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Message

NCUC, We added 9.66Kwh Solar panels to our home and Duke finally installed the meter that allowed it to be turned on the afternoon of April 30, 2022. We are a retired couple living on a fixed income so our decision to add solar panels was more an ecological nature and a hedge against continued energy cost increases. Even after the "Solar Tax Rebate" we are paying for the solar panels, installation costs, plus Duke's line charges, taxes, fees etcetera, so thus far we are paying about what we normally would without solar before any energy rate increase from Duke Energy. Did I mention that Duke Energy strips any extra energy that went to the grid after a year? Energy that our system produced and sent down their line is "free energy" for Duke Energy when they strip the rollovers at the end of the year! As I mentioned our decision was mainly for ecological reasons trying to curb CO2 emissions and in 87 days our solar system has saved our planet 6,229 lbs of CO2 emissions, or to look at it another way we've planted one tree every other day! North Carolina is not growing more land, in fact scientific studies have shown that we are losing land due to a warming climate. I say this simply because so many more rooftops could be used for alternative energy helping to cut down on CO2 emissions and the need for more fossil fuel fired power plants. Therefore rooftops are "free" real estate waiting to be utilized! Based on what I can tell from the proposal Duke Energy would like to change the agreement that was part of our decision to go with solar in the first place. This action, if allowed to go forward, could drastically increase our costs with a higher monthly charge for access to the grid and thus less payback for the energy that we save Duke Energy from having to produce in the first place! Are we actually going to allow Duke Energy to renegotiate a contract with its current solar customers? Even "Grandfathering" in its current solar customers is not acceptable as it will dissuade others from adding renewable energy to their empty rooftops! This proposed action seems contrary to what our state, country and world need (and also a requirement for Duke Energy) and that is to produce more energy using renewable resources. Not to mention that Duke Energy already gets free energy when they strip our "credits" at the end of the year! Free! That energy didn't cost them a dime as we are paying a line fee already. In closing, I'm asking you good folks to please investigate this proposed plan change thoroughly. We have absolutely no voice in this unless you speak up for us and thousands of others who have made an investment in rooftop solar energy. (Duke Energy has a big voice as they have paid lobbyist! We don't.). The plan changes are very complicated and need your counsel to make them a viable system for consumers. We made the investment in solar, that benefits everyone, under the current regulations and it doesn't

seem that changing the regulations for customers in the middle of the game is good for anyone in this state except for Duke Energy! Sincerely, William S. Garmon II

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