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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. 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. Demand that the NCUC 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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E-100 Sub 180

Message

I want to reject Duke Energy's proposal to change net metering. It actually bothers me that they are able to reset everything I have accrued throughout the year. Then I have to start all over again to build up enough credit to help with my energy needs over the winter. If Duke is allowed this proposal they will deter home solar customers. Instead we should be incentivizing people to want to put solar in in order to reduce energy needs from Duke.

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Message

I write to encourage you to reject any proposed changes to the net metering system for residential customers proposed by Duke Energy. We should promote solar energy and do all we can as a state to support anyone and everyone to have rooftop solar systems. Every kilowatt of energy produced by solar is one less produced by coal. Please reject Duke's proposal. Thank you - Nathaniel J. Poovey

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Message

I installed rooftop solar on my house in 2019 (and am considering installing more panels). Now I hear that Duke might be allowed to lower what they pay for net-metering for future but perhaps also current rooftop solar users. Allowing Duke to retroactively suck more profits from rooftop solar destabilizes the economics of these decisions for consumers (both for customers who have already installed solar and customers who are considering it or might install it in the future). Not only should Duke Energy not be allowed to change the rules for how customers are paid for the solar energy they provide through rooftop solar, the NCUC should be doing everything in its power to ENCOURAGE solar. Please carefully examine all the benefits that all NC residents reap from increasing use of rooftop solar, and do not allow Duke Energy to lower what they pay current and future customers for net-metering (which is already lower than it should be).

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Message

I am concerned about how Duke intends to change the rules for how we are compensated for producing solar energy. I originally installed my panels based on solar production and payments from Duke. When my panels were installed I was supposed to have the ability to get compensated from duke, but their website crashed from too many users applying for the rebates. I ended up so far down the list, I never was compensated for my installation. Now they want to take the few dollars my system does produce. The payback on my system will be close to 25 years at this rate and my whole system will probably need new panels before then!

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Message

We reject this proposal, and we think that The amount paid for solar should increase in the future, not decrease.

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Message

Net metering is crucial to solar advancement in North Carolina. If anything, solar customers protect the grid by reducing wear and tear on grid usage during peak hours. At a time when energy usage is of key importance in America, North Carolina, and the fight against Global warming there should be even more incentive to go solar. Even as more people buy electric vehicles and arguably strained the grid Solar customers only help protect the grid. If solar customers are EV owners themselves, that is largely the best case scenario as I could use my own energy to charge my electric vehicle to much reduce strain on the grid. Duke energy And every energy company should be required to pay one to one ratio for the energy that they take back (and should not be allowed to charge bogus fees as I am subject to from energy United) from solar generation as energy that I would use from them for nonsolar generation. I have used my own money for my solar panels and in no way have Energy companies helped pay for my solar, so why should they buy energy for me any cheaper than I buy energy from them, especially in a state where I cannot choose my energy company. They already charge fees to maintain personnel and grid. Climate change is a fight for all of us. This is not about greedy corporations bottom line. This is about doing the best for all of us and it comes down to the individual consumer to make decisions like solar usage, electric vehicles, and smart use of all things energy. We will lose this fight for climate change if we allow corporations to maintain greedy politics and policies.

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Duke Energy has submitted a plan to the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers** in a way that would reduce the amount you paid for the excess solar energy you share with the grid. I ask / demand that the NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. Please reject this proposal to prevent Duke Energy from slowing the growth of solar in North Carolina and allow North Carolina meet the established climate goals. Thank you for your consideration.

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Message

Please do not support this proposal. I am retired and have a limited income. If solar becomes more of an expense than a help, it's going to make my life more difficult. Also, less people in the state will invest in solar. We are the ones investing in this energy, not Duke Energy. They are already reaping the benefits they are entitled to and we, the consumer should be able to reap ours. Thank you

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Message

Dear Utilities Commission, I am writing today to state my opposition to NC House Bill 589. In this bill, Duke Energy claims that solar customers pay less than their "fair share" for using the grid without providing adequate proof to support this claim. NC House Bill 589 requires that the NCUC investigate the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before any changes to net metering commence. As I understand it, no such investigation has been conducted. As a result, I am asking for the NCUC to adhere to its requirement and conduct its cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. The proposed changes devalue solar energy and disincentive the future use of solar as an energy alternative. The proposed time-of-use billing does not coincide with Duke's actual peak demand. Governor Cooper campaigned and promised North Carolina could and would reach carbon neutrality by 2050. How does allowing Duke Energy to determine the value of solar energy benefit anyone other than Duke Energy? Moreover, Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. Instead, existing customers should be allowed to stay on their current net metering plan for the life of their system.

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Message

DO NOT ALLOW DUKE ENERGY TO HAVE ANY SAY WHATSOEVER IN THE PRICE AND VALUE OF SOLAR ENERGY! They are not elected officials and are only concerned with increasing their profits, which are already allowed to be ridiculously obscene. I have solar panels currently and Duke always ALWAYS tries to credit me with a different and always lower amount of energy I produced with my panels than what my monitoring software proves was actually produced. Duke has changed my meter out 3 times in the last 3 years in an effort to reduce the credit I get by undercounting my energy. Duke is a lying, cheating, manipulative, monopolistic company that should not have the kind of access they do to the legislative nerve center of NC. They should be investigated and more highly regulated. They should also be busted up like Southern Bell was to create competition and actually do something in the interest of the real citizens of this state. Not a giant corporation. Corporations are most definitely NOT people. They should not be treated like they are more important. They should not have a say in any regulations on their industry. It should be clear that their ONLY goal is to increase their profits.

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Message

Recently installed solar on my home and I am against the proposed changes presented by Duke Energy. These changes only benefit Duke Energy and will deter many homeowners from seeking to install solar. The appears to be a blatant move by Duke to increase their profit shares long term. Additionally, Duke will likely be increasing the overall rates which is indicative that they are more interested in their profit margin than they are in serving the community. As a community we should be seeking to move away from dependence on fossil fuel based energies and embrace renewable energies. Please do not enable Duke Energy by agreeing to this change.

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Message

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Message

We invested in our residential solar system last year, shortly after moving to this state and into our house. It was a no brainer to get solar; we get plenty of sun here and Duke compensates for excess at a reasonable rate. We are concerned that Duke is trying to change the rules and compensation. The news we have read has said that NCUC has not done the required study for a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar; this is concerning because conjecture is not fact. And it is not fair to the thousands of NC solar customers to allow Duke to change the rules after the agreement. The study needs to be done and Duke needs to be held accountable to the rules already in place. My solar system is not meant to enhance Duke's profits. Please consider the people who make up NC solar power owners and not the company that can't meet established climate goals.

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Message

Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

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Message

As a homeowner at 22 Mammoth Drive, Candler, NC, I am writing to demand that NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. Power Companies should not be the regulators of alternative power sources that provide power to the grid and put less stress on the environment. Thank you RJ Chromey

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please keep Duke energy from changing my plan. I made a significant investment, to do my share, in protecting the planet and turning our energy dependance towards renewable energy. Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Thank You

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Message

I am writing to request that you reject the proposal and prevent duke energy from slowing the growth of solar in NC. Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

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I recently learned that Duke Energy has petitioned NCUC to alter the current Net Energy Metering rate structure. Duke's petition claims that their in-house study "proves" that solar customers are being subsidized by its non-solar customers, but, their study has **NOT** been made public.

NCUC has two main public responsibilities; ensuring that Duke fairly distributes the cost of operating its grid among its customers and ensuring that Duke meets NC's carbon reduction goals for their operations. I am demanding that, as an advocate for the public, NCUC reject Duke's petition and commission an independent study to determine if the NEM rules should be changed. Duke can not be allowed to change these rules unilaterally without oversight or review. This is akin to me doing a study regarding my tax rates and determining that my rate is too high without providing proof or an argument.

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Duke Energy has dragged its heels for years on letting home owners add rooftop solar. This is enormously environmentally unsound. Rooftop solar should be seriously reconsidered and it should not be made prohibitively expensive. Climate change, right now, is becoming our worst nightmare and rooftop solar can help mitigate the problem. Please tell Duke Energy to get with the program and move into the 21st century. It is clear that Duke Energy doesn't want solar power. They want to use coal and gas until there is no more. This is so stupid!!!! Please make rooftop solar legal and affordable. Thanks.

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Message

Please decline Duke Energy NC's request for changes to net metering. Increasing fees and changing to 'time of use rates' will be extremely reduce the benefit of Solar in NC and likely reduce the uptake of new installations. I have solar on my home and have been an advocate with my neighbors and business contacts to add Solar PV for their own homes and businesses. Please keep net metering in it's current form!

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Message

I wrote a letter last fall AGAINST this proposal. I am writing again to emphasize how this proposal hurts solar consumers. Duke Energy complains that solar customers don't pay their fair share for using the grid.. On May 31, Duke Energy gained 453 KWH just from my meter alone. Duke Energy can't claim I didn't pay my share this year. The new proposal will make my (and others) investment in solar energy even less cost effective. Duke Energy wants to make big profits on the backs of their consumers. Please Insist on a full cost benefit study of rooftop solar . Once you see how Duke Energy is going to make large profits through their customers, the NCUC should reject this proposal.

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

The net metering proposal for home solar installations could drastically reduce their economic viability. NCUC must complete a thorough cost benefit study of home solar installations for Duke Energy. Credits for excess solar generation at a wholesale rate would make it very difficult for residential solar customers to determine the break-even period for solar installations, and almost surely reduce future solar projects. This would make it even more difficult for Duke Energy to meet the Carolinas Carbon Plan to reduce CO2 emissions 70% by 2030. Finally, the affordable housing being constructed by Habitat for Humanity and others with rooftop solar would be subjected to very complicated peak pricing costs that affordable housing without solar would not have to encounter; it is entirely possible that an unsophisticated homeowner with rooftop solar would end up with higher energy bills than homes without solar because of the varying power rates.

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Message

Please reject the new rules proposed by Duke Energy with regard to net metering.

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Message

The Duke Energy net metering proposal is unfair to current and prospective residential solar energy producers. Over the past two years I have invested more than \$50,000 in solar panels and a storage system for my home. My wife and I are mid 70's and hoped to see a return on our investment over the next decade should be fortunate to live that long. However, and more importantly, we want to do our part in reducing carbon emission and provide for a safe and healthy environment for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The Duke Energy net metering proposal makes it highly unlikely that I will ever see a return on my investment. Furthermore, the Duke proposal is likely to discourage many prospective Duke customers from considering the installation solar panels, a setback in the battle to combat climate change. Here are some issues to consider in future deliberations: • Conduct an unbiased cost-benefit analysis of rooftop solar and storage. Duke Energy's argument that solar customers pay less than their fair share is specious and is solely crafted to sway public opinion against residential solar. My situation is a case in point. • Be aware that the Duke proposal will be a setback for North Carolina's climate goals because it will discourage new installation of residential solar systems. • Direct Duke to remove the unnecessarily daunting and complicated language from this or any future proposal. The current language is clearly being used as a weapon to confuse current and potential solar customers. • The unjustified additional fees and the removal of monthly credit rollovers is unacceptable. Residential solar is cheaper and cleaner than conventionally produced carbon-based energy. Residential customers deserve to be compensated fairly for their investment and not vilified by Duke as "free loaders" on their grid • Duke's proposal will inject uncertainty and ambiguity into the nascent NC solar industry. This will mean loss of jobs and lack of competition as smaller firms exit the market. It promises to devastate the NC solar energy workforce. In summary, I strongly encourage the NCUC to adhere to two important aspects of its mission statement during its future deliberations on this issue. These are to provide fair regulation of public utilities in the interest of the public and promote the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency through the implementation of a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Message

Duke Energy has done a wonderful job keeping electricity prices down in the Carolinas since Lynn Good took over as CEO. Sadly the politicians have got to her so she is going along with some really bad ideas that will increase electricity prices by 50% as a result of implementing the governor's pet project (aka "Portfolio D"). This is an "Inverse Robin Hood" approach that robs the poor via higher electric bills to feed the rich people who own Duke Energy. Duke wants to build wind and solar facilities that they will own while making life difficult for people like me who have invested in rooftop solar.

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Message

As a consumer who recently invested nearly \$50,000 to equip my existing home in Asheville with a solar & battery setup, I am incensed that you would consider the current proposal from Duke for changing the net metering rules that govern the value of that investment. I'd call that "bait and switch" - and not only is that inherently wrong, it's also likely to dramatically reduce the amount of future investment flowing into residential solar. We're already doing far too little in this country to reduce our carbon footprint and counter human-caused climate change - please don't add North Carolina to the list of states who are doing the exact opposite of what we should be doing to save the planet!

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

I am writing today as recent customer that installed solar panels on their home. As this was a massive investment I was sold on this investment due to the fact that Duke energy agreement to net metering. Should there be a change in the future it would only be fair to grandfather existing plans and contracts.

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

As a solar power owner, I demand that NCUC perform a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. It's not fair for Duke to change the value of my solar investment retroactively; the Commission should do the cost-benefit analysis for rooftop solar that was required by law (HB 589) before changing net metering rules

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Residential solar creation should be at minimum 1:1 credit to energy cost. Duke already pushes the limits by requiring that solar users be connected to their grid, and have control over over power. Solar users can NOT use the power we create first, we have to use power provided by Duke then get credited for what we create to help Duke upkeep their outdated and failing infrastructure. Duke has never tried to be fair or supportive of the general public who at their own expense place solar on their homes to help Duke reach its goals, and keep their grid active. Duke deciding they can pay producers less than what they charge them for the same energy they produce, just shows the greedy nature of Duke Energy trying to squeeze as much as they can out of a group who is attempting to help the Energy infrastructure and environmental needs of NC to keep its beauty as pristine as possible. Duke energy has a proven track record of being careless about keeping the beauty of NC protected from illegally dumping coal ash to defunct public works projects. Make Duke Energy be fair and truly pay Residencial Solar Providers for the service they provide.

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Message

Reject Duke Energys proposal

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Hello, I reside in Cary, NC and am serviced by Duke Energy / Progress. I recently installed solar panels on my house to offset increases in energy costs, reduce my overall carbon footprint, and add value to our home. The proposed change to the metering would greatly change the calculus I used to make the financial investment decision. We are at a critical point where we need more solar -- not less. Duke and other energy companies need to work together to increase the overall solar generation capacity -- not reduce it. Do not change the net metering rules as it does nothing to benefit the actual customer/consumer. Regards, Dan DiMicco

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Message

Please reject this proposal! Anything to discourage solar energy usage would be a step back for NC. I have invested over \$60,000 in my solar system for the purposes of saving on my energy bill while reducing my carbon footprint in NC. Reducing the amount I would save on my energy bill will decrease the offset for my monthly income/debt ratio. This could be catastrophic!

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Message

Please reject Duke Energy's net metering proposal. It is the wrong direction for a power company to take at a time when we need to be doing everything that we can to increase the use of renewable energy.

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Message

I oppose any changes to net metering that Duke energy is proposing. We are already paying a renewable energy rider as well as any excess power that we generate get "stolen" by Duke at the end of every June and we start back at zero. Many other states require the power company to reimburse the solar producer for any unused excess power generation at the end of each fiscal year. The changes that Duke is trying to push through are unfair and inappropriate for a company that claims to want to go green.

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Message

I recently read in the news that Duke energy is petitioning the state to allow them to make adjustments to the net metering program in a way that will hurt people like me that have made residential solar investments. In 2021, I made a significant investment in my home and added solar however I would not have been able to do so if the economics of the program were not as they are today. If this changes, I will be put into a very difficult financial situation. I definitely oppose such a move and on the contrary, I believe that the existing, restrictive policies in NC should be opened up further to incentivize even more households to go solar. My family in New England has an unlimited accumulation of credits, can add as many panels as they like and they can give their surplus solar credits to friends, families, or charities. This is the kind of program in NC that would make an incredibly positive difference for the state. We need a more aggressive, consumer-friendly program, not one that helps Duke Energy tighten its monopolistic control over our energy and environment. Best Regards, Frederick Wyckoff Greensboro, NC

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Message

Please reject this proposal and prevent Duke Energy from slowing the growth of solar in North Carolina. Also, please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

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Message

Reject Duke Energy's net metering proposal 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. Demand that the NCUC 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 my 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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Message

I have residential solar panels in Leland, NC. I am concerned with Dukes proposed change to net metering, mostly because it will discourage cutomers in general from installing solar but particularly from installing extra capacity. When I learned of the proposal last December I downsized my project by 30% because my excess generation at the end of each month will only be credited at Duke's avoided cost rate (about 20% of the billed rate) when the proposed change would take effect. This is a strong disincentive to anyone installing after 2022 and really goes counter to the effort to transition to renewable sources. Duke is already proposing an increased infrastructure charge for solar providers so, although I believe I understand their logic, I don't think it justifies taking power at this kind of discount every month. I would be happy to discuss this, (910) 409-7304.

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Changing net metering rules would be counter productive to the efforts of solar providers to ease the burden on existing electrical production, and encourage individuals to hoard their solar in batteries rather than over-produce for the grid.

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Message

We have recently completed the installation of two solar panel systems on our barn and home in Hendersonville North Carolina. These systems were quite expensive but we decided to make this investment in excess of \$50,000 under the impression that we were doing the right thing and that the net metering rules would allow us to recoup our investment over time (a LONG time).We understand that now Duke Energy wants to again change (for their benefit and to our detriment) the net metering rules under which we made this investment. I urge you to reject this attempt and support solar energy. If anything you should consider improving the net metering rules and rates in favor of stimulating more solar energy to be produced in North Carolina so that our children and grandchildren wont have to be at the mercy of this monopoly.

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Message

I'm writing concerning the Duke Energy's application concerning solar energy proposal to change the rules of net metering. Having investigated the proposal, it's rather obvious Duke Energy is trying to jack up the base rate, and discourage residential solar energy. This is occurring at a time solar energy should be encouraged. I'm not surprised by Duke Energy's play as they want to retain their virtual monopoly on the entire energy market. But the current base rate they charge should economically be enough to both maintain and improve the grid. Please keep me informed of your decisions on this critical decision, and the outcome of the full study you should be doing on determining the true cost of what Duke Energy is claiming. Sincerely, Terry Idol

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Message

I am requesting you take a look at what Duke Energy wants to do to the rate they want to pay people with solar panels. If Duke Energy is allowed to pay less for the electricity that we produce it will devastate the solar industry and our progress on the reduction of green house gases. I am asking you to not let this happen.

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Message

I am a NC homeowner with a solar system installed into my home. Reducing the amount that Duke reimburses for electricity I supply into their panel makes zero sense. My energy is funneled directly to my neighbors, who then pay Duke. I pay Duke \$16 per month for the pleasure of being attached to their infrastructure, which should more than take care of any minor setbacks they might have. Reducing the amount they reimburse for solar energy would be taking money directly out of NC homeowner's pockets and putting them directly into corporations who really have done nothing to earn it. Thank you for your time and consideration, Chris and Norma Canada-Smith

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Message

You should absolutely not screw over the residents in NC who currently have solar or are looking to go solar by giving in to Duke Energy requests. We have invested a lot of money on our solar system and Duke already steals our overage at the peak of when we are producing the most overage (this amounts to 2-3 months of power, which means we wouldn't have an additional energy usage charge if it was continually rolled over). When getting solar we all agreed to the current net metering contract (though I think it should be changed to benefit the customer who paid for their solar system more and not Duke who is currently strategically reaping the benefit). Duke should not be allowed to change their current net metering agreement with their customers in a way to screw their customers over who have invested money into their solar systems. Please tell Duke Energy NO.

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Message

Residential solar creation should be at minimum 1:1 credit to energy cost. Duke already pushes the limits by requiring that solar users be connected to their grid, and have control over over power. Solar users can NOT use the power we create first, we have to use power provided by Duke then get credited for what we create to help Duke upkeep their outdated and failing infrastructure. Duke has never tried to be fair or supportive of the general public who at their own expense place solar on their homes to help Duke reach its goals, and keep their grid active. Duke deciding they can pay producers less than what they charge them for the same energy they produce, just shows more of the corruption and greed Duke pushes while doing nothing to actually help

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Message

Hello, The NCUC needs to reject this proposal which would cause Duke Energy to slow the growth of solar and sustainable residential power generation in North Carolina. A true investigation of solar costs and benefits needs to be done before making any changes to net metering in NC and harming current and future solar residential customers trying to do good for the planet.