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Commission-approved Voluntary Solar Program Launched in APS Service Territory

Program Will Provide Rooftop Solar for Habitat for Humanity Homes

PHOENIX, AZ – Commissioner Bob Burns today joined with Habitat for Humanity, the Gil family, Peoria Mayor Carlata and Arizona Public Service (APS) to launch the Voluntary Solar Contribution Program. The launch took place at the future site of the Gil family home in Peoria. Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona selected the Gil family – Luz and her three children – to be the first recipients of a rooftop solar system. At the event, Commissioner Burns made a \$500 contribution to the fund.

The program, which was approved in November 2014 by the Corporation Commission for homes in the APS, Tucson Electric Power and Unisource Energy service territories, provides an avenue for individuals to directly support rooftop solar through voluntary, tax-deductible contributions, thus, bringing the technology to individuals who may have not had access to it. The fund is administered by the Arizona Community Foundation. Habitat for Humanity selects the recipient homeowners.

Commissioner Burns proposed this mechanism to direct voluntary, tax-deductible contributions to low-income consumers who would not otherwise be able to afford solar and the Commission approved the proposal unanimously.

“Arizona is a solar success story, and Arizonans are increasingly taking advantage of the Southwest’s most plentiful resource: the sun,” said Commissioner Bob Burns. “But while the cost of solar continues to decline, it still remains a barrier for many people—especially those who could benefit most from the cost savings. Thus, the idea was born and I am grateful to my Commission colleagues for supporting it.”

The Voluntary Solar Program is a win-win that promotes solar energy development and makes this family's—and we hope many more families’—electric bills more affordable.

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Learn more about the program by visiting the APS Solar Assist website at:

<https://www.aps.com/en/communityandenvironment/charitablegiving/solar-assist/Pages/home.aspx>

Take action. Make your own tax-deductible donation today. In doing so, you can help make a difference in your community and help Arizona continue to be a leader in solar energy.

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