



2024 Salt River Project (SRP) Candidate Questionnaire

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.

What is your name?

Sandra Kennedy

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

I have extensive knowledge and experience in utility regulation as a staunch consumer and solar energy advocate while I was an Arizona Corporation Commissioner. But SRP's rates and decisions about renewable energy were beyond my jurisdiction then. Now, I want to help set SRP on the right path to lower utility rates and towards more solar and renewable energy. I want to stop its plans to build expensive, carbon emitting natural gas power sources when solar and battery costs less. The Earth has just seen its warmest year, and it is imperative that we reduce and/or eliminate carbon sources, now.

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

Solar with battery costs less than natural gas or coal-fired energy, and would be a more reliable and stable energy source, especially when natural gas prices can spike and cost consumers more. Arizona should be the leader in solar energy as it has the best natural solar resources of any state.

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?

Yes. SRP should encourage distributed solar by eliminating all extra charges for solar and by allowing net metering where the utility purchases excess power from customers with solar at a reasonable rate.

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, the credit they receive is not enough, and it must be increased to a more reasonable rate.

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

These are patently unfair and must be eliminated.

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

Yes, by allowing rebates and subsidies for customers who install batteries. It increases grid stability, reduces overall peak demand and helps customers save money.

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

Yes. Energy efficiency is the most cost-efficient way of lowering rates by lessening the amount of electric power generating facilities to provide peak demand. SRP should be offering energy audits and subsidies to make identified energy efficiency improvements.

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

Yes, by subsidizing or incentivizing home electric vehicle charging so customers can recharge at off-peak hours. It increases grid stability, reduces overall peak demand and helps customers save money.

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

Yes. SRP needs to change its formula for representation on its governing board and also should be proactive in notifying customers that they have a vote. This can be done with additions to the power bill, on the SRP website, and in every new hook-up to SRP so that when new customers start service, they are informed about the governing board and their right to vote on its members.

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

SRP's planning process must be open and transparent, as well as its stakeholder meetings. Customers' input is welcomed as they bring new ideas and information to the table.

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

It has been a pleasure to serve the State of Arizona as a State Representative, State Senator, a member of the Phoenix Union High School governing board and Commissioner at the Arizona Corporation Commission. I remain a staunch consumer advocate who is not afraid to call out corruption and price gouging. It has been an honor to serve!

I look forward to making futuristic changes that will affect my grandchildren and their children to make a better tomorrow!

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