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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Alfred Lerch
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:29 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Alfred Lerch

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Alfred Lerch

### Email

ahlerch@gmail.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

Two things on the DUKE requested change on solar reimbursement to customers. First, we need to encourage individuals to invest. Duke's change will discourage that. Second, changing the reimbursement to current solar contracts is ignoring the grandfather clause that our state and country currently honor. Having individual homes adopting solar panels is important for our future generations who will be facing dire climate changes.

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**From:** CAROL RUSSELL
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:27 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by CAROL RUSSELL

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

CAROL RUSSELL

### Email

SWEETBACK18@GMAIL.COM

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

This would not be fair to costumers that received the solar panel with intent to save money. To raise the cost would be detrimental to the cause and unfair. I'M paying a light bill and solar bill already which is hurting my pockets. And to raise it from 3 cent to 10 cent would really do more harm to those of us that have solar already. There was to be a type of share program that would aloud Duke Power customer with solar to distribute some solar to customer without solar and get paid for it NC doesn't have that program here. If the price goes up what was the since in getting solar panel I'll be paying out more money which I don't have.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** John Klekner
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:24 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by John Klekner

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

John Klekner

## Email

jklekner@gmail.com

## Docket

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

To Whom it Concerns: Please reject this proposal and prevent Duke Energy from slowing the growth of solar in North Carolina. Sometimes in life we need to go peel back the onion --- PLEASE do a complete review and investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. It's a very important decision for our futures....

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Tom Clemons
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:23 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Tom Clemons

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Tom Clemons

### Email

tmclemons82@gmail.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

I strongly urge that the Duke proposal be rejected for the following reasons: - 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 should conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar prior to acting on the Duke proposal. - 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. As a home solar system user, I invested a significant amount to have solar installed in my home with the intention of saving money in the long run and helping the environment when it is needed so badly. We should be moving forward with solar instead of backward! Instead of Dukes proposal, I propose the following: - All new construction over a certain amount should be required to have solar installed. - Duke Energy buy-back should remain 1:1 ratio - Accounts should not be zeroed out in June, just when annual energy savings are needed. Sincerely, Tom Clemons

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Amanda Higgins
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:12 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Amanda Higgins

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

Amanda Higgins

## Email

amandahiggins13@gmail.com

## Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

## Message

(specify Docket E-100 Sub 180) A true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC needs to be made! I think it is pretty bad for Duke Energy to tell us that we would get a one-for-one credit on the solar power that we make in excess and put back on the grid and we would be grandfathered into this rate for life. They should not be able to change that and it seems pretty unfair for them to not give us the same credit they charge us for the same amount of energy we would make with our system and put back on the grid, which benefits Duke energy while consumers who signed up for this net metering program pay the cost of the solar panels that make the energy! Make sure to do an independent investigation on the true cost because I feel that Duke Energy is proposing something that is going to be in their favor and they don't seem to have the consumer interest at heart.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Carolyn P Rubenstein
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:09 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Carolyn P Rubenstein

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Carolyn P Rubenstein

### Email

crubenstein2112@gmail.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub180

### Message

I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy's long-term plan to diminish the value of roof-top solar energy. Clearly, there should be an independent review of the costs and benefits of Duke's proposal. I am very concerned that this will retard the growth of solar energy at the very time that we all need to be taking on climate change. Since Duke is in effect a monopoly, only NCUC can protect both its customers AND our environment. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** James Means
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:07 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by James Means

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

James Means

### Email

meansje@gmail.com

### Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

### Message

Do not change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers. The current plan was one of primary reasons I installed solar. It helps offset some of the major cost of installing solar.

**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Mareece Clark
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:06 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Mareece Clark

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# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

Mareece Clark

## Email

mclark43@suddenlink.net

## Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Please reject

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Dan Kelso
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:58 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Dan Kelso

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Dan Kelso

### Email

dankelso57@yahoo.com

### Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

### Message

Dear Commissioners, I am very concerned about Duke Energy's efforts to change net metering rules in their favor and at a great disadvantage to us as residential solar system owners. Please reject this proposal by Duke, and follow NC House Bill 589 requiring the NCUC to investigate the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before any changes to net metering are made. Also, please consider keeping up better informed about such potential actions in the future! Thank you, Dan Kelso

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Philip S Hammond
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:57 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Philip S Hammond

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

Philip S Hammond

## Email

viogniernc@aol.com

## Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Hello, We have solar energy panels in Fairview NC and very much would like to see more solar both encouraged and installed in the sate as well as elsewhere. Climate change is an extraordinary hazard for NC as well as for the whole world and we must find ways to reduce and reverse this. Duke energy is proposing changes that will discourage folks from installing Solar Energy. My family and I are asking you to do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Thanks you Phil Hammond 95 Willow Farm Road, Fairview, NC 28730

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Tara Duckworth
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:43 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Tara Duckworth

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Tara Duckworth

### Email

tara_duckworth@yahoo.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

Please Take some time to review the item regarding rooftop solar by Duke Energy. As an owner of a rooftop solar system, trying to do the right thing for our environment, I was dumbfounded as to how Duke has already manipulated the buy-back system to their benefit (sell back reset in spring). It saddens me that families like mine who have the means to try and do their part of the environment are turned off because big companies are allowed to manipulate it to the point that it isn't sustainable. Please take the time to investigate before voting on this item. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Stephen Wall MD
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:41 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Stephen Wall MD

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Stephen Wall MD

### Email

swall127@gmail.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub 189

### Message

Please do not allow Duke Power to RETROACTIVELY change the net-metering rules for those of us who have installed solar on our homes in NC. This was a large investment, and many years before we break even on our costs- but it is the right thing to do to help the Governor's goal of reducing climate-changng practices in NC. Duke's proposed changes will severely harm the solar industry, and discourage home owners, businesses and local governments from moving away from polluting and climate-endangering fossil fuels into renewables like solar. We had 6 deaths and 400 buildings destroyed last year in Haywood County because of massive flooding directly related to climate change. Dukes proposed changes just make things worse.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Megan Halligan
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:40 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Megan Halligan

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Megan Halligan

### Email

mlerch20@gmail.com

### Docket

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### Message

I have a contract with Duke energy and am assisting in making clean energy. This is an investment we made totaling close to $30,000. It is unlawful for these changes and detrimental to the investment we made financially after doing much research.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Steven Miner
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:35 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Steven Miner

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Steven Miner

### Email

scminer1979@gmail.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

I would like to argue against Duke Energy's proposed changes to the rooftop solar changes. By installing solar I have made a significant investment based on the policies Duke has in place. Changing those policies would have a negative impact on an investment I made in good faith. Duke charges a fixed base fee for anyone to access their grid. It should not be different for a solar vs regular customer, we are both accessing the same grid. Also, by installing solar I am mitigating Duke's need for additional generating capacity at precisely the time of year where demand is highest, so claiming that solar customers are costing them more is specious. As to changing the net metering rules, if they want to eliminate the monthly rollover that we have for a year, then they should pay a fair market rate for the power we generate and supply to them. As it so happens, I generated more power in the last cycle than I used. That means Duke received an energy subsidy from me, hardly an additional cost. Before any changes are made a thorough evaluation of the request must be made, establishing the true costs and benefits. Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Dana & Stuart Schleien
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:29 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Dana & Stuart Schleien

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Dana & Stuart Schleien

### Email

Dschleien4@gmail.com

### Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

### Message

We are in the process of installing solar panels on our home and after making a huge financial investment, are now learning that Duke Energy is trying to change the net metering rules for residential customers in a way that would reduce the amount that we would be paid for the excess solar energy we generate for the grid. We are absolutely opposed to this change, as it now places even more of an economic burden on us to recoup our investment in this technology, and help our community address climate change. We are not prepared to absorb higher fees and unpredictable bill increases. This is unacceptable, at a time when we need to encourage and reward residential solar investment and expand our use of greener technology in pursuit of reaching NC's established climate goals. Don't let Duke Energy take advantage of us and all its residential customers this way. Please conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar and help us stay on our current net metering plan. Thank you for supporting our request. Dana & Stuart Schleien

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**From:** David Meehling
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:22 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by David Meehling

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

David Meehling

## Email

davidmeehling@gmail.com

## Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

## Message

I am demanding that the NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. 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. Existing customers should be allowed to stay on their current net metering plan for the life of their system.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** John Halvorsen
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:17 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by John Halvorsen

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

John Halvorsen

## Email

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## Docket

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

A true investigation of solar costs and benefits is needed before making any changes to net metering in NC. Additionally, net metering balances should be reset in October, not June, as the current policy is nothing short of theft of consumer winter production without the opportunity to consume generated energy. Electric utilities should not be able to raise rates and empty production banks immediately before peak usage when it is most profitable, an anti-consumer policy, but rather in autumn so winter generation and summer consumption have an opportunity to balance out.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Peter Adland
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:00 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Peter Adland

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

Peter Adland

## Email

peter.adland@gmail.com

## Docket

E-100 sub 180

## Message

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed changes to the net metering rules for solar customers. Solar power has a significant investment on our part. We fully expected Duke Energy to honor the terms of the initial agreement. It is bad enough that Duke is allowed to wipe out any banked kilowatt hours every June 1 [just in time for peak usage periods]. But to allow lower compensation for new and existing customers is reckless and thoughtless. We should not be doing anything to discourage solar investment and this proposal is a dangerous potential inhibition. Do not approve this proposal. Force Duke to honor its original contract.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** David F Abell
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 8:31 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by David F Abell

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

David F Abell

### Email

qxdave@yahoo.com

### Docket

E 100 Sub 180

### Message

Please do not allow the subject docket. Photovoltaics (Rooftop Solar) is the most economical form of clean energy. We should do everything possible to encourage implementation of carbon free forms of energy. We have a grave moral responsibility to mitigate global warming for future generations. Respectfully subitted, David Abell

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Rodney Melton
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 8:11 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Rodney Melton

# Statement of Position Submitted

## Name

Rodney Melton

## Email

rodneymelton14@yahoo.com

## Docket

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

We are asking the NCUC to conduct a full cost benefit study of rooftop solar. Duke Energy's attempt to push this through without all the research goes against what was originally stated to each rooftop solar owner. We were promised the credits at the end of year and a more cost efficient way to bring energy into our homes.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Robert and Susan Harper
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:44 AM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Robert and Susan Harper

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Robert and Susan Harper

### Email

rjharper1@bellsouth.net

### Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

### Message

We are small (5.200 kWp) residential solar providers. We installed our system about 3 years ago, and made the difficult decision to make this investment based upon the rules in place with Duke Energy. We are both approaching 70, and made this choice as opposed to upgrading our aging vehicles (11 and 23 years old). Although payback will take close to 15 years, we think it was a wise choice for the benefit of ourselves, our state, our country and our planet. We're counting on this current price structure for our household budget going forward. Good NC jobs in the solar field will be at risk if the proposed changes take effect. New solar installations will be reduced. This proposed change is also sending the wrong message at a time when we are at the tipping point for slowing global warming. We beg you to halt these proposed changes and to conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar before considering any changes! Please keep net metering in place as it currently stands! Thank you.

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**Taylor, Jeremy**

**From:** Gretchen W Whipple
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:11 PM
**To:** Statements
**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Gretchen W Whipple

# Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Gretchen W Whipple

### Email

gwwmath@att.net

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

As a solar panel owner, I feel that Duke's sweet deal (for them) is sugary enough. (What I mean is that the arrangement I was forced to agree to when I installed Solar panels several years ago favored the monopoly Duke has. I agreed only because it was the only option.) The revised policy before you seems exceedingly exploitive of homeowners. PLEASE, at a minimum, thoroughly research the cost vs benefits of this policy, and preferably reject it outright. Solar energy is an important assets in our quest to combat climate change. However, even if it wasn't, homeowners who choose to employ it should not be taken advantage of by this utility company.