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Sirs and Madams:

Major utility companies want to change or restrict net metering from renewable energy sources. To encourage renewable energy, net metering arrangements should be changed in favor of those that generate the power not the utility companies. The utility companies have made it so that net metering is the only feasible solution. Duke Power requires 2 meters and 2 meter reading fees to sell to them and then be billed for what you use (not net metering). Net metering at least there is only 1. However, no matter what you produce from June to June – you lose anything you have made extra when the year is up. This means that if you have produced an excess of energy before June, as of June you start over at zero energy made. While I understand that there is some point at which the utility would owe the renewal energy provider moneys there is no reason that the meter should be reset to zero. There should be some amount of carryover of credits – perhaps not all that is made but at least some so that if June is a high usage month for electricity from the grid, some of the excess from the months before can be used to offset it – i.e. net metering. That resetting actually is paying the utilities the moneys that they are requesting in changing the net metering rules. Perhaps a fairer way would be the way that natural gas is distributed. There is the fee for the distribution lines and then a fee for the amount used. You can purchase the gas from any number of companies but you pay the distribution fee for the infrastructure.

Renewable energy assists during peak times of the day, when they are producing the most and others are requesting that energy. This means that additional power plants do not have to be built. Renewables create clean jobs for Americans and North Carolinians.

Respectfully

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