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NC Public Utilities Commission –

We object to Duke Powers proposed approach on net metering.

Both our residence and our small farm generate electric power through a net metering agreement with Duke Power. We offer brief comments below out of respect for your time and your staff's time. Please contact us if you would like additional detail on any of these points.

- We believe that our electric power production benefits not only our home and farm but other residents of NC by avoiding the need for expanded Duke Power production and delivery infrastructure.
- The net metering approach proposed by Duke Power will create an incentive for producers like us to deliver less power to Duke because of the disincentives contained in the proposal.
- The proposed approach will also create an incentive for small producers like us to defect from Duke's grid, to the detriment of both Duke and the electric power consumers in NC. Several examples of this trend exist in the US with Hawaii being a particularly advanced case.
- Driving away customers runs counter to Duke Power responsibilities both to their shareholders and to NC residents as a public utility.
- In contrast to the "stick" approach of time-of-use metering for solar producers, the "carrot" of incentives to add behind the meter storage is a more forward-looking approach.
- Disincentives for solar power production close to the point of use overlooks a growing economic opportunity in NC for local solar jobs both installing and maintaining distributed power generation infrastructure.
- Creating a disincentive for solar in NC runs counter to the State's goal of reducing carbon emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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