Conyers, Tamika

From: Diane James <djames93@twc.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 11:32 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

I understand that Duke Energy has filed a petition to change the rules on net metering, making rooftop solar less accessible at a time when climate scientists say we must be moving full-steam to decarbonize.

I provide solar power to Duke and the program is already not very beneficial to folks like me. And this change would make it worse.

I started as a Purchased Power solar provider over 5 years ago, and half the time, I've had to PAY Duke to provide them with my solar power!!! I'm currently working to switch to net metering to reduce payments to them.

Please DO NOT approve their petition to make net metering more challenging.

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Conyers, Tamika

From: terry wilson
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 8:41 PM
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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by terry wilson

Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

Please tell Duke no to gas!!!! No telling what kind of damage they would, could do with gas!!!

Conyers, Tamika

From: Felice Nord <F_Nord@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

We installed 20 panels on our home last year and now understand that Duke is requesting changes to net metering that can negatively impact the benefit that we receive for this very expensive installation (even with the federal credits). We felt we were helping with the environment but also believed we would get significant savings. With Duke's proposals, those savings would be reduced and will also make it less desirable for homeowners to do their own installation. Please reject Duke's proposals.
Thank you, Felice Nord and Joseph Sentiwany

Conyers, Tamika

From: Rosemary Robinson <roseroo14@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:05 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

Dear Commissioners,

First of all, thank you for your service! I recognize the huge job you have before y'all and appreciate you for dedicating yourselves to the best outcome possible.

I attended all of the stakeholder meetings run by Duke Energy and it was clear from the start that they were not interested in producing an unbiased energy plan for North Carolina. They outright lied when asked whether the plan was unbiased because there was not even an agenda item for rooftop solar. I kept waiting for it and it never came. This plan is not viable for our future and must be taken out of Duke's hands. There is too big of a conflict of interest.

Customer-owned solar should be at the heart of our energy plan. But because Duke doesn't profit from this, they are doing everything they can to undermine it. We need a strong net metering program and other incentives and programs that encourage rooftop solar. Please don't let Duke deter us from this!

Your job is to represent the people of North Carolina and assure our priorities and wellbeing are represented in our plan. There is strong support for customer-owned rooftop solar w/battery storage. New fossil fuel projects will continue to add to our climate problems and I am deeply concerned for our children's future; sustainable, clean energy is the way forward.

Do the right thing for the people of North Carolina and for future generations! Be the heroes!

Warmly,

Rosemary Robinson
Swannanoa, NC

Conyers, Tamika

From: Munsie Davis
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 12:12 PM
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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Munsie Davis

Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

Please support residential rooftop solar. I don't think that individual homeowners should be asked to shore up the profits of corporations providing energy via coal or gas.

Conyers, Tamika

From: Steven Newman
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:00 AM
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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Steven Newman

Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

Duke has ignored the environment, ignored their customers, ignored the law, and ignored scientists facts. How completely ridiculous. Please do not allow them to stifle solar power. Preserve and improve net metering rules. Do not allow Duke to increase fees and reduce compensation to solar owners. They take the excess energy that they pay pennies for and sell to other customers at a mark up. Please protect solar and North Carolinians!

Conyers, Tamika

From: Doug Dotson
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 9:57 AM
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Message

Please reject Duke's plan! I love the solar installation at my house and want rooftop solar to be more accessible to more people even if that is not profitable to Duke. Doug

Conyers, Tamika

From: Peter F. Adland <peter.adland@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

I am a solar owner who is adamantly opposed to the proposed changes in net metering. We already face an adverse situation with our solar excess power generated as Duke Energy zeros out our banked Kw hours every June 1, right before the time of the year they would be most useful. Any increased fees and decreased compensation not only detrimentally affect those who invested in solar power but create a negative climate at a time when we should be encouraging solar. This is a blatant money grab by Duke Energy and must be stopped.

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Conyers, Tamika

From: Save NC Solar <info@savencsolar.org>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 10:42 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100 Sub 180: Petition from 1800 solar customers
Attachments: net metering petition 09-15-2022.pdf

Dear Governor Cooper (cc Attorney General Josh Stein and NC Utilities Commission):

The Save NC Solar Coalition submits the attached petition for your consideration, signed by 1800 solar panel owners who ask for your support in preserving North Carolina's net metering policies for rooftop solar, which Duke Energy has petitioned to weaken (NC Utilities Commission Docket E-100 Sub 180).

Please help ensure that North Carolina realizes the goals of your Clean Energy Plan and the vision of HB 951. We need to ensure that any entity that wants to help NC go green–be it a business, a nonprofit, or a residence–gets green lights all the way.

Sincerely,
The Save NC Solar Coalition, on behalf of 1800 North Carolinian Solar Providers

Coalition members include: 350 Triangle; 350 Charlotte; Appalachian Voices; Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP; Climate Reality Project, Charlotte Metro Area; Environmental Working Group; NC Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places We Live (NC APPPL); NC WARN; Southern Coalition for Social Justice; Sunrise Movement Durham and the West End Revitalization Association

Conyers, Tamika

From: Tim Holder
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 9:21 AM
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Message

I oppose Duke's plan wholeheartedly. It will set Americans back in the fight against climate change when it could be framed to move us forward in the fight against climate change. Please read the following for more context. Today, 1,800 solar panel owners urged Governor Cooper to protect customer-owned energy generation and solar power in North Carolina. Duke Energy, in the Net Energy Metering docket presently before the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC), is attempting to not only increase solar customers' monthly fixed costs with additional fees but also decrease their compensation for the excess solar energy they export to the grid. The excess energy they generate is then sold to their neighbors by Duke Energy at retail rates. In addition to the 1,800 solar owners asking for the governor's support, nearly 2,800 individuals have submitted comments to the NCUC in the docket, the overwhelmingly majority opposing Duke's proposal. The petition was delivered by Save NC Solar, a coalition promoting clean energy, climate action and environmental justice. Coalition member Tina Katsanos, representing the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP, said "Duke Energy states that they are taking this action to protect low-income ratepayers from rising bills due to more affluent solar customers paying less for use of the grid. In reality, North Carolina's solar customers are not only providing energy for themselves, but also for their neighbors. That solar energy is less expensive for ratepayers, but less profitable for Duke than new fracked gas plants. If Duke really wanted to help low-income customers, they would provide better energy efficiency and community solar programs." "Solar owners install energy infrastructure at their own expense and share low-cost excess power with the grid. This should be encouraged, not thwarted," noted Sally Robertson of NC WARN. "Duke is threatening to slash solar owners' return on their investment in order to increase its own profits." Ziyad Habash of Sunrise Durham added: "It is a climate emergency. Does Governor Cooper recognize that? Attorney General Josh Stein has requested that this matter be resolved only after the Carbon Plan docket is resolved. Does our NC Utilities Commission recognize the crucial role that rooftop solar can play in that plan?" "Rooftop solar plays a crucial role in our economy," Karen Bearden of 350 Triangle remarked. "NC is home to over 200 solar companies, including almost 40 manufacturers and twice as many installers. Should we increase that sector of our economy, or export over $2 billion a year for fracked gas and coal?" "Customer-owned solar could be creating 35% of the energy needs of North Carolina," noted Cathy Buckley of the NC Alliance to Protect our People and the Places We Live. "In a ranking of rooftop installations per capita per state, NC comes in at number 31. Let us strive to be number 1 - for the sake of our people's health, our economy, our future."

Conyers, Tamika

From: Sherri Zann Rosenthal
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 5:55 PM
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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Sherri Zann Rosenthal

Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

Rooftop solar serves everyone, and should be further incentivized. Net metering, at little cost to the rate base, incentivizes private investment in solar energy. Duke Energy's proposal in this docket to disadvantage citizen-owned rooftop solar electricity generation by increasing monthly fees and reducing the value of net metered electricity should be denied for many reasons: 1. Changing the economics of that private investment mid-stream for many rooftop solar owners is unfair, and would never be tolerated or approved for corporate electricity providers. These solar array owners made capital investments based upon a specific regulatory rate structure, and it is unfair to change that before their investments are fully amortized. 2. It is not in the pubic interest to shift the economics of rooftop solar in a way that discourages future investment in distributed rooftop solar arrays. 3. Centralizing control of solar and all generation in the state under Duke Energy's control is not in the public interest, particularly at a time when mistaken policies may well prove deadly. As one example, failure of the grid during a severe and prolonged heat wave results in deaths. I personally know of times when the grid has gone down and electricity from rooftop solar has been used to keep insulin and other medicines of neighbors safe and viable. 4. The climate crisis has become more obvious in a way that is accelerating and fulfilling all the climatologists' predictions: more violent storms, droughts punctuated by heavy rainfalls in short periods of time, emergence of old and new diseases, more insects. It is so important that we use all the tools we've got; for us to each and all to do everything we can to avert the worst effects of this disaster; to behave as if we may still do so, even if that window of possibility is small and closing fast. You who sit on the Utilities Commission can do this: make policy as if all our lives and the lives of those we love depend on it. Therefore, I urge you to deny Duke Energy's proposal to change net metering to make it more costly and less advantageous, and instead urge you to expand the economic viability of rooftop solar by expanding the advantages of net metering. Respectfully submitted, Sherri Zann Rosenthal 2205 Wilson Street Durham, NC 27705

Conyers, Tamika

From: James E Taylor
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

I'm just going to put as plain as I can put it. WE, The Solar Home power customer has already invested greatly into OUR SYSTEMS, to help Do OUR PART to support YOUR The Government's "GREEN NEW DEAL" BS, and you also force us to sell OUR PRODUCTIONS from OUR equipment, in which the Power company has NO Personally Invested intrest into our equipment. They (the power company) does not NOR WILL not maintain or service OUR equipment and should Our equipment need service, WE The OWNERS, Must pay for that as well out of our own pockets. We are Forced to accept the "sell to" at a much Reduced WHOLESALE price, to the power company, (Even though the Solar Owner is in REALITY, Their very OWN PRIVATE Power Company) & then forced to pay the Power company an enormous "Connection Fee, along with various other fees". I do not know of ANY OTHER Company that is FORCED, BY the government, to Sell "Their product / service" to another company at the Other company's price. THIS, in MY BOOK. Plain and simple EXTORTION at its finest, which by both State & Federal Laws, IS ILLEGAL in every sense of the word. If ANYONE should be paying ANYTHING, It should be the Power Company paying the Solar Owner, at WHATEVER Price the OWNER / PROVIDER deems is a fair price TO the power company. If you decide to push your Extortion scheme further, I would explore EVERY Solar Owner to physically Cut ALL TIES with their Power Company& REFUSE to provide ANY power to Said power company until the Power company AGREED to pay The Owner, whatever Fees he deems a fair price. NOT THE GOVERNMENT, NOT THE POWER COMPANY. PERIOD!! BACK THE FUCK OFF OR GET DISCONNECTED!

Conyers, Tamika

From: Chris
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 5:21 PM
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Message

It is disturbing to think that Duke Energy wishes to nickel and dime solar top owners at this point. We invested in a 6.4 kWh system in 2016 and my breakeven will be close to 11.5 years from that install date, or 2027, and this includes state and federal tax credits. My excess energy that I produce goes to any nearby neighbors who may need it, especially when the energy grid is being stressed in either hot or cold times of the year, is a very important factor to consider. Our system averages about $1.80, or 20 kWh of daily energy production, and much of it is returned to the grid, which Duke uses and doesn't have to produce it themselves. We should feel lauded but truly feel we are being targeted by such a large energy conglomerate that borderlines a monopoly. If you allow Duke Energy to increase solar customers' monthly fixed costs with additional fees and also decrease compensation for the excess solar energy that we export to the grid. If this is allowed I feel current solar top owners, who have considered all investments costs and benefits, should be grandfathered into existing rates and fees which we considered prior to making our decision to install. It is only fair. If it is allowed, breakeven's will be pushed even further into the future, mine nearing 2030 or a total of 15 years. With numbers like these, future installers of solar top systems will not reap the benefits for a dozen+ years and therefore may be discouraged to invest in renewables. With the limited amount of solar top owners throughout North Carolina, Duke Energy continues to pressure the NCUC to reduce our already minimal savings. I plead with you to consider our goals and commitment to renewables by doing the right thing for the future. The future is heading in a cleaner direction and it's important that all of us see this clearly. Sincerely, Chris Soderberg Charlotte

Conyers, Tamika

From: Lester Crafton
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:43 PM
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

Net metering isn't fair to homeowners or utility companies. The value of solar created by a home and shared with the grid priced under this proposal does not take into consideration: 1. Decreases transport costs (it's not far to your next door neighbors' home, which is where your electricity goes when you're overproducing). 2. The decreased externalized costs recognized by the utility company, namely, the capital needed to create their own clean energy plants, the maintenance on those plants, the miles and miles of wires and equipment needed between those plants they own and someone's home. It's just not very far from a roof to a utility panel. 3. The inherent value of solar energy. 4. The increased robustness of the grid--local energy production is a blessing. With that said, unless you accurately value the inherent value of solar energy, net-metering still pays too much at retail. But you know what does make sense? Creating programs that allow someone to receive retail net metering PLUS a MASSIVE premium for any energy they can share during certain times of the day when their grid really needs it for the people who can offer that service. And this is what home storage makes possible. When considering rates, consider including riders that make it easy for Duke customers who are sitting on excess power to sell it easily to Duke at a super-premium, which would still be discount over the super-dirty peaker plant energy they are currently purchasing. Net metering was a great first step. For true energy security, it's time to have a different conversation. Bc one of the biggest downsides to net metering is that encourages technical choices initially that simply do not optimally with batteries. And what we really need is clean energy plus on demand storage, not just way too much clean energy sometimes and nasty nights. Being

Conyers, Tamika

From: Karen Hodges <khodges2019@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

I appreciate the opportunity to let the NCUC how important it is to me and my family that net metering rules be preserved and improved. A few years back we invested in rooftop solar panels for our relatively modest home in Charlotte. When we decided to add twice as many panels last year, we found that the technology for these panels had already greatly improved. There is real momentum behind the move to solar energy, including for residential customers, and it's clear why that is so: It is not only the right thing to do for our own survival and for our children and grand-children, to minimize the already alarming economic, ecological, and health impacts of the climate emergency, but it makes sense in ordinary day-to-day terms for households like ours. Now in our seventies, my husband and I feel secure in the knowledge that we are protected from inevitably rising utility costs. We see how the initial investment we made will pay off over time, and we already have the predictability and stability of minimal monthly bills from Duke Energy to see us through our retirement years. But when we see what Duke is doing to erode the benefits we'll receive from our investment, we feel that a real injustice is being done. This company is not acting in the public interest and should not be allowed function like a monopoly that can do whatever it wants to maximize its own profits. We need strong NCUC oversight in order to harness the momentum in solarization for NC. We need the NCUC to take a stand in favor of residential rooftop solar.

Thank you for registering my comment,
Dr. Karen Hodges (Charlotte resident and Duke Energy customer since 1997)