



Please answer the following questions so that Arizonans whose electricity is provided by SRP can learn more about what you hope to accomplish if elected to the board of governors and councilors. We plan to make all responses available through our website.

1 -What is your name?

- Eric Gorsegner
- On LinkedIn
- Visit www.SRPCleanEnergy.org and <https://www.srpnet.com/about/governance-leadership/elections/candidates-election-results>

2 -Why are you running for a position on SRP's board of directors and councilors?

- *I am running for a Council Seat in SRP District #7 because I genuinely care about Water, Power & Utility Issues **in the PUBLIC INTEREST**. I've worked both at SRP and in the industry as part of a 3-decade career in public policy work. "Uncle Salty" needs to change. They need to prioritize their customers and ratepayers over the status quo.*

3 -What type(s) of energy resources do you want to see SRP build more of?

- Distributed Generation – *If SRP takes its boot off the neck of their own customers the market will flourish. They must adopt new rates, protocols and policies that make rooftop solar a preferred option for residential AND commercial. This may in turn provide some incentive for municipalities to update their development codes to make them more accommodating.*
- Utility & Community Scale Solar – *Many good sites available on degraded (farmed, mined, grazed) private, state trust and federal lands.*
- Transmission – *Our grid is in trouble and needs to be maintained. That said, I believe SRP could defer / avoid some transmission investment by increasing distributed generation infill and microgrids inside of the 69kV and 12 kV subtransmission area.*
- Gas & Coal – *No more investments in coal or natural gas other than to transition out and maintain existing.*

- *Water – SRP can do more to water bank storm runoff, partner on upstream watershed protection measures and start supporting new AMA and groundwater legislation at the capitol.*

4 – Do you think that SRP should make it easier for customers to install solar on their homes and businesses? If so, how would you achieve this?

- *See answer #3 above (Distributed Generation).*
- *SRP should not be effectively dictating to customers the size & configuration of rooftop infrastructure. It seems that solar companies and installers have to do workarounds to basically shoehorn their own product into SRP's parameters.*
- *This is also about growing a new solar industry, jobs and supply chains in the New Energy Economy.*

5 – Do you believe that the credit SRP provides to customers who have solar is fair compensation for the energy they provide to the grid? If not, what changes would you propose?

- *No. Solar customers are significantly undercompensated for the electrons they put out onto the grid. New rate structures.*

6 – What is your position on the customer charges and demand charges that SRP currently charges to solar customers?

- *About what my position is on credit card junk fees and mysterious medical bill add-ons. The billing needs to be clearer, simple and fairer. I do believe that there is a fair share that ALL customers (solar or otherwise) should pay for what I'd just generally refer to as "Utility Operating, Maintenance & Administrative Overhead". As currently practiced, solar customers are being punished.*

7 – Do you think SRP should encourage adoption of residential battery storage by its customers? If so, how?

- *It seems consistent with reducing the duck curve, load shaving and optimizing the investment of solar rooftop investors and EV owners.*

8 – Should SRP help its customers be more energy efficient? If so, how?

- *“The most inexpensive electron is the one never generated” (My Quote ripped off from someone who said it first). Not that long ago SRP had a much more robust menu of meaningful DSM options & incentives. From REAL home energy audits (vs the “assessments” that are now done for PR purposes) to Rebates that were actually meaningful to Insulation, reducing and Infiltration assistance.... And more. I wouldn’t be surprised to learn that SRP spends more \$\$\$ promoting what’s left of these hollowed out programs than it spends on actually implementing them.*

9 – Should SRP help customers integrate electric vehicles? If so, how?

- *I’m not sure I understand the extent of “integrate”.*

10 –Do you think SRP should work to increase customer participation in its elections? If so, how would you achieve this?

- *Absolutely! One of the main reasons I’m running it is to help reform the process and “FIRE MYSELF”. Yes – Seriously.*

11 – What are your views on customer participation in SRP’s planning process and stakeholder meetings?

- *I attended a recent community meeting that rolled out some of SRP’s sustainability goals. It was OK but very superficial. And, of course, done in the months preceding the election.*

12 – Is there anything else that you want to make sure voters know about you?

- *Like many of the 15 candidates on the SRPCleanEnergy.com team I am highly qualified, have a genuine concern for the public interest and will be driven to change. I’m running for the right reasons – not because I’m a 3rd (even 4th) generation farmer or developer looking to “farm rooftops”.*
- *Voters need to also know that I find it insulting that nearly 50% of the SRP ratepayers in apartments, rentals, and non-ownership settings have basically NO SAY in these elections.*

Solar United Neighbors is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works in Arizona and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters.