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Message

My wife, Thelma LeMarble, and I are homeowners in Craven County with solar panels that became operational in February 2022. Our net metering service is with Duke Progress Energy. Our 21 panels are financed with GoodLeap, for \$40,719.90, with a 25 year loan with an 18 month flexpay at 1.98%. As of June 24 we have generated 4.26 MWh of electricity. With our June statement with Duke Energy we had a previous carried forward balance of 923 kWh, a carried forward reset of 1,003 kWh and a current carried forward of 80 kWh, leaving us with a carried forward balance of 0 kWh. We did not receive any compensation for the 1,003 kWh of electricity delivered to the grid. If we lived in South Carolina we would have received a check for that balance but in North Carolina Duke does not allow for banking electricity over to a new year. We have only been operational since February so the reset kWh for next year should be much higher than 1,003 kWh. We are currently paying Goodleap \$67 per month for the loan. However if we do not pay the principal balance down to \$30,000 within three years the monthly payment will increase to over \$100. I am only stating these costs to demonstrate that we have incurred a liability with the installation of our solar panels. We are only paying Duke Energy for the basic connection monthly. However with Duke Energy not allowing the electricity credits to bank without compensation decreases the benefits of having solar panels tremendously. It allows Duke to use energy produced from our solar panels without any compensation. On the other hand if we did not pay our energy bill every month our energy would be cut off. Why should Duke be allowed to get energy without paying us? We ask the commission to change the policy with Duke Energy of North Carolina and allow electricity to bank and/or allow compensation for any energy delivered to the grid.