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As an owner of a 12 KW rooftop solar system, I am writing you today because I am alarmed at the proposed changes that Duke Energy wants to make to Net Metering in North Carolina.

It is premature to consider any changes to net metering in North Carolina until we have an objective study of the economic benefits of distributed solar to the electrical grid. Duke Energy is incapable of honestly modeling and reporting the benefits of rooftop solar to the NCUC as it is a direct competitor to their shareholder revenues. We need a study on the benefits and cost of rooftop solar on the utilities' system in North Carolina.

In addition to polluting our water with coal ash, and our air with greenhouse gases, Duke Energy is engaged in information pollution surrounding the future of net metering. They state that they are concerned about the accessibility and equity of Solar access as the reason to make changes to Net Metering, but the only equity they are concerned with is their shareholder equity. The myth that solar customers are raising bills of non-solar customers is nonsense.

If Duke was really concerned with accessibility of Solar to all customers, they wouldn't be sitting on their community Solar offerings, they wouldn't be dragging their feet on interconnection for new installations (3 of the sunniest weeks of my life when I was waiting to interconnect in April of 2019), and they would provide Net Metering credit information as part of the online account system (rather than a physical letter each month with the balance).

Duke energy wants to have it both ways, where they reap the benefits of solar generation without investing in the infrastructure, where they bill rooftop solar customers at the retail rate while paying the wholesale rate, and the changes to the netting period to harvest any surplus credits with the minimum billing amount are galling and infuriating. They undervalue rooftop solar's contributions to the electrical grid at every opportunity.

Please do not allow Duke Energy to diminish the value of my system in order to preserve their obscene and exorbitant profits.

Net metering is essential for my family to afford solar and lower our carbon footprint. Reducing the financial viability for North Carolinians to be able to afford rooftop solar is unacceptable and should be rejected.

I am calling on the North Carolina Utilities Commission to stand up to a monopoly utility company that is leading the effort to essentially end North Carolinians' personal freedom to put solar on their property.

Regards,  
-Frank Shorter