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From: Cathy Phillips <catphlips@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket# E100 sub 180

To the NC Utilities Commissioners

Please do not allow the net metering proposal by Duke Energy reduce the benefits to the investors in residential rooftop solar. We have put our dollars into a program that has a ridiculously long payback because we believe that renewable energy is an important part of our obligation to reduce carbon emissions whenever we can. Session Law 2021-165, House Bill 951 instructs the Utilities Commission to take "all reasonable steps to achieve a 70% reduction in emissions of CO2".

We installed residential rooftop solar in 2020. In a letter from Duke on 2/21/2021 they wrote " Duke Energy Carolinas/Progress appreciates your participation in our Customer Owned Generation Program. Our company supports innovative ways to use and conserve energy sources that protect our environment and help establish a cleaner energy future.". In spite of this rhetoric Duke dangles rebates in 2 minute lotteries and annual sweeps of solar generated electricity. These are the selfish partner actions we found after we installed our panels. Now we understand that Duke is trying to snatch back more of the benefits of our solar investment.

Duke's proposal will reduce the benefits due to the residential investors in solar. This action will further discourage future residential investment in solar. The Utilities Commissioners must not allow Duke to throttle the mandate to reduce CO2.

Cathy Phillips
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From: Cassie Blackwelder <cassie.blackwelder@icloud.com>
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Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

Please oppose Duke Energy's petition with the NC Utilities Commission to change the rules on net metering. This will make rooftop solar less accessible at a time when climate scientists say we must be moving full-steam to decarbonize. As a downtown resident who was considering installing solar panels in the near future, I urge you to side with the earth and climate scientist and not with the big money of Duke Energy.

Cassie Blackwelder

Sent from my iPhone - sorry for typos!

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From: Barrett Smith
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:50 AM
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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Barrett Smith

Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 18

Message

Hello- I am a North Carolina resident producing solar power with my rooftop solar panels. I am writing to express my concern with Duke Energy's possible changes to net metering. I am hoping that NCUC will conduct a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes are made to net metering in NC. This would reflect consistency with NC House Bill 589, which requires that the NCUC investigate the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before any changes to net metering are made. Thank you. Barrett Smith

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From: Amy Johnson <amy.johnson008@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E 100 Sub 180 cs

Dear NCUC,

I am a homeowner in Weaverville NC who paid for my own solar panels. At that time, certain agreements were made with Duke Energy. Now Duke wants to change these rules to benefit itself.

We should be doing everything we can to rapidly transition onto solar and other renewables. We only have this decade to make changes and get off fossil fuels, per the ICC and GOES reports. Otherwise our children and grandchildren will face an unlivable planet.

The need for Duke Energy to make even more money seems to pale in comparison.

I beg you to support and expand solar energy, not make it harder for us to get.

Sincerely,
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From: Albert Butler
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

NC House Bill 589 requires that the NCUC investigate the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before any changes to net metering are made, and that investigation has yet to be conducted. Duke Energy claims solar customers pay less than their fair share for using the grid, but that has not been proven, and some studies show the opposite. The NCUC must conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. Reducing the value of solar will make it more difficult to hit North Carolina's established climate goals. Thousands of rooftop solar jobs are at risk if Duke's proposal passes. The proposal is extremely complex, which could lead to unpredictable bill increases for solar customers. As one solar industry professional recently said of the plan, "complexity is anti-consumer." North Carolina should retain its current, straightforward net metering policy. Depending on what the NCUC decides, existing solar customers could be forced onto the new plan as soon as 2027. The plan could include: higher fixed monthly fees time-of-use billing where the price for the electricity bought from or exported to the grid would vary by time of day, with peak rates applying from 6-9pm (summer) or 6-9am (winter) when little solar power is being produced; this does not even coincide with Duke's actual peak demand compensation for excess solar exports at a wholesale rate (instead of rolling over from month to month as excess credits do now, you would be paid out for them at the end of each month, but at less than 3 cents per kilowatt-hour instead of retail rates of around 10 cents) Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of your solar investment decision after the fact. Existing customers should be allowed to stay on their current net metering plan for the life of their system.

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From: Trevor Cartee
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

I bought solar panels for my house 4 1/2 years ago as a long term investment in my house and for the environment. We love our solar panels and I've encouraged others to look into this for their homes. North Carolina should retain its current, straightforward net metering policy. Too complicated and too complex never works for anyone - simple is always the best. Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. Existing customers like me should be allowed to stay on the current net metering plan for the life of the system. My wife and I demand that the NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar and not be influenced by Duke Energy's decision to make more profit. Our future and the long-term benefits should be considered. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

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From: Vinayak Kottoor
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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Vinayak Kottoor

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Message

I am a homeowner who very recently made the very significant personal investment to install a PV solar system on my home. In addition to the very appealing idea of generating renewable energy and thus contributing to reduced dependence on fossil fuels, that this would be genuinely supported by regulating agencies (and, through their stewardship, energy companies) seemed a reasonable assumption. The details of as well as the apparent motivation for proposed changes as listed seem both counter-intuitive to the overall goal of bringing more homeowners such as myself to the fold and lacking in terms of adhering to the big picture of moving our state forward sustainably on energy. If changes are truly needed, let them be with all stakeholders and viewpoints accounted for such that all feel invested (and not excluded) by the ultimate solution. Thank you.