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In December 2020, we installed rooftop solar panels on our home at our own expense. We did this to reduce our personal carbon footprint and also in the hope that over the long term, we would save money on our utility bills. Our solar provider was able to tell us our break-even point.

The proposed net metering rules by Duke Power will introduce new, unneeded complexity into the consumer solar market. It will be more difficult to determine the break-even point. Solar customers will be assessed new fees that traditional energy customers will not be subject to. And homes that rely on both gas and electric, as ours does, will not be eligible for the proposed smart thermostat that Duke is proposing as a way to cut costs for solar customers.

The proposed new rules could reduce the value of solar to a homeowner could be as much as 25%-35%. If fewer homeowners decide to install solar panels, the state's carbon reduction goals will be much harder to achieve.

I urge you the Utilities Commission to protect the environment and the rights of solar customers by opposing these new net metering rules. Our future is more important than Duke Power's profits.

Sincerely,

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