It was originally a "PROJECT" created to insure farmers would have an adequate supply of water for their farms. In the process, by installing dams to hold the water in reservoirs/lakes, hydroelectricity would be produced when water was released. This "PROJECT" was never intended to be a "for profit" company. As time has passed, more and more farms have been sold to make way for residential houses and businesses. This development requires less water than farms, but does require more electricity. Solar power is in keeping with the original mission of the "PROJECT". Rather than raping desert land to create solar farms and drilling for natural gas, SRP should be encouraging and assisting homeowners to put solar panels on their homes. Every home and business should have solar panels in this state. In addition, every parking lot should have covered parking with solar panels on top. This is a reasonable and responsible way to keep our community cooler and kinder to the environment in which we live. It will also lessen the pollution created.

Ten years ago, you had over 900,000 SRP customers. We are sure that number has gone up considerably by now. By using the rooftops of homeowners, businesses, and covered parking, SRP will no longer need to purchase land for solar farms and do additional drilling for

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natural gas, both of which are bad for our environment. By charging all customers a mere \$1.00, you could raise a million dollars or more for credits which could be given to homeowners and schools for solar installation. Reimbursements which are given for homeowners who produce excess electricity should be more closely aligned with what is charged to customers who do not produce enough electricity. Remember, the original mission of the "PROJECT" is NOT to be a "for profit" company.

Has SRP ever considered changing the "year end" for the way they do reimbursements? Tucson Electric has a "year end" in the fall. Since most of the power is needed in the summer months, customers are able to save up their excess electricity produced and credit it towards their summer bills. In this way, Tucson Electric never needs to pay many of the customers for their excess electricity put on the grid. This is a win for the customers and Tucson Electric! Your current "year end" cuts off right before the high summer needs.

We cannot support any board member who would support such proposed fees or who fail to support more reasonable reimbursements for electricity put back on the grid. We respectfully hope that you will reconsider any fee assessed only to solar customers and that amounts reimbursed to customers for overproduction of electricity will be more in line with the amounts being charged to customers who need that electricity.

Sincerely,



Glenn A. Brockman



Ann H. Brockman

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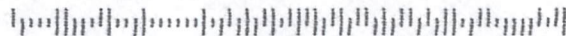


Attn: Corporate Secretary
Re: Rate Changes

Salt River Project
PAB 215

P.O. Box 52025
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2025

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Name: Robert W Frieling

Record Number: 6a5c3f1c

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Comment:

SRP says solar users are not paying their fair share of infrastructure costs. As a solar customer, I am paying a base fee about \$12 higher than other users. I think I am already paying my share of infrastructure. Solar power in Phoenix R,I,P,

Name: Robert Emmelkamp

Record Number: 45811966

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

I respectfully ask the SRP board to consider the following when reviewing the proposed changes to the pricing and generation reimbursement plans for SRP solar customers. Many SRP customers have made considerable investments to help provide clean energy for our own use as well as those of our neighboring SRP customers. Please be fair when considering the value we provide in helping to stabilize the grid and provide clean energy. Setting the reimbursement rates too low will discourage personal investments and forestall the important transition away from fossil fuels. I also ask that SRP consider implementing a VPP (virtual power plant) beta program to begin to better utilize the battery storage systems that their customers have installed. Thank you!

Name: Karen and Donal Abraham

Record Number: MI7129523

Delivery Method: Email to Corporate Secretary

Attachments: Solar Hearing.pdf

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contact the Corporate Secretary's Office and Reference
Record #MI7129523*

Comment:

From: Karen Abraham
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:52 PM
To: SRP Corporate Secretary
Subject: Solar Hearing

Dear SRP,

I understand that you are contemplating a change in rates which would also increase rates slightly more to solar customers than to non-solar customers. I agree with SRP's logic that solar customers should pay their fair share of the grid costs.

I know that there are solar companies amassing their customer base to oppose any increases in rates to solar customers. Remember, they are only a small percentage of your base and really are just protecting their sales.

Please know that we cannot attend your hearing on Thursday but want to voice our opinion that we are in support of your proposed rate equalization. We actually think that you are being ultra generous with solar customers.

Thank you

Karen and Donal Abraham

SRP Customers

SRP Public Price Process

Comments from: 2/26/2025

Name: Brenda Vance

Record Number: d32af824

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

The rates are already too high in the summer. Raising rates would severely impact those who are struggling to stay afloat, of which there are a high number with the current economy. It can mean the difference of someone becoming homeless.

Name: Faith Pourkaveh

Record Number: 396fe4b7

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

Initially let me communicate that I appreciate the 5 areas listed above that the board looks at to determine pricing. I understand the need for studying cost, increasing prices incrementally vs large cost adjustments, the importance of customers having pricing options, and paying their fair share of the costs that SRP incurs on their behalf. I am having difficulty understanding the area of sufficiency. I don't understand why SRP is paying for public commercials and advertising on television when they are one of two companies that provide services in the state of AZ. From my understanding in the Phoenix Metro area, dependent upon your residence, you are assigned APS or SRP for your electrical services. I have been astounded by the amount of SRP commercials that I've seen in the evenings and on weekends during prime time tv, touting the progress and the current undertakings by SRP. I feel that the resources paying for those advertisements could be used to keep costs lower for their customers, especially in this era of inflation and unpredictability. I am seeing APS advertisements, but very infrequently. I would hope that you would reconsider the price increase for this year, and delay it until we can stabilize the economy, and the public would not find even the smallest increase a hardship. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Name: Diane Brown

Record Number: MI7131911

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Attachments: RE_ Hi John - Please share with the Board & Management_Brown.pdf; Letter to SRP Board on Price Process 2-25-2025.pdf

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Comment:

From: Diane Brown

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:44 PM

To: John M Felty

Cc: Diane Brown

Subject: Hi John - Please share with the Board & Management

Please confirm receipt.

Appreciate the time to review the revised proposal.

See you on Thursday,

db

Diane E. Brown, Executive Director

Arizona PIRG (Arizona Public Interest Research Group) Education Fund

*See Attached Letter to Board

Arizona PIRG

Education Fund

February 25, 2025

Dear President Rousseau, Vice-President Dobson, and members of the SRP District Board,

RE: Price Process

On behalf of the Arizona PIRG Education Fund, I write to provide our perspective on Management's revised Price Process proposal.

The Arizona PIRG Education Fund greatly appreciates the responsiveness of Management and Staff to questions we posed, data we requested, and the thoughtful review of options we asked be considered. The proposal and future commitments incorporate several, but not all, of our recommendations.

Below please find our position on various components of the Price Process proposal.

- **Economy Price Plan.** The proposal presented by the non-profit organization Wildfire to the Board on February 6, 2025, and backed by Management, recognizes the significant financial challenges that many individuals and families in SRP's territory face. Low-income households want to be able to pay their bills. The proposal that was picked up by Director Arnett and Director O'Brien offers a meaningful solution to help households be in a better position to pay their utility bills, which simultaneously reduces debt that other customers would otherwise incur. We support this proposal and the additional \$5 million annually in bill assistance that was added by Director Arnett and Director O'Brien.
- **Monthly Service Charge.** As you heard from the board's consultant, utilities typically and intentionally keep the monthly service charge lower than what SRP is proposing in order to promote energy conservation and efficiency. While the Arizona PIRG Education Fund is in favor of SRP's proposed tiered system for the monthly service charge to get costs closer to being trued up, we largely echo the sentiments expressed by Director Clowes in the Board packet and urge a lower monthly service charge coupled with higher rates for electricity use --- particularly during the peak time period --- to better incent conservation and efficiency. We are thankful for the time Management spent contemplating adjustments to their proposal; however, we assert that similar revenue could be collected and consumers would have a greater ability to control their monthly bill with a lower monthly service charge coupled with higher volumetric rates.

- **Time-Of-Use Plans.** When designed and communicated in an effective and efficient manner, time-of-use plans have the ability to significantly reduce peak demand and save consumers money. Optional time-of-use plans, such as what SRP has now and has proposed, can work for many, but not all, households. The more households that opt into a time-of-use plan can translate into a greater reduction in peak demand, thereby reducing costs for all customers over the long term, due to the avoidance of new, costly capital expenditures. For the above reasons, the Arizona PIRG Education Fund supports the proposed super off-peak and the 6:00-9:00 p.m. on-peak period. We recognize the later is not ideal for many households; however, we also recognize SRP's modeling projects the shifting peak period. Expanding the differential between on-and-off peak rates can further incentivize an uptick in a time-of-use plan.

We appreciate Vice-President Dobson's inquiry to change the demand interval from 30-minutes to 60-minutes and are grateful that Management incorporated that change into the proposal. As mentioned in our presentation on February 6, 2025, we know demand charges can be challenging to understand and implement, and when not managed properly can lead to substantially higher vs. lower bills (hence our preference for a three-hour vs. a five-hour time frame). Therefore, we continue to encourage SRP to ask customers opting into a demand plan to attest to reviewing information before making that selection.

- **Future Commitments.** The Arizona PIRG Education Fund realizes that members of the Board and Management have considered a variety of proposed changes to sections of the Price Process, including those offered by stakeholders and SRP customers. Further, we understand that changing one component of the proposal is likely to have an impact on the other components; and, at this time, a viable path is needed to be contemplated (which we argue could be the case for simultaneously reducing the monthly service charge and increasing the volumetric rate).

The Arizona PIRG Education Fund looks forward to the actualization of Management's commitments including the development of a Price Plan Comparison Display contained in Director Kennedy's request; Comprehensive Time-Of-Use Education; and Credit Provisions for E-67 Customers to ensure residential consumers won't be responsible for paying the costs of new large-load customers, such as data centers, which Director Kennedy also referenced in her comments.

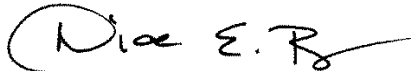
In addition, members of the Board and stakeholders advocated for improvements to the manner in which the Price Process is conducted. The Arizona PIRG Education Fund is pleased to see Management commit to the Online Availability of Pricing Process Data Files and look forward to working with members of the Board and Management to boost the ability for substantive stakeholder and customer engagement in its proceedings.

Finally, although not specifically part of the Price Process, our understanding is that Management will propose an increase in funding for energy efficiency programs as part of next month's budget process. Energy efficiency programs are a great investment that not only save money for households that take advantage of utility offerings, but can save dollars for all customers due to the avoidance of new, costly capital expenditures. This will be an important endeavor to offset a portion of the rising bill impacts that many customers are likely to experience.

SRP's evolving customer base includes individuals working from their residence as well as those at a worksite for the third shift, families home together for dinner, retirees with medical equipment, small business owners that often struggle to turn a profit, and large-loads, such as data centers. As you vote, we encourage you to consider the effect you are having on SRP customers and their pocketbooks, and bestow consumers with ample control to manage their bills in the manner they see fit.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] to discuss.

Sincerely,



Diane E. Brown
Executive Director

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Comment:

From: Michael Denilauler EE

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:18 PM

To: John M Felty

Subject: SRP's rate increase proposal

SRP Corporate Secretary

Mr. John Felty

Please find attached my comments for the upcoming rate increase elections on February 27th. My comments were too long to fit in the form provided. I could have broken my comments into several sections, but I was afraid it would not get put back together.

I have spent much research, time, and effort in providing this report. Please distribute it to all of the board members in time for their consideration prior to the vote.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Regards,

Michael Denilauler EE

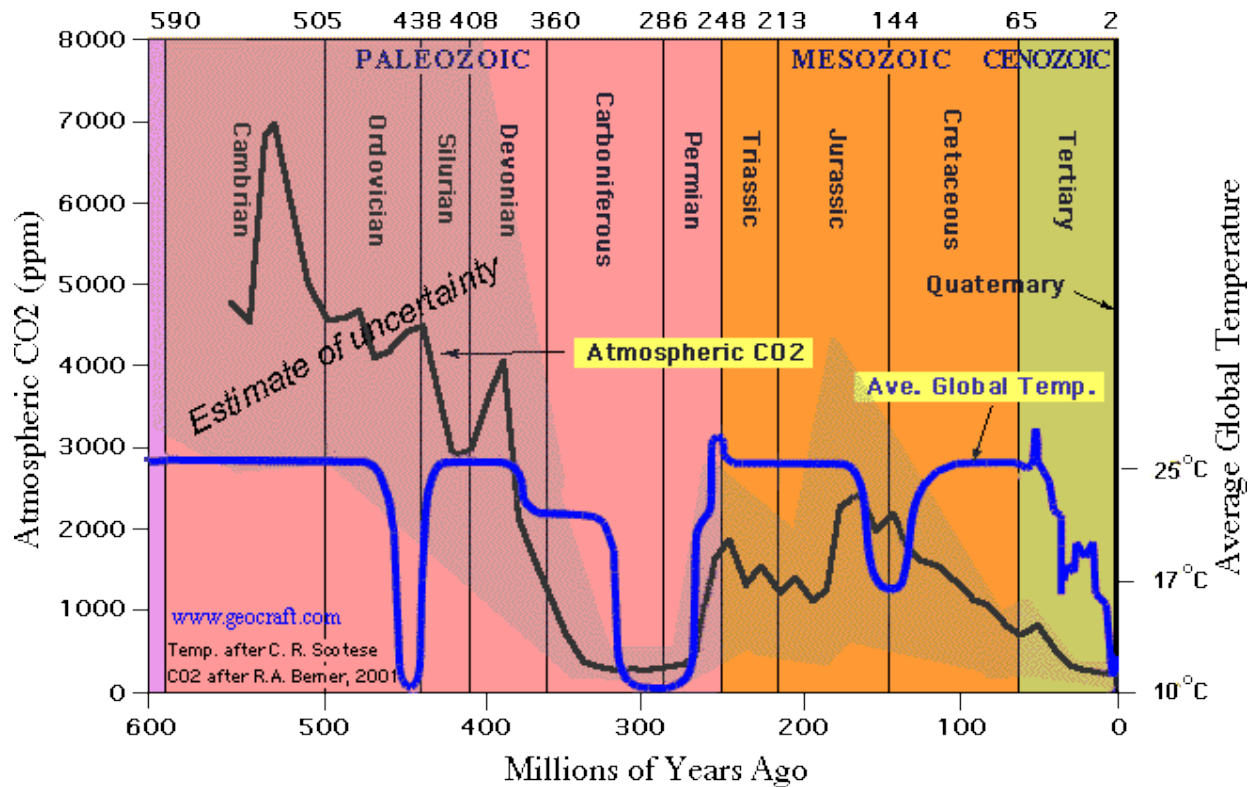
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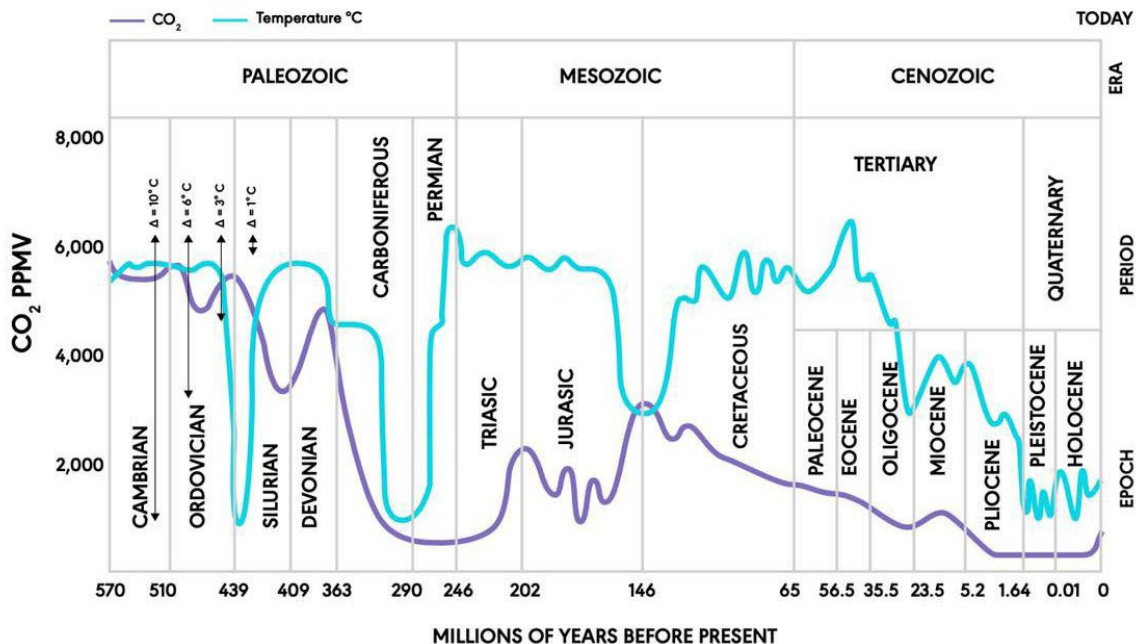
Submitted to the SRP board for consideration of the proposed rate increase.
Please distribute to all board members for review.

Jim Pratt, SRP's general manager and CEO said in a statement, "The pricing proposal reflects increases in the company's operation costs, in part, to meet our ambitious sustainability and decarbonization goals. Our grid is undergoing a transformation in how energy is generated."

SRP is committed to reducing its use of carbon fuels by 82% (from 2005 levels) by 2035 and aiming to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Mr. Pratt's statement and these figures greatly alarm me as an SRP rate payer. I don't want to pay for these unreliable, unpredictable, and expensive alternative forms of energy. I will illustrate here why this doesn't make any sense.



Geological Timescale: Concentration of CO₂ and Temperature Fluctuations



First, let's look at the above historical data charts on the earth's temperature and CO₂ levels. Going back 600 million years we see that temperature exhibits a square like wave, starting at 25 C, decreasing to 10C, then rising back to 25C in a square wave fashion. It is not affected by CO₂. CO₂ starts at around 7,000ppm, gradually decreasing to 280ppm, then rises to an average of 2000ppm, then gradually decreases back to 280ppm where it stays for about 1.5 million years prior to increasing from 280 to 440ppm starting in the 1900s. No possible conclusion exists that CO₂ is causing a temperature increase of 1.5C by looking at the data charts. This change since the 1900 is so miniscule compared to the earth's history. To blame CO₂ is preposterous. We should be ashamed to fall for this UN propaganda. Besides, it has been discovered that CO₂ can't cause a temperature increase in the first place. This will be explained further below.

According to the Institute for Energy Research, construction costs in 2022 for gas fired production was \$820/KW. For solar it was \$1,588/KW and wind was \$1,450/KW, twice the cost of gas fired plants without government subsidies and at half of the installation's rated output due to their unpredictable drawbacks.

The rated output for a solar panel requires full overhead sun. In the morning and late afternoon, the efficiency of the panel decreases, even if the panel is mounted on a sun tracking mount that follows the sun. Clouds drifting by will decrease the efficiency, especially on a cloudy day over which we have no control, thus rendering the panel's total output unreliable. There could be a week's worth or more of cloudy days in a row with no output. There is no output at night, not on a rainy day, or if the temperature is too cold or hot as the conversion rate of sunlight to electricity drastically reduces, or if the panel is dirty. Hail can break the panel

rendering it useless. Thus, an installation rated at 475 MW might average 240 MW and to state that it will power a number of homes for 4 hours would be inaccurate as it is unpredictable. Gas fired plants do not suffer from these problems. The output of wind power is also unreliable. No wind - no power. A breeze - no power. There is a minimum amount of wind force required for operation. Besides that, the turbines are killing wildlife. These alternative systems require an ungodly amount of space to install. They have an average life span of 20 to 25 years and cannot be buried due to the toxic materials required to make them. They are mostly purchased from China.

The Department of Energy's \$51.4 billion fiscal year 2025 budget earmarks \$10.6 billion for clean energy programs. This does not include the \$77 billion in renewable energy incentives in 2021's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is going away under the Trump Administration. It's the tax payer funded Government subsidies that allow these installations in the first place. The Inflation Reduction Act would have added billions more in incentives.

President Trump has issued in a new era of energy independence. First, he withdrew the US from the Paris Climate Agreement signaling the nation's energy policy will no longer adhere to global carbon emission goals. Then he withdrew the US from the World Health Organization (WHO). He also withdrew the US from the United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change, rescinding the US International Climate Finance Plan, which earmarks billions of dollars towards subsidies, grants and loans towards climate projects. The US Climate Change Support Office has been eliminated as well.

Doug Burgum, the new Secretary of the Interior, is supporting the President's Executive Orders on climate. His Order #3418 directs appropriations from 2022's Inflation Reduction Act and 2021's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to ensure consistency with Trump's "Unleashing American Energy" Executive Order. This also terminates all actions taken under revoked Joe Biden's executive orders. Along with Order #3418, Doug's order #3417, "Addressing the National Energy Emergency" activates Trump's "Energy Emergency Declaration" Executive Order. These two bills disassemble the legislative framework of Biden's 'New Green Deal' that collectively authorize more than 80 new federal programs and billions of dollars in allocations for green energy projects. This ends government subsidies, grants and loans for alternative energy, the life blood for the industry.

A climate rule issued by the EPA is officially dead after a judge granted the new administration's request to drop an appeal by the Federal Highway Administration. The rule would have forced states to comply with unrealistic CO2 emission reductions from vehicles.

In Nov 2024, Texas and 10 other states filed a lawsuit against asset manager Black Rock, who oversees \$11.5 trillion in assets, and its rivals as they claimed a cartel was formed to rig the coal market, artificially reduce the energy supply, and raise prices. Texas AG Ken Paxton said, "This is a stunning violation of state and federal law. Texas will not tolerate the illegal weaponization of the financial industry in service of a politicized, destructive environmental agenda." In Dec 2024, the House Judiciary Committee said in a statement, "The asset managers with

membership in the UN backed Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative (NZAM), which advocates reducing CO2 emissions to zero by 2050, must answer for their involvement in prioritizing woke investments over their own fiduciary duties." This is what SRP is currently doing with their goal of net zero CO2 emissions by 2050.

On Jan 9th, Black Rock withdrew from NZAM. Then on Jan13th, NAZM announced it would suspend its activities as others withdrew. These departures followed in the wake of half of the members of the NetZero Insurance Alliance (NZIA) who quit in late 2023.

Six of the largest major Wall Street banks including Goldman Sacks, Citigroup, Wells Fago, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, and Morgan Stanley, recently exited a similar climate-focused coalition for lenders called the Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA). This coalition had also pledged to reduce the use of fossil fuels.

The ESG ideology which encompassed climate change initiatives originated in the UN in 2004 as a way to get private companies on board with the left's progressive climate and social goals known as the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Now, according to a survey of 600 corporate lawyers by Baker McKenzie, ESG related lawsuits were seen as the biggest litigation risk to their organizations in 2024, up from second place in 2023.

Solar power and renewables overall can't keep pace with the US growing demand for electricity, especially when fossil fuel powered plants are removed before being replaced, utility and system operators have said during House and Senate hearings. During a May 21, 2024 Senate Natural Resource Committee hearing, chair Senator Joe Manchin (I - W. VA.) noted that US utilities have removed more than 100 GW of coal fired electric power since 2021, while 2.6GW of renewables is waiting an average of five years for approvals to connect to the grid.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Commissioner Mark Christie warned the House Energy, Climate, and Grid Security Subcommittee during a July 24, 2024 hearing that the US is heading for catastrophic consequences without fossil fuels when there is no solar or battery power being supplied to the grid.

Electricity demand is set to skyrocket when Data Centers come on line. Their use from 2017 to 2023 doubled in 6 years. It could triple in the next three years, consuming as much as 12% of the country's electricity. Where will that come from? Not wind and solar. Then throw in Bit Coin data mining, the push for EV's, and AI development using G4 chips that consume massive amounts of power.

In Nov 2024, the United Nations COP29 climate change conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, produced an agreement by which wealthier societies would transfer \$300 billion annually to poorer countries to pay for the development of green energy sources. The amount transferred is to increase to \$1.3 trillion per year by 2035. This wealth transfer scheme confirms yet again that the primary purpose of climate activism is a socialistic redistribution of tax payer money, paid through government subsidies to third party private interests. The COP29 report states

that the promised sums will, in part, be used for developing wind and solar energy. However, these countries don't have the technical expertise to build these installations themselves, so a large chunk of such "aid" will be redirected back to green energy enterprises that reside in the country making the tax payer funded donations, thus effectively laundering the tax payer money back to the green energy companies. A true wealth transfer scheme paid for by tax payers. The conference also established carbon credits, measured in metric tons of CO2 equivalent that can be purchased by individuals, businesses, and organizations to offset emissions allowing them to continue to pollute, or to support environmental projects.

The proposed Esmeralda 7 Solar Project in Nevada, about halfway between Las Vegas and Reno, the largest solar generation site in North America, is 18.5 square miles which is 4.6 miles by 4 miles. That is huge and is only slated to generate 6.2GW, enough to power 1.6 million homes, a drop in the bucket, but only while the sun is shining brightly. Not in the morning or late afternoons, not on semi cloudy or cloudy or rainy days, not at night and not if the temperature is too hot or cold, and not if the panels are dirty or cracked.

The proposed Elisabeth Solar Project 65 miles east of Yuma, Az, within the Agua Caliente Solar Energy Zone will produce 270 MW in full sun, a fraction of 6.2 GW and take up 1,400 acres of land.

The proposed 5,100 acre Libra Solar Project site in Nevada's Mineral and Lyon counties is estimated at only 700 MW, yet it is huge.

SRP has contracted 400 MW of stored battery energy, enough to power 45,000 homes for only 4 hours before needing to be recharged, from Flatland Energy Storage in Coolidge, AZ. The facility will be located in EDPR's Brittlebush Solar Park. Sixty construction jobs will be created along with only 2 permanent positions. The facility plans to double its resources over 10 years as it moves forward to retire 1.3 GW of coal fired generation. However, it needs to triple its size if it retires 1.3 GW for a net gain of 0.

The Hashknife Solar Energy Center being built in Navajo County will supply 475 MW powering about 110,000 homes when the sun is shining brightly, when it's completed in 2027. Contrary to media propaganda that these installations create large numbers of high paying jobs, when operational, this plant only employs 12 people.

Calpine's billion dollar Nova Power Bank battery storage facility will power 680,000 homes (near Los Angeles, Ca., home of what, 10 million?) for 4 hours when fully charged, and is among the largest in the world. It uses a 680,000 MW lithium-ion battery bank. The state is expected to need about 50 GW of battery storage by 2045, up from 2 GW today.

These 6 projects hopefully illustrate the immenseness of the alternative energy transition ahead of us and the incomprehensible cost if we continue towards net carbon zero. However, there is absolutely no need to do so as I will now explain why.

In an article written by Jim Mason, he illustrates a simple, accepted and verified theory on saturation, dating back 300 years, that the radiation saturation level can be different than the total level and shows how two physicists have applied that theory of saturation to atmospheric CO2 concentrations. Their paper titled "Dependence of Earth's Thermal Radiation on Five Most Abundant Greenhouse Gases", shows that the radiation emitted from the earth had reached saturation levels in CO2 long ago, even before the industrial age. This means that our atmosphere can't trap any more CO2 radiation, which holds in heat, regardless of the CO2 levels, due to radiation saturation already being reached. This proves that CO2 is currently not capable of driving increases in global temperatures because the CO2 can't hold any more heat. Reducing CO2 levels will have no effect either because the level to achieve CO2 radiation saturation is so low. This radiation absorption saturation is the stake through the heart of the climate change vampire that is sucking the life blood out of our economy.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that increasing temperature is primarily caused by human induced increases in CO2. However, Ned Nikolov, a physical scientist and researcher at Colorado State University has stated, as have many others, that the IPCC is incorrect regarding CO2. On Aug 20, 2024 Ned Nikolov and Karl Zeller, a retired US forest Service meteorologist published their study that found recent warming is not the result of increasing CO2 levels, but in addition to CO2 radiation saturation levels being reached, they found that after analyzing satellite data, that the earth has warmed because it has been absorbing more sunlight radiation because of reduced global cloud cover, as observed by NASA's Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy Satellite System since March of 2000. "CO2 is an invisible trace gas that does not interfere with sunlight," Nikolov said. "CO2 is believed to trap thermal radiation coming from the earth's surface, but that's a misconception because the absorption of long wave radiation by CO2 and heat-trapping are completely different physical processes. CO2 gas can absorb the energy to a point, expanding the molecules as the energy is increased. But according to the second law of thermodynamics, heat-trapping is impossible in an open system such as the atmosphere." Therefore, CO2 is not responsible for the increased atmospheric temperature because the CO2 itself is not driving the increase in temperature; the air and water vapor are, because of the increased energy absorption of the sun's energy, due to decrease in cloud cover. To try and decrease CO2 emissions is a waste of time. There is no explanation offered about why the UN believes that CO2 traps the earth's radiant energy.

By applying dimensional analysis to NASA's data describing the environments of different planets and moons, including the earth, Nikolov and Zeller discovered a new universal relationship across planetary bodies. This revealed that the atmosphere warms the surface, not through long wave radiation emitted by greenhouse gases, but through total pressure, and that atmospheric composition has no effect on global temperature. "Adiabatic heating (aka compression heating) is a well know thermodynamic process. This discovery about the physical nature of the atmospheric thermal warming effect (currently known as greenhouse effect) was published in our peer-reviewed literature in 2017," Nikolov said. "This is why when you get up in elevation, it gets cooler because the pressure drops with height. Current greenhouse theory claims that without an atmosphere, the earth would be about 33 degrees K colder than it is now. However, as measured by NASA, the moon without an atmosphere is 88 degrees K colder

than the earth, which is significant. This points to the theory underestimating the actual thermal effect our atmosphere has. This 88 degrees K thermal enhancement at the earth's surface is due to the total pressure of our atmosphere. The temperature or thermal energy dissipates in ascending air parcels in the troposphere due to decreasing atmospheric pressure with height," Nikolov said. This shows there is no long-term heat storage in the earth system and no "warming in the pipeline," as claimed by the latest report by the IPCC. If rising global temperatures were caused by rising greenhouse gasses, there should have been more warming than observed, Nikolov said. Rising CO2 levels do not cause temperature to rise, only the sun's radiant energy can do that. This inconvenient truth might explain the absence of discussion about decreasing global cloud coverage in the 2021 IPCC Sixth Assessment Report.

In conclusion, Mr. Pratt's statement that, "Our grid is undergoing a transformation in how energy is generated," has no scientific basis why or foundation in reason. The vast sums of money required to pay for it has no scientific basis or foundation in reason. No benefits exist, except for the elite and their wealth. As an SRP ratepayer, I do not want to support the hijinks of our money when there is no reason for it, and the myriad of problems that this transformation will cause.

Sincerely,

Michael Denilauler, EE



This petition is supported by the undersigned SRP ratepayers with more to follow:

Susan Golka
Gary Golka
Beth Golka
Joh Kimoto
Gary Jordan
Andy Kutz

Name: Juana Silva

Record Number: 941bc65f

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

Hello, my name is Juana Silva and I am an SRP customer. I do not agree with the price increases. Electricity is already so expensive, and with the summers getting hotter and hotter it just means we will need more electricity to cool our houses. SRP needs to invest into renewable energies, not fossil fuels. This company spends a majority of its energy investments into fossil fuels, which just contributes to the climate crisis and the extreme heat we experience here in Phoenix. It's a positive feedback loop... more money for fossil fuels = more greenhouse gas pollution = increase in extreme heat & climate change = more electricity use.....SRP needs to invest in renewable energy. This company needs to pay for solar panels to be installed on houses of their clients so that people have a reliable source of energy! This would create a more robust system, you could even create micro-solar farms in neighborhoods! Why do you not do this? I do not want to pay you all more money just so you can waste it on fossil fuel investments. So many people struggle to pay their bill. Sometimes people have to choose between paying their electricity bill OR buying food for the family. It is an injustice. SRP is a greedy company. No rate increase for any of your customers! Use our money to invest into fossil fuels!

Name: Sean

Record Number: a50e3120

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

Why is SRP trying to steal my savings on solar?

Name: Jess

Record Number: 70adf7e5

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

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Name: Joanne Tollefson

Record Number: MI7139513

Delivery Method: Mail

Comment:

See attached

SRP is in the midst of a price process

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SRP management is proposing an overall average increase of 2.4% to annual revenues as a result of changes that would first apply in the customers' November 2025 billing cycle. The price proposal reflects, among other things, an increase in base prices to address expenses related to replacing aging infrastructure, adapting to an evolving power grid and enhancing customer programs and services, while maintaining reliability and safety.

The complete proposal, dates, time and locations of meetings during the month of February, and certain pertinent materials, are available for viewing at srp.net/srpprices. If you have questions, submit written questions to SRP management by 5 p.m. Feb. 21. Management will answer each reasonable question posed by any interested person.

You don't need anymore money. As a senior citizen, I'm the one that needs more money to pay your bill!

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TDD SERVICE

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Name: Kelly McGowan

Record Number: MI7141739

Delivery Method: Email to Corporate Secretary

Attachments: Wildfire Price Proceeding Letter of Support.pdf

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Record #MI7141739*

Comment:

From: Kelly McGowan
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 4:43 PM
To: John M Felty
Cc: Claire Michael
Subject: Wildfire Price Proceeding Letter of Support

John,

Attached please find Wildfire's letter of support for Management's Proposal for the Economy Price Plan and connected bill assistance programs for low-income customers.

Sincerely,

Kelly -

Thanks,
Kelly McGowan (she/her)
Executive Director

*See attached Letter



February 25, 2025

Re: Wildfire's Comments on Salt River Project's (SRP) 2025 Pricing Proposal

Dear SRP Board of Directors:

Wildfire is committed to ensuring that every Arizonan has access to essential resources and opportunities to thrive. As a statewide nonprofit working to stop poverty before it starts, we have spent years advocating for policies and programs that create a more just and equitable future. A key component of that work is ensuring that energy remains accessible and affordable, particularly for low-income households who often face disproportionate energy burdens.

As such, Wildfire worked with Management to develop and propose changes to the Economy Price Plan (EPP), including a two-step implementation of a tiered EPP structure.¹ These changes will ensure customers are receiving assistance proportionate to their need and more effectively reduce energy burdens. Management has recommended this proposal for approval and included a temporary increase of \$5M per year for the total Bill Assistance funding until the four-tier program can be implemented.² We appreciate this recommendation of additional assistance by Director Arnett and Director O'Brien and are certain it will positively impact the community.

Wildfire supports these recommendations as they strike a careful and necessary balance between financial sustainability and customer well-being. Wildfire urges the board to adopt them. As the need in the community continues to grow, it's important to proactively address affordability issues through targeted programs and improved policies. We value SRP's partnership in furthering these goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly McGowan".

Kelly McGowan
Executive Director
Wildfire

kmcgowan@wildfireaz.org

¹ https://www.srpnet.com/assets/srpnet/pdf/about/governance-leadership/district-meetings/20250206_DB_packet_Pricing.pdf

² <https://www.srpnet.com/assets/srpnet/pdf/price-plans/2024/20250227-Management-Recommendations.pdf>

Name: Jose Flores

Record Number: MI7140721

Delivery Method: Email to Corporate Secretary

Attachments: Poder Latinx Public Comment on SRP Pricing.pdf

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Record #MI7140721*

Comment:

From: Jose Flores

Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 4:31 PM

To: John M Felty

Cc: Nancy Herrera

Subject: Re: Request to Allow for Public Comment - 2/27 Board Meeting

Hi John,

Please find our organizational statement attached below. I do wish to share that we are a smaller organization with limited capacity, so our statement is short on the nuance and detail that the issue requires. We elected to focus our comment on the timeframe allotted to allow for public comment and community input, and we would be pleased with any proposal that extends the review process to allow for more in-depth community engagement.

Thank you for your prompt response and for supporting us in submitting our public statement. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jose Flores

State Program Coordinator



February 26th, 2024

Dear Members of the SRP Board of Directors,

Re: Poder Latinx Public Comment on SRP Pricing Proceeding

At Poder Latinx, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, our mission is to have communities of color that are actively engaged in the decision-making processes that directly impact us. We strongly believe in democratic norms, where people have the ability to vote directly for those who will represent us at all levels, including public utility boards, and where the needs of the community are taken into consideration in major decision-making that will impact both our wallets and the communities in which we live.

Last year, we conducted a survey to hear directly from SRP customers. We wanted to get a sense of the community's awareness and understanding of the SRP elections. The results of the survey were enlightening - we discovered that most customers (73%) were unaware about the SRP elections and the implications that the elections would have on them. Many were shocked to learn that there was an election process for SRP, even though many have been SRP customers for 20, 30, and 40+ years!

The top three issues for customers were:

- To keep utilities costs down (74%),
- Ensuring that SRP is hearing from the community (8%),
- And, that SRP strongly considers and takes action to address its environmental impact (8%).

That is why we are here today. We feel that there has not been enough effort put forward in considering the community's input on SRP's new pricing proposal and that SRP has not given ample time for the community to review and comment on the proposal. In total, there has only been four days to listen to public comment - Jan 31, Feb 6, Feb 11, and Feb 27. There has only been one meeting in the late evening at 5:30pm to give the general public the ability to give public comments after work. Not enough notice and not enough opportunities were given to fully consider the community's input, especially from SRP's most impacted customers.



My questions to SRP are: how many customers have shared their input? And what were the thoughts of residential solar customers when they heard that their rates will be increased the most?

SRP boasts to serve more than 1 million customers, but it is very unlikely to have collected a fair amount of comments to represent most of them if they were given just three months to review the plan and to share their opinions, and only one real opportunity to do so on February 11th at 5:30pm. That would have given the Board just 16 days to review all comments and make a final decision on the pricing proposal. This is the opposite of transparency and inclusion, also considering that many of your customers may have preferred to comment in Spanish or other languages to feel truly heard and included in the process.

We encourage SRP to postpone the final decision towards a later date, perhaps at least to April. We also encourage SRP to host at least two additional evening meetings to hear from the community and one Saturday meeting to give working families, who are a large part of your clientele, a fair opportunity to share with SRP. This will be a more participative plan for the SRP Board to engage with customers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Herrera
State Program Director
Poder Latinx

SRP Public Price Process

Comments from: 2/27/2025

Name: Tammy L. Bosse

Record Number: d7127196

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

We appreciate the SRP public comment opportunities for this rate case. However, there has not been time for the Board to publicly discuss the substance of the very thoughtful input that has been put forth very thoughtfully to the Board. The organizations that shared very relevant suggestions for rate plan adjustments were severely limited in time to present to the Board and sufficient time for meaningful Board discussion on their input still needs to be part of the agenda. Has management really considered any of the suggestions by the organizations representing solar and then brought those discussion results back to the Board for true deliberation? I am respectfully asking that the Board delay this rate case decision and allow fair time for the Board to truly deliberate the community and solar organization's suggestions. Thank you.

Name: Kristin White

Record Number: 8460c365

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

Is there any way you can gradually implement these rising costs to the public? I understand why it needs to be done. But contrary to the popular believe that "ripping the bandaid off" is best, some of us need to gradually make changes to our family budget.

Name: Norm Sandler

Record Number: 2eba5dc7

Delivery Method: Digital Submission

Comment:

All of these questions and amendments makes it crystal clear that a 30 Day Pause makes perfect sense. So many questions.

Name: Norm Sandler

Record Number: MI7143259

Delivery Method: Email to Corporate Secretary

Attachments: RE_ February 27th Board Meeting_Sandler.pdf; SRP Board Meeting 02-27-2025 - Handout.pdf

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Comment:

From: Norm UP

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 6:10 AM

To: SRP Corporate Secretary

Subject: RE: February 27th Board Meeting

Good Morning,

Looking forward to today's Board Meeting.

I'm hoping to be able to speak; attached are my comment notes and handout information. Would you please be able to forward to the Board Members?

Thanks again for your assistance,

Norm Sandler

*See attached

SRP Board Meeting

February 27, 2025

Good Morning Board President, Board Members and SRP Management. I've missed you.

First, please Evergreen my current TOU plan. Moving High Time one hour longer from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM makes a huge difference in families' lives. Why the change? Because SRP, given its proposed changes in generation assets, is not capable of delivering affordable energy at 8:00PM? Why? Because the sun is not shining! How does that makes sense? Our prices are going up because SRP is not capable of delivering energy that is reliable & affordable in the dark.

And this is just direct costs. That issue goes across the board, to all energy users. So consumer products, food, clothing, entertainment, transportation, data, everything will go up in price. While the proposed increase is stated to be 2.4%, it's really closer to the 3X the inflation rate.

We learned that the quoted price for solar installations includes large State & Federal subsidies, almost halving the "comparative price" of \$72 for CCGT vs. \$77 for solar. Those subsidies come from tax dollars which we'll all be paying in another 2 months. So another hidden rate increase.

Also, the asset life is substantially different. While 20 years for solar is the quoted life, in the field, it's more like 10 years vs. 50 years for CCGT. So now the comparative life-cycle price is more like \$150 per MW for CCGT vs. \$600 per MW for solar. Yep, another built-in rate increase.

4th is the Environmental Cost which, if the full solar plan goes thru, will require the scraping of hundreds sq. miles of current farm land. So natural carbon storage is crushed as are the habitats and lives of millions of creatures, both big and small. Reclamation of those lands will be required, footed by SRP rate payers, well our Kids. Just add those costs to the bill.

Then those generated electrons must travel hundreds of miles, thru pristine lands, some of which are Sacred to Native Americans and ruining their vistas for generations to come. But all of the "movement of electrons" means that electrons are lost, close to 20% from round-trip efficiencies, line losses & just normal fluctuations on the grid from a fluctuating generation source, solar panels. So if 100 MW is required by dispatch control, then 125 MW will be required to be generated and purchased. Hugely inefficient & again paid for by SRP rate payers.

And to top it all off, this Monday, SRP issued an RFP for MORE of these generating assets! Why? Because there is not enough generated energy to support its customer base in a safe, reliable and affordable manner! Another 2700 MW of non-baseload, non-dispatchable energy.

Here's another rub. SRP is planning for a giant, pumped hydro project; sounds great, right? But why? Because PPA's are "make it and take it" agreements; if the energy is produced, SRP must take it whether it needs it or not.

So on shoulder times of the year, SRP may be forced to pay other utilities to take away extra energy. We, the SRP customers, have been the beneficiary of “negative pricing” from California for years! So let’s just follow in their footsteps, right? No!

Wait, pumped hydro; a “natural” energy storage mechanism. But it will cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build, will fill a perfectly, beautiful valley full of water that will be re-cycled back and forth daily so as to “use up” the extra electrons for which SRP is obligated to purchase, whether we, the customers, need them or not. Add that OpEx into the rate increase.

Environmentally, it’s even worse. The water level in the “storage basin” will rise and fall almost 100 feet every day. The water will be turbid, so no aquatic life. There will be no such thing as a shoreline, so no plants will be able to grow or nests to be built. And it will not be available for any sort of recreational activities; the “tide” is too dangerous.

Gravity is a great renewable energy supply and there are much better technologies available rather than flooding a perfectly nice valley at a huge expense to rate payers & Mother Nature. Energy Vault is one such “gravity storage” technology using heavy weights vs. water.

Finally, and I am not a lawyer but have seen enough litigation, there is the issue of Chain Of Custody for panel disposal. Yes, I'm sure the current contractor and PPA T & C's all explain how it is to be properly done & SRP has been assured there are no issues. I can imagine the same assurances were made to the 3M Board as they debated the rollout of their new water-proofing products, now referred to as PFAS. 3M and other users have paid billions of dollars as settlement for damages and the health impacts are just starting. Just think about all the lawyer ads regarding asbestos! How soon will scrapped solar panels & turbine blades be added to that list?

The current plans call for the use thousands of wind mills & millions of solar panels, all of which will come to their useful life and be in need of disposal. There are elements in those devices that, if not properly handled, can escape into the environment, both water and air. And they will never go away, so a very, very long Chain Of Custody. Yes, it should keep you awake at night.

In 2000, due to the de-regulation of the electric utility industry, 2 of the largest electric utilities, IOU's, almost went bankrupt. The shareholders bore the brunt of those losses, but the companies lost billions of dollars. They are still losing monies due to their assets starting fires. And the real risk of cyber-attacks; the more remote the equipment, the tougher it is to protect.

And SRP is following right in their footsteps!

Has Council discussed this in detail? SRP could be billions of dollars in debt either from the need to purchase spot-market energy, causing black-outs or EPA related issues for decades to come. The potential risk is enormous!

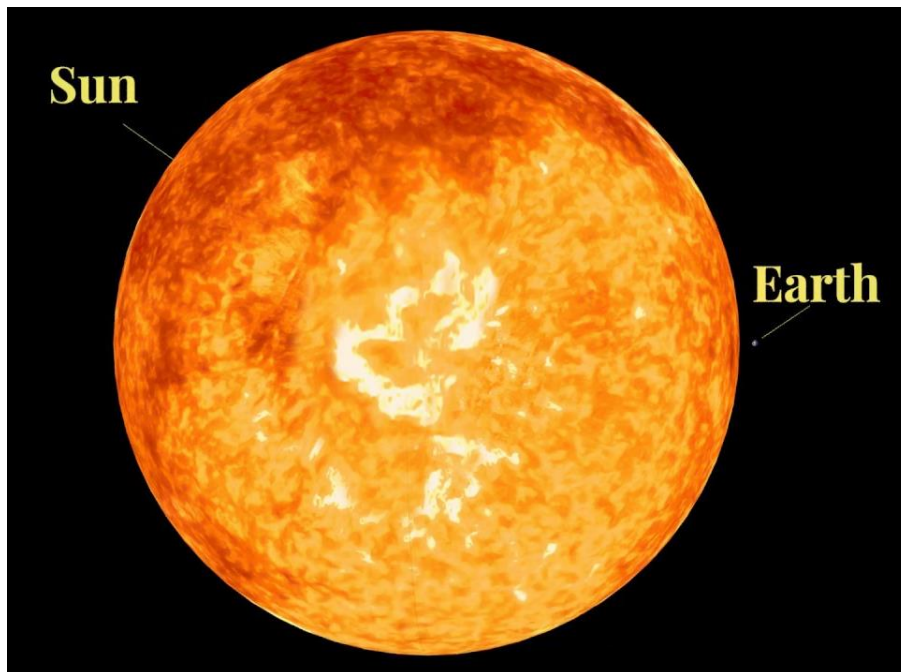
As a Co-op, who is ultimately responsible? The State? Federal Government? Board Members? Land Owners? Eventually, "we the rate payer" will be picking up the tab thru a combination of higher rates, higher taxes and higher prices for goods & services. Is this how this Board wants its legacy to be remembered?

What's that old Bible proverb? *"The road to hell is paved with good intentions"*?

Maybe this entire plan, i.e., "greening the fleet" needs to go back to Square One. Thank You.

Why Are We Doing This?

The Sun vs. Planet Earth



Each hour 430 quintillion Joules of energy from the sun hits the Earth.
That's 430 with 18 zeroes after it!

In comparison, the total amount of energy that **all humans on planet Earth use in a year is about 410 quintillion Joules.**

The Sun has 10,000 times more impact on Earth's climate than the entire human race.

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/top-6-things-you-didnt-know-about-solar-energy>

The Law of Conservation of Energy states that Energy can neither be created nor destroyed; rather, it can only be transformed or transferred from one form to another.

Fossil fuels are merely stored solar energy; thank you Mother Nature!

Salt River Project

2025 All-Source RFP for Peaking Capacity

I. Purpose and Scope

SRP's service territory continues to experience significant growth. This continued projected growth, combined with the need to make progress towards 2035 sustainability goals, creates a need for additional power generation resources to ensure that SRP can maintain reliable, affordable, and increasingly sustainable electric service.

SRP is issuing this All-Source Request for Proposals (2025 RFP) to seek additional resources that can achieve the following:

- Provide at least 600 MW of summer capacity by the summer of 2031 and at least an additional 500 MW by the summer of 2032, subject to load forecasts.
- Up to 2,700 MW of new carbon-free energy resources such as solar and wind, including wind associated with new interstate transmission projects. SRP encourages proposals for other zero-carbon resources as well and is interested in technologies that can provide carbon-free energy in all hours of the day, including geothermal and biomass.

SRP will be developing self-build options for flexible natural gas, solar, and storage projects to address a portion of the resource need. Proposals submitted to the 2025 RFP will be compared to the SRP self-build options. SRP expects to present the top scoring resource options and recommendations to its Board of Directors in early 2026.

SRP is an agricultural improvement district organized under the laws of the State of Arizona and provides retail electric service to more than 1 million residential and business customers in and around the Phoenix metropolitan area. SRP serves the energy needs of its customers from generation that is produced with a diverse fuel mix that includes nuclear, coal, hydroelectric, natural gas, and renewable resources including solar, battery storage, wind, biomass, and geothermal. SRP is rated AA+ by S&P Global Ratings and Aa1 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and is headquartered in Tempe, Arizona.

SRP has a strong history of stewardship associated with the water and power resources it provides to the Salt River Valley and a strong commitment to the environment.

II. Requested Proposal

SRP will consider resources that can provide at least 25 MW of nameplate capacity or greater. SRP will consider proposals for capacity provided by eligible resources including but not limited to, solar and/or wind paired with energy storage, grid charged energy storage, natural gas combined cycle, natural gas simple cycle, combustion turbines, reciprocating engines, and geothermal. Respondents are encouraged to submit alternative project sizes for the same point of interconnection. SRP is especially interested in proposals that include a long-duration (8-hours or longer) storage option. Please provide pricing for 4-hr and 8-hr configurations if the project includes li-ion battery storage. Providing pricing for 4-hr and 8-hr configurations of the same main project does not count towards respondents' alternate proposals. Resources that offer dispatch flexibility provide the greatest value to SRP and are preferred.

For each proposal that includes carbon-free resources paired with storage, respondents should also submit alternate pricing that does not include storage. This pricing information that excludes storage does not count as an "alternate proposal" as described in Section IV, Paragraph G (Bid Fees).

Name: Tammy L. Bosse

Record Number: 361c8a3f

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Comment:

Hello. Thank you for your service. You are a COMMUNITY utility. It is your responsibility to balance SRP interests with the overall interests of the community and the rate plan proposed does not do that in several ways that still need to be fleshed out. More time is needed to have those meaningful analytic evaluations instead of with "solar is bad for SRP and make the numbers show that" mentality. Financial analysis can be skewed with any bias. 1. It needs to be very clear that Nuclear and Oil and Gas and Coal have government subsidies much greater than solar. Those are imbedded in the tax code where they are not transparent unlike the solar tax credits. Therefore the public is not aware of the massive subsidies for dirty energy that exist. This same baseline understanding of the dirty energy tax credits also seems to be the same in some of the baseline decision making in this rate. The other related concern is that the preponderance of evidence by the vast majority of scientists is very clear that our carbon emissions largely from coal, and oil and gas are primary contributors to our deteriorating climate conditions, increasing painful heat, natural flora dieing, and worsening air quality in the SRP service territory. There are extremely damaging, costly consequences to continue to promote dirty energy and harm clean energy as current SRP rate policies clearly do. The proposed new rate plans further clearly contribute to a bleaker future for every SRP customer by harming clean energy further.

Unhealthier weather conditions harm our health, pocketbooks and economy. The hotter that it gets, the higher costs with higher energy bills. The hotter that it gets the ac's run more and cause more harm to our climate and continue to cause hotter summers and unhealthier air. The hotter it gets the more our economy will suffer from people not recreating here as much and moving away or leaving for the summer and using less energy that SRP "profits" from. Solar also provides a lot of jobs and provide many more in this community while not contributing to our overall decline in the livability here. I do not believe that your 76% recovery gives solar credit for providing VERY CHEAP wholesale energy that SRP can use and sell back for a higher cost. A community utility is tasked with having the community as an important stakeholder. It is time for you to live up to your responsibility and charter. Do the right thing. Re-evaluate ways to help SRP and help the vibrancy of clean energy in SRP territory. Thank you for your time and service. One last thing - Do the right thing. Stop harming solar. Find a way to WITH solar to strengthen SRP.

Name: Russell Cook

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Comment:

Electric generating costs go up because other costs go up. I get that, we all do. But if any part of SRP's service prices going up are explained by 'efforts to mitigate global warming,' I urge SRP in the strongest possible way to NOT justify any part of a price increase on that. Many years ago, an SRP administrator told me directly that SRP managers did not believe there was any science to back up claims about man-caused global warming, but he admitted that SRP also thought policy mandated by the then-Obama administration & EPA was something SRP had no power to fight against. Think about what the Nov 2024 election has brought: a return to common sense, and a return to following the actual science. When policymakers and the public finally hear ALL of the info about the climate situation - NOT just half of it - the collective 'climate crisis' will implode, in probably one of the biggest collapses of a political ideology in history. The whole issue only has two legs to stand on, first, that the notion that the 'science' (which excludes all input from skeptic scientists) of human-caused global warming is "settled", and second, that nobody should listen to skeptic scientists because they are "on the payroll of Big Oil to spread lies." When that second leg crumbles to dust - and it will, it is a mathematical certainty - the issue cannot remain standing on the leg of "settled science" in the face of withering science-based assessments from skeptics who say the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has not proven its case that what little warming we've had over the last 150 years is primarily driven by burning fossil fuels. Common sense needs to prevail when determining pricing, not capitulation to 'political correctness.'

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Comment:

Mr. Pratt just hit the nail on the head. SRP's focus is NOT on rate payers but on greening the fleet. These are counter opposed to each other. The reason that the "load - demand" is shifting is due to the fact that generating capacity is do to the lack of sunshine... this is crazy! Build the new CC gas turbines so as to address this issue, much less expensive in terms of CapEx, much more secure and dispatch-able and less expensive. Thank you.

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Comment:

Why are solar owners being punished for going solar with the future rate increase? How is having solar with SRP beneficial?

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SRP Board Meeting – Comments February 27, 2025

Unfortunately, the on-line form did not seem to be working, so thought this might be an OK Plan B. Thanks

I attended the Feb 27th Board Meeting, remotely. Now I understand. SRP's new rates have been designed to accommodate, not the residential rate payer, but the roll-out of inferior generating assets. They do not work at night nor do they match rate payer demand curves. Residential rate payers will bear the brunt of these changes, especially in the evening, you know, when families come together, when meals are cooked, children go to bed & many working adults go to bed. Good luck sleeping when it's 100+ degrees in the house!

The SRP Management work around? Pre-cool your house when rates are low then "buck up" when rates are high, up until 9 or 10:00 PM! That way, SRP avoids the "snap back" or the need to fire up peaking units since the majority of generating assets are sitting idle since they don't work at night.

And how many working adults start their work day before 6:00AM? Here's a test. One morning, leave the SRP corporate office at 5:00AM, take the 202 west to the 10, then continue west to the 303 then make a U-Turn. Just see how long it takes to get back due to all the traffic. Thousands of people going to work early in the morning. Guess what, they go to bed early, too! Whole families going to bed at 8:00PM, but certainly not going to sleep when the temperatures inside the house are 90+ degrees! Open the window? It's 110 degrees outside!

OK... some people want to go "green". Sorry, zero-carbon is a total misnomer, but so be it. So, create a "green tariff" & let those people pay the extra cost at night. But, solar & wind generation does not match demand, so expensive storage is also required. BESS is one way, but there are others,

ice plants, for example. Data centers are huge heat sinks. With a new, hi-tech ice plant systems, they could make ice when rates are low & non-dispatchable energy is available, thus balancing the load & having cooling capabilities at nite. Also, they could share their cool water with neighbors, such as schools, libraries or churches, for example. Data center cooling needs are steady state, 24-7-365. So have them install their own energy storage devices as a part of their interconnect fees. Problem solved & residential rate payers protected.

Gravity is a wonderful renewable energy resource, it's everywhere, works 24-7, is fully dispatchable & can be base loaded. SRP is proposing new pumped storage, though there are pro's & con's. But there are other technologies, for example, lifting heavy weights. The round-trip efficiency is much better & the footprint is very small when compared damming up a river valley. Energy Vault is one such option. www.energyvault.com

Earlier in the day, one person mentioned a sign that read "Solar Subsidies Suck". If a technology can stand on its own, it does not need subsidies & that cuts across the board. But governments are picking "winners & losers" thru grants, subsidies & regulatory burden. And we are all paying thru higher utility rates, consumer good pricing & taxes. So, if people feel strongly about going green, then let them pay the extra price. Freedom to choose & options are good.

One final note. It was very uncomfortable to watch motion after motion denied. The fact that they were just being introduced at the 23rd hour was a head-scratcher. One would think these had been tabled, debated & discussed well in advance of the final vote. Now this might be the "SRP way", but concerning to an outsider. As is the "simple majority" vote, especially for rate cases. Has a "super majority" ever been considered? Might allow for more open dialogue. And it was clearly evident that SRP management & some Board members were definitely NOT on the same page. Uncomfortable.

Bottom-line, I do NOT want to have "high time" be extended past 8:00PM. That is already tough. I do NOT want to subsidize wind or solar or the needed storage. Let that end user bare the cost. Finally, fossil fuels are stored solar energy. Thank you Mother Nature!

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Comments to the SRP Board by Steve Neil - February 27, 2025 Price Process Board Meeting

Good morning President Rousseau, Vice-President Dobson, and all 14 directors!

As you know, I take great interest in what SRP does and why it does it and even when and how. So today, I give my final report from well over one hundred hours of research into the details of the price process. **Sumup - despite claims to the contrary, Management has sunk to a new low in the treatment of residential solar.**

Back in 2015, former President Bonsall's attack on solar was at least a frontal one.

For 2019, Aidan and the pricing team had a new way of saying solar was bad and paying only 2.8 cents per kWh for exports when SRP was actually paying over 10 cents for PPA utility scale solar.

This time, the devil in the details is buried deep inside Excel spreadsheets and in guesses made by SRP's Resource Planning team as to the behavior of different groups of customers way into the future.

For reasons unknown to me and unstated in the hundreds of pages produced, they predict that rooftop solar customers will continue to ramp up their power consumption around the 8 o'clock evening hour, just like their price plans tell them to do, and will not adapt to the new later peak pricing hours, say 6pm to 9pm, so prices for residential solar need to be raised drastically. And so it goes.

Your questions?

One of mine - Will Management say that if they adapt to the new peak pricing hours, their bill will be lower? But remember it won't be much lower because their methodology assumed they wouldn't adapt and they already jacked up the peak kWh pricing and demand charges?

Solar demand charges up as much as 44%

For example, the pricing team has told you that the solar class is seeing only a 5.odd % increase. But he didn't tell you that this new pricing contains greatly increased demand charges for E-27, the original special rate for solar, as much as 44% higher. And so it goes.

Your questions?

Would you like the next Blue Book to show the percent change from current to proposed? If so, say it now.

The long-used 4CP Peak and the brand new LOLP Peak singles out solar (Loss of Load Probability)

If you study the data, and I'm sure someone at SRP has, you see that the new LOLP Peak method results in a peak demand measurement that is very similar to the old 4CP Peak that has been used for decades. Very similar for all the price plans, even lower for some, EXCEPT for the residential solar ones where it is as much as 56% higher. 56%!! And so it goes.

	21	22	23	24	26	29	27	13	14	15
Avg. kW per Customer, weighted by normalized LOLP	4.55	4.07	3.60	3.45	4.94	4.83	3.88	4.87	4.01	4.17
4CP Peak from Interval Data.kW Calcs	4.40	4.32	4.07	3.79	5.49	5.25	2.80	3.35	2.56	2.73
LOLP is higher or lower than 4CP	0.15	(0.25)	(0.46)	(0.34)	(0.54)	(0.43)	1.08	1.51	1.45	1.44
LOLP/4CP %	103.5%	94.1%	88.6%	91.1%	90.1%	91.9%	138.5%	145.2%	156.7%	152.7%

Your questions?

Would you like to know why the Peak-related costs were greatly raised for solar customers and very little for non-solar? Why the unequal treatment? If so, say it now.

6 years of usage educated guesses, let's use the last three because those three charge solar the most
SRP's Resource Planning team created projections, and to be clear, SRP does not yet have a time machine to know the future but keep an eye out for a budget line item, so these are educated guesses. They projected the usage for each price plan for each hour of ostensibly each day for 2025 through 2030. Then they decided to use only the estimates for 2028, 2029 and 2030 and guess what? Doing that as opposed to using the first three years, the years this price process is supposed to cover, resulted in the Peak part of the Peak and Average pricing formula being raised as much as 22% more while the non-solar plans are flat to negative 5%. And so it goes.

Steve Neil additional calculations PLAN#>>	21	22	23	24	26	29	27	13	14	15
years 2028 to 2030 orig kW	4.55	4.07	3.60	3.45	4.94	4.83	9.88	4.87	4.01	4.37
years 2025 to 2027 projections are much lower for solar	4.49	4.15	3.79	3.58	5.13	4.89	3.34	4.16	3.28	3.47
last3 + first3 yrs %	101%	98%	95%	96%	96%	99%	116%	117%	122%	120%

again, solar plans are WAY different from the rest of residential
Peak pricing ends at same time 8pm like E-26 (or 7pm like E-22), but treated differently

Your questions?

Would you like to know why Management, knowing that solar customers would continue to be forced onto a plan with peak pricing in the evening, did not project that they would adapt to the new hours? If so, say it now.

Revived price plan cost comparison tool must compare all available plans

Management has proposed that plans will not be frozen in November 2025, so the resurrection of the price plan comparison tool needs to cover all plans available to the customer.

And every bill should inform the customer whether there is a more economical plan for their usage patterns.

They propose that the tool only compare 3 plans - Basic, the new E-16 average demand, and the new E-28 no demand. And hopefully those will be the most economical, but SRP has more plans, more options, so SRP should inform of all costs and not omit key information, which is a form of consumer fraud, by the way. And so it goes.

Your questions?

Would you like customers to be fully informed of the cost of each plan available?

Final Questions?

Why did you say "And so it goes" so many times? Search online for Vonnegut and so it goes and learn about desensitization!

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Comment:

Most SRP area is already filled in so it is going to be a steady load, except for the growth of AI and High Performance Computers in the area, which can increase load by a factor of up to 4X. Therefore, I believe that rate increases should be on those who are requiring the increased power infrastructure, ie. the computing centers. Rates for residential consumers should NOT be increased to pay for these corporate heavy users. RT
