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North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
5th Floor
Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Subject: Docket Nos. E-2 Sub1167 and E-7, Sub 1166

Dear Commissioners:

Since the rollout of Duke Energy's Solar Rebate Program in 2018, the demand for solar rebates has greatly outweighed the supply of overall rebate capacity and we only see that demand continuing to increase. I am writing you on behalf of Pisgah Energy in support of the recent filings made by NCSEA which will alleviate the pent-up demand, streamline the application process, and helps our state transition to a clean energy economy. As you know, the rebate program is an important and monumental legislative vehicle that provides jobs and economic health to the state.

As a solar developer focused on development within the commercial, industrial and local government sectors, the proposed changes to the program will result in increased sales and more installed solar capacity as the rebate allotment will be distributed across more customers and projects. The rebate program has served businesses well by providing project capital for solar development in the form of the rebate, however many of our customers have been challenged in receiving approval for the rebate based on the limited capacity of the program. We see the following sectors – Commercial, Industrial, Agribusiness and Non-Profit Business/ Local Governments - all benefitting from the proposed changes to the rebate program.

Additionally, the current application period opening only once per year has created an overloaded rush on rebates. Not only has this overwhelmed Duke Energy's ability to process and review rebate applications, but this creates an unsustainable sales cycle, where if the application period was opened up again in July, this would help with selling systems consistently throughout the year.

For all these reasons, we strongly urge you to support the recent filings made by NCSEA for modifying the Solar Rebate Program. My sincerest thanks to you for your continued support of this important program.

Sincerely,

Evan Becka
President
Pisgah Energy Inc.

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