From: Jeffrey DiChiara

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:59 AM

To: Statements

Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Jeffrey DiChiara

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Jeffrey DiChiara

#### **Email**

jeff.dichiara@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

I understand that Duke Energy is looking to change how net metering would work for solar energy in a way that would devalue the generation of solar energy. We are in a climate change crisis, and should be doing everything we can to combat climate change, including encouraging customers to switch to solar energy. The change Duke Energy is suggesting would have the opposite effect and should not be approved.

From:

Mary E Buttitta

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:12 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Mary E Buttitta

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

Mary E Buttitta

**Email** 

mary.buttitta@gmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180)

## Message

Dear Utility Commissioners, We our very concerned about Duke Energy's petition to NCUC to alter the current Net Energy Metering rate structure. The petition seems to claim that their "in-house" study proves solar customers are being subsidized by its non-solar customers, but this study has not been reviewed by an outside objective body of energy researchers. And in fact, we haven't been able to find it online to review. We are senior citizens and have only Social Security as income our main income. We have purchased residential solar in the Asheville area, even though we could barely afford to install the system. Without rebates and other incentives, it would have been impossible to do the "right thing" for our planet. However, because science has made it crystal clear that we all need to step up and make drastic changes, we took on the expense. Duke Energy needs to tighten their own belt and stop putting profits over clean energy. Duke appears to be putting the brakes on cleaner energy solutions and relying more on energy that earns them more money while adding to the global problem. As commissioners, we hope you will put aside your own personal biases and look at the greater good of the people you are protecting against monopolies and help do your part in cutting back on incentivizing polluters. Lastly, the idea that solar customers would have to install a "smart" system and let Duke Energy monitor this is an invasion of privacy. Smart systems can be hacked and can put people more at risk. We like to keep life simple. We are trying to do our part, please do yours and reject this petition. Thank you, Mary Buttitta and Anne Jerman

From: Beth Weegar

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:12 AM

To: Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Beth Weegar

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Beth Weegar

#### **Email**

bethweegar@yahoo.com

#### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

I am writing to ask that you reject the proposal from Duke Energy that would slow the growth of solar energy in North Carolina. Our home has recently installed solar panels. We do not want the value of the panels to be reduced for us or for the overall grid, thus reducing the value of solar energy in our state. Please conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar before making any determination. It is important to me that NC meet it's climate goals and it is one reason we installed our rooftop solar panels. In addition, Duke should not be allowed to reduce the value of our investment in solar panels after the fact. Thank you.

From: Lou Anne Gaffney

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:07 AM

To: Statements

Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Lou Anne Gaffney

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Lou Anne Gaffney

#### **Email**

louannegaffney@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

I am requesting you to do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. The proposed changes favor Duke Energy, and are dis-incentives for residences or commercial entities to make the switch to solar. It is important to encourage the use of alternative ways to generate electricity, such as solar - and the proposed changes are not in the best interests of consumers OR the environment.

From:

Thomas S Provost

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:07 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Thomas S Provost

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Thomas S Provost

#### **Email**

tprovost@ec.rr.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

Please complete a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Additional comments: •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. •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. •Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. As an existing customer, I should be allowed to stay on the current net metering plan for the life of my system.

From:

David Regnery

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:06 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by David Regnery

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

**David Regnery** 

#### **Email**

dwfr@yahoo.com

#### Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

## Message

I oppose changes proposed by Duke Energy to change the current solar net metering. Why should I be paid less for any excess electricity I produce? I made a significant investment in my solar system and am still many years away from realizing a return on that investment

From:

Arthur Cutshall

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:04 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Arthur Cutshall

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Arthur Cutshall

#### **Email**

orick@earthlink.net

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

This is an inexcusable excuse and abuse of our rights by the monopoly provider of energy in our community. I invested in solar energy specifically to lower my energy bills now and in the future, if you allow them to make this curve it will discourage future solar installation increasing the need for energy they provide and punish those rust have already chosen to offset thier energy needs by investing in solar causing more harm to our environment and future generations.

From:

James Knott

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:57 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by James Knott

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

James Knott

**Email** 

jknott67@hotmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

Hello, This is regarding docket E-100 Sub 180 pertaining to proposed changes in Solar net metering for residential customers. As a Duke Progress customer with a Solar PV system in operation on my primary residence, I respectfully request a full investigation into the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before any changes to net metering are made. My system's power generation both eases load and contributes to Duke's grid. Net metering in its current form is fair compensation for this surplus of power. No changes should be made without significant, independent and empirical data to back any such decision. Duke cannot act unilaterally or arbitrarily until research can prove their contentions. A number of NC residents have made significant investments in solar and should be properly considered and treated fairly. Sincerely, James Knott Wendell, NC

From:

Arun Kanathil

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:57 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Arun Kanathil

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

Arun Kanathil

**Email** 

arunpkn@gmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please reject Duke Energy's proposal to change net metering rules for residential customers.

From:

Debra Lewis

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:55 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Debra Lewis

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

### Name

**Debra Lewis** 

### **Email**

debralewis2259@gmail.com

# **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

# Message

Save our solar net

From:

Debra Lewis

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:55 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Debra Lewis

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

## Name

**Debra Lewis** 

### **Email**

debralewis2259@gmail.com

### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

# Message

Save our solar net

From:

Joe Smith

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:55 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Joe Smith

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

Joe Smith

**Email** 

joesmac@icloud.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Hello... I am AGAINST Duke's veiled attempt to increase profits by modifying the agreement and regulations in place for Solar buy-back. Duke and NC should be investing and promoting Solar conversion and adoption, not placing roadblocks in its path. We act like natural resources will be here forever, and this new proposal flys in the face of all logic for a sustainable future. I would even take issue where the current regulations allow Duke once a year (in May I think) to wipe out Solar produced Over-Production credits on the homeowners bill. I mean, in what universe does this make sense. I, as homeowner, spent significantly to create power for my (and my neighbor's use via buy-back). I have complained to the Commission about this practice in the past, along with AG and my NC legislators. Further, my generatred power is no less usable as power generated by Duke, yet this new proposal even suggests that excess power I generate could be as much as 1/3 the value, to what logic.... NONSENSE!! If the Utilities Commission cannot see through all the greediness here on Duke's part... them shame on you... you are not doing your job. In short I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE the current proposal in this docket, and go further by suggestions the Commission institute a desolving of the current practice of clearing Solar production credits each May. NC should be on the forefront of sustainable GREEN solution, not opposing it.

From: Peter A Van Wart

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:53 AM

To: Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Peter A Van Wart

# Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Peter A Van Wart

**Email** 

petevw@aol.com

**Docket** 

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#### Message

I demand that 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.

From:

Robert Brown

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:47 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Robert Brown

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

**Robert Brown** 

#### **Email**

roscowalker@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Oppose Duke/Progress power grab. Oppose net metering rules change. I had full solar installed in 2021, not for a reduced power bill but for energy independence and to reduce my carbon footprint. I encourage others to do the same. YOU SHOULD OPPOSE DUKE/PROGRESS attempt to destroy jobs in NCs solar industry

From:

Chad Patel

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:44 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Chad Patel

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

### Name

**Chad Patel** 

#### **Email**

chad@aesara.com

### Docket

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

Dear Utilities Commissioners, I have installed solar panels on my roof to provide energy and improve sustainabilty. Please reject Duke Energy's proposal that would prevent residents like me from being incentized toward excess energy I produce to contribute to the growth of solar in North Carolina.

From:

james appel

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:41 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by james appel

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

james appel

#### **Email**

dermappel@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

Docket E-100 Sub 180)

#### Message

I have invested in solar panels for my home to tackle climate change and decrease my carbon footprint. Duke energy is attempting to change the rules on net metering which will set us back in trying to reduce our green house gas emissions. I encourage the commission to take a real look at solar cost and benefits before making any changes.

From:

Carol Stugard

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:38 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Carol Stugard

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

**Carol Stugard** 

#### **Email**

carolstugard@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Don't change the rules for net metering for our local monopoly power company! It will kill solar in this state! There are tons of examples like the state of Hawaii and Puerto Rico who are making big bets on rooftop solar as a means to cut carbon emissions from fossil-fueled fired plants and to be more self reliant from storms knocking out the grids. In parts of China, the government is not only requiring 90% of new builds to have rooftop solar, and the government is investing in a 10% battery storage goal (at first) so that solar can meet power needs at nighttime or on cloudy days. This is the type of investment needed here in NC. It is plain stupid to go BACKWARDS and roll back the benefits of solar for people who were promised a 1:1 exchange for the solar they invested in and produce, as well as future adopters of rooftop solar should get the same 1:1 metering benefits out of fairness from the monopoly power company with respect to net metering. Really short sighted. Wake up and smell the coffee! Try to do your part to save the planet.

From:

Richard Miller

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:28 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Richard Miller

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Richard Miller

#### **Email**

richiemiller46@yahoo.com

#### **Docket**

"E-100Sub180."

#### Message

Sirs,, Solar is a very Expensive Investment for Homeowners and I haven't started receiving anything from DEP to Date..my application hasn't been approved by DEP , Hopefully Soon, but I'm already concerned my investment will be extended because of a lower rate.. With all the push to green energy I would like for You to give Homeowners some settling time to see if this is a Good Program. I ask your Commission to really take some time to Protect Our investment.. Thank you, Richard Miller

From:

Barron K Morris

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:26 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Barron K Morris

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

**Barron K Morris** 

#### **Email**

bkmorris911@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E - 100 Sub 180

### Message

I am asking that you please do a true and honest investigation of solar cost and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Duke Energy is making BILLIONS of dollars and should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. I should be allowed to stay on the current net metering plan for the life of my system. Please do the right thing and DONT let GREED cause you to make changes that will affect the many solar customers like myself. I hard everyday to try and have something, but then these legislators allow greed to hurt the everyday common working man and his family. Again, please stand and support the working man and his family. Please do the right thing!

From:

Mei Olson

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:25 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Mei Olson

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Mei Olson

#### **Email**

muse19@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

Docket E-100 Sub 180

### Message

I am concerned about how Duke Energy will change the return on investment on the solar panels we have installed on our roof. I think a full study on solar panel costs and fees is needed.

From:

Mladen Pauler

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:24 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Mladen Pauler

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Mladen Pauler

#### **Email**

Pauler1977@yahoo.com

### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

I am concerned abut the changes to net metering that Duke Energy is requesting. Please investigate this fully as this change would hurt the solar growth in NC along with damages to our environment and economy. Thank you!

From: Eugen Holzknecht

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:24 AM

To: Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Eugen Holzknecht

# Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Eugen Holzknecht

**Email** 

holzknecht.usa@gmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Ladies and gentlemen, This May 2022 my wife and I installed a solar system on our roof at a total cost of > \$32,000.00. We did this with the expectation that we will be able to sell the surplus energy that our system produces back to the provider. The whole project was economically not feasible. But we did it to do something for the environment. Getting at least a small payback by selling our surplus electric energy to the provider at the rate we are buying it, was definitely an inducement for us to go ahead with this investment. Now we learn that Duke Energy wants to take this away. This would be extremely unfair, as it would be the cancellation of an existing arrangement we had counted on for the life of our solar installation. For this reason, we request that Duke Energy be prevented from going ahead with its plans of cutting the rate per kWh, at which it buys back the surplus energy from private solar installations. Apart from being unfair, such a measure would also be detrimental for the goal of promoting renewable energy. My wife and I appreciate your help in this matter, Eugen & Rosemarie Holzknecht

From:

Sandi Moore

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:24 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Sandi Moore

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

## Name

Sandi Moore

# **Email**

slmhomes13@yahoo.com

#### **Docket**

Docket E-100 Sub 180

# Message

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

From:

Ethan O'Brien

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:23 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Ethan O'Brien

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Ethan O'Brien

#### **Email**

obriene08@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

Please do NOT take away our net metering. Duke Energy continues to pass down cost of their mistakes to the consumer that's ridiculous. Stop this monopoly from controlling our lives!! Give us a break

From: Gilberto Jusino

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:22 AM

**To:** Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Gilberto Jusino

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Gilberto Jusino

#### **Email**

wool\_05purse@icloud.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

## Message

I paid in excess of \$40,000 to install solar panels on the roof of my house. I was lured in by the offer made by Duke energy of net metering. Now I'm learning about their lie. They want to reduce the dollar amount they trade me for the power I feed back into the electric grid. This is outrageous and must not pass. Gil Jusino 105 Elm Dr Asheville, NC 28805

From:

John Nash

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:18 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by John Nash

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

John Nash

**Email** 

johncnash@hotmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

# Message

PLEASE reject Duke Power's proposal! Do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. We should be placing more incentives for solar power generation, not less!!!!!

From:

Douglas Merhar

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:16 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Douglas Merhar

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

**Douglas Merhar** 

#### **Email**

djmerhar@yahoo.com

#### **Docket**

Docket E-100 Sub 180

### Message

To Whom It May Concern: I am a resident of North Carolina. I live in Wake county and have added Solar Panels to my roof to help combat climate change and help accelerate a world of renewable energy. I urge you to reject Duke's proposal which seeks to make net metering more complex and overwhelming benefit Duke and slow down the growth of Solar in NC. This is a step backwards for jobs in NC, it's a step backwards from the clear future of the country and it's a step backwards for future generations. Put people before corporations. Sincerely, Doug Merhar

From:

Gary Allen Nobles

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:16 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Gary Allen Nobles

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Gary Allen Nobles

#### **Email**

garyanobles@yahoo.com

#### **Docket**

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### Message

I don't want Duke Energy to change the rules unless it helps the houses that have solar panels. I bought the solar panels because I was told that the solar company was working with Duke Energy to lower my monthly bills. That was not the truth. Duke wouldn't have anything to do with helping me with the scam. The panels did very little to help my bills. I have friends in S C that get payed for excess electricity. I was told that the cost of the panels would be \$124.00 dollars a month and it was recorded. My bills for the panels is now \$193.00 a month. Plus my Duke Energy bill which changed very little. I'm in the process of getting a lawyer to help me with this problem.

From:

**Gregory Wood** 

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:10 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Gregory Wood

# Statement of Position Submitted

Name

**Gregory Wood** 

**Email** 

gregwod75@gmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

I am concerned that Duke who already have an unfair advantage in being able to set the terms regarding the buyback of excess solar are attempting to rig the system even more in their favor. It is the duty of NCUC to protect the interests of the public as is clearly pointed out in the first responsibility on your website: "Provide fair regulation of public utilities in the interest of the public". 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 this investigation must not only be performed before even considering any proposed changes by Duke Energy but it must be a fair and honest evaluation that is used as the basis for making any decision. Many of us are making huge financial decisions that impact our families futures and those decisions can then be turned around on us when the rules of the game are changed by Duke Energy serving its own interests before its customers. Which I expect Duke Energy to do, but NCUC exists to stand up to them and not be their tool to line their pockets at the expense of customers. It is your duty to not only hold Duke Energy accountable and ensure any requested changes are 100% justifiable and thoroughly investigated but also to act in the best interests of users. You are our representatives not theirs. Duke Energy has plenty of lawyers, publicists, lobbyist, politicians and endless resources (the users hard earned money) to fight for extra profits. We the users have you and little else to stand up to them. Do the right thing.

From:

Paul J Heringslake

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:10 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Paul J Heringslake

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Paul J Heringslake

#### **Email**

pheringslake@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

Docket E-100 Sub 180

## Message

Please reject the issue of lowering the price I receive of any electricity back to the grid. This greatly increases the cost of my investment as it lowers my Return on Investment and takes WAY longer to get my money back or break even. I'm already selling the power back to Duke Energy at a lower cost than what they charge me for electricity, and I don't even get to take advantage of the CO2 credits - they get them too.

From:

Alan Gratz

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:01 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Alan Gratz

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

Alan Gratz

**Email** 

bigcheese@alangratz.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

Hello! My name is Alan Gratz, and my family and I installed a solar system on our roof this year that meets almost 100% of our electricity needs, investing more than \$25,000 of our own money into it. Depending on the season, we're usually a little under on electricity production, or a little over, which means sometimes we sell to Duke, and sometimes we buy. We're upset to learn that Duke energy is now trying to change the net metering rules for residential customers for their gain and our loss. This is particularly harmful as it comes at a time when we as a society are DESPERATELY in need of alternatives to fossil fuels, and smacks of a base money-grab. We're asking that you please reject this proposal. At the very least, NC House Bill 589 requires that the NCUC investigate the costs and benefits of any new plan before changes are made, and it's our understanding that hasn't happened yet. We hope you will decide in favor of those of us who are trying to do the right thing with alternative energy, and not in favor of the huge energy company looking to squeeze us for a few more dollars. Thanks. Alan Gratz, Asheville, NC, 28801

From:

Joe Nathn

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:59 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Joe Nathn

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

Name

Joe Nathn

**Email** 

jbnathan3@gmail.com

**Docket** 

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

As proposed, I urge you to deny the Duke Energy revised rate plan with respect to solar energy. • 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. Second, in my calculations as an accountant, it would take me approximately 12 years before the savings I would obtain from installing the solar panels would pay for them selves. Therefore, I would ask that before Duke could change the terms of the agreement with the homeowners who have already installed their panels, that the current contracts be continued for at least 12 years. Thank you for your service. Joe B. Nathan III

From:

Michael Haunsperger

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:58 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Michael Haunsperger

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Michael Haunsperger

#### **Email**

haunsx6@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

Duke power is already charging customers for the mess/clean-up they caused with the coal ash ponds, which they should be absorbing as a part of doing business. Their responsibility, not the customers. They are also hypocrites for constantly telling/showing customers the many ways to conserve electrical energy and then try to penalize customers, by taping into our savings when going to solar and reducing power grid dependences. They make plenty of profit (\$\$ billions) to maintain and run the business. How many millions do owners and management need before it is enough to live well?

From:

Victoria Elder

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:54 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Victoria Elder

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Victoria Elder

#### **Email**

victoria.elder@yahoo.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

#### Message

Please work to deny Duke Energy's plan to change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers, which would reduce the amount residential customers are paid for the excess solar energy we share with the grid. This plan would significantly reduce the value of solar at a time when our state, country, and planet need to be placing more value than ever on solar. I have spent tens of thousands of dollars to do something good for the environment. I share part of this natural energy with other residents. Duke Energy makes enormous profits from all of us by providing a needed, but polluting, utility. They don't need more profit from the bit solar customers return to the grid. Duke Energy has proven itself to be an unfaithful steward of our environment. Please don't reward them further.

From: Michael S Pisarski

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:54 AM

To: Statements

Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Michael S Pisarski

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Michael S Pisarski

### **Email**

mspisars@gmail.com

#### **Docket**

E-100 Sub 180

### Message

I am writing today to state my opposition to the new net metering rules proposed by the energy monopoly "Duke Energy" in docket E-100 Sub 180. I urge the commission to reject this proposal and to tell Duke to focus on replacing their ancient coal plants with clean solar instead.

From:

Timothy jones

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:52 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Timothy jones

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Timothy jones

#### **Email**

tjj\_1952@yahoo.com

#### **Docket**

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#### Message

This proposal just takes advantage of solar producers. As it is most of my power production goes straight onto the grid for duke to use during peak demand. Then with net metering I can pull that power back at night when demand is lower. As it is I'm making it easier for duke to operate because they don't need as much peak demand production capacity. The same can be said about every other residential solar producer. The fact that they want to give us wholesale prices for the power we supply them during the day is pathetic and just taking advantage of us. Especially when they turn around and sell it for retail prices. This is a bad deal for all duke customers. And it's not like we can pick a different power company. We are stuck with them if we live in their service area. Our only options to not get taken advantage of if this goes through is to move or go off grid.

From: Patrick Mulvey

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:51 AM

**To:** Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Patrick Mulvey

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Patrick Mulvey

### **Email**

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## Message

Please perform a full and honest investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

From:

**Bob Oram** 

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:51 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Bob Oram

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

### Name

**Bob Oram** 

#### **Email**

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## Message

Please oppose net metering by Duke.

From:

Clark and Gail Thompson

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:50 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Clark and Gail Thompson

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

## Name

Clark and Gail Thompson

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## Message

We got solar for two reasons...for the environment and to save current and future costs since we are retired on a fixed income. This proposal is not fair since Duke is receiving power that we generate at half the price. We are very opposed to this.

From: Deborah Givens

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:47 AM

To: Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Deborah Givens

# Statement of Position Submitted

Name

**Deborah Givens** 

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#### Message

I am writing to oppose the Duke net meter energy proposed changes. I am a solar user and homeowner. 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.

From:

Alan Cunningham

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:45 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Alan Cunningham

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

# Name

Alan Cunningham

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cunninghamalan135@gmail.com

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## Message

I spent a lot of money on my solar and excepted the rules and conditions at the time of purchase. It would not be fair to change the rules at this point.

From:

Jared Arnette

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:41 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Jared Arnette

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Jared Arnette

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## Message

Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. The proposed changes seem to be very complex and power company friendly (make them much more profit vs providing a service to the public)

From:

saumya kothari

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:41 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by saumya kothari

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

## Name

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## Message

Please keep consumer interest as top consideration when accepting the proposal.

From:

Parker Pierson

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:39 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Parker Pierson

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Parker Pierson

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#### Message

I recently purchased solar panels in an attempt to save money on my utility bills as my 120 year old house is an efficiency nightmare. In the buying process, I was disappointed to hear that in NC, solar owners can't sell their excess energy to the grid, and that in effect, the energy company takes it for free or at least at a discount. Now I'm being told that Duke energy is trying to further reduce the value of my panels and charge us more for the grid. Why is it fair that I paid for the panels but Duke gets the benefit? From a property rights perspective this is wrong. From a green perspective, this doesn't incentivize investment in green energy. Coming from the right or the left, this is a bad policy, and it doesn't support anyone besides Duke Energy.

From:

Gail Wall

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:33 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Gail Wall

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Gail Wall

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# Message

Please reject this proposal by duke energy to undermine solar energy in NC. We need to encourage citizens to capture affordable energy in light of global climate change as well as plan for future generations! This complex and unfair proposal needs to be trashed!

From:

Leslie Lewis

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:29 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Leslie Lewis

# Statement of Position Submitted

#### Name

Leslie Lewis

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#### Message

I am writing to make it known that I oppose Duke Energy's Net Metering 2.0 proposal. The proposal not only contradicts Duke Energy's efforts to source clean energy instead of coal by de-incentivizing customers from installing solar, but also directly contradicts the NC General Assemby's goal for the electric power sector to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. In a quote from Stew Miller of Yes Solar Solutions, "Initial modeling indicates the value of solar to NC customers is reduced by 25%-30% due to increased monthly fees, TOU rates, critical peak pricing and significantly lower credit for excess generation." According to the SEIA, NC solar customers are currently generating 8.07% of our consumed electricity in North Carolina. The NCUC should conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar to fully understand the impact of reduced solar adoption if this metering policy were to go into effect. The energy gained from solar goes back to the grid and customers that invested in solar should be fairly compensated for their contribution to the power grid. Furthermore, Duke Energy should not be allowed to adjust the net metering policy such that it changes economics of existing customers' solar investment. Thank you for taking note my displeasure of Duke Energy's Net Metering 2.0 proposal. Best, Leslie

From:

Leslie Lewis

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:29 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Leslie Lewis

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

**Leslie Lewis** 

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leslie.shannon.96@gmail.com

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From:

Tom Scott

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:27 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Tom Scott

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

## Name

**Tom Scott** 

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## Message

I hope you consider not allowing Duke to change the net metering program that is currently in place for those of us that installed solar systems. My decision was based on two factors trying help the environment and to try and minimize my utility bill. With the new proposed changes that Duke asking for I most likely would not have installed the solar system in my home. Thank you for your consideration

From: Elizabeth Brewer

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:26 AM

**To:** Statements

**Subject:** Statement of Position Submitted by Elizabeth Brewer

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

Elizabeth Brewer

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# Message

Solar power is important to our state...saving & generating valuable electric energy. Please do a fair & full investigation of solar costs and benefits before making ANYchanges to net metering in NC. I urge you not to support this backdoor rate increase proposed by Duke Energy.

From:

Emma James

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:25 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Emma James

# **Statement of Position Submitted**

#### Name

**Emma James** 

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#### Message

I have invested in solar for the very purpose of increasing sustainable and environmentally less harmful ways of producing energy. Increasing costs to use the system we are forced to be part of and that was not agreed to is unacceptable. Devaluing the energy solar makes compared to the nuclear plant makes a valid point solar is better. Duke energy is here to serve the people who are forced to use the electricity not to reap profits for greed. When our government (tax payers) are also having to subsidize for electricity bills for citizens that can not afford their costs it is shameful. I am upset they want to increase the their side but lower the solar value. Corruption at its best manipulative self.