

## APS Rate Case Update



On Tuesday August 15, 2017 The Arizona Corporation Commission approved a rate application for APS with a 4 to 1 vote. The impact on the average residential bill is estimated to be a 4.54% increase which equates to a \$6 monthly increase. The new rates will take effect on August 19, 2017.

The approved APS application creates a number of rate design options including an updated Time of Use Plan and optional demand rates. New customers and current customers who move after May 1, 2018, will choose from the time-of-use plan or demand rates. After ninety days they may switch to a plan without time of use hours if they qualify. APS will provide to all customers, a comprehensive education program to assist customers in understand their choices and making decisions about which plan best benefits their individual family needs.

Other items of note are:

- ✚ A \$10 million-\$15 million annual investment in a program that expands access to rooftop solar for limited- and moderate-income customers
- ✚ A \$15 million refund of surplus energy efficiency program funds to customers
- ✚ Increased program funding, annual crisis bill assistance and a simplified monthly bill discount for limited-income customers
- ✚ Grandfathering for existing private solar customers. Customers who submit a completed application to APS by 11: 59 p.m. on August 31 and have the system installed by February 28, 2018, can also be grandfathered.
- ✚ Time of Use rates will change to 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., and four new holiday off-peak days will be added.

Regarding the rate adjustments, customers do not need to take immediate action. APS will communicate with customers starting in the fall about how they can pick a new rate plan.

SCHOA will continue to keep Sun City residents informed.