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Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS: Comment from Habitat for Humanity

After reviewing the net metering policy put forward by Duke Energy, I am urging the NC Utilities Commission to reject that policy.

As a long-time volunteer and former BOD member of Chatham Habitat for Humanity (CHFHH), I can speak with direct knowledge of how this proposal will affect low and middle income homeowners. CHFHH puts rooftop solar PV units on houses sold to low and middle income households in Chatham County. Under current net metering rules, those families which have solar units on their homes, are paying between \$30 to \$50 per month for electricity. The proposed changes would substantially increase the cost of electricity to these families and thus endanger their financial resiliency.

To be clear, these households are already at a distinct disadvantage to use solar systems due to their high upfront costs. Duke Energy's proposal would further widen this gap. It is no secret that low and middle income families are the most impacted by the effects of climate change. The ability of these households to have access to **renewable** solar energy is a huge benefit for the kinds of families that CHFHH works with.

From what I understand, the current solar program that CHFHH offers will, most likely, not be viable should this misguided new policy be put into place. This would be a great loss to our partner households and the community, at large.

Therefore, I urge the NC Utilities Commission to reject Duke Energy's proposed net metering policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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I am a citizen living in Chatham County and have been a volunteer with Chatham Habitat for Humanity. I am an ardent supporter of the current solar program and the opportunity it affords low and middle income families to lower their energy consumption and contribute to enhancing our environment.

I personally invested in an 18KW solar system at my home to help mitigate my farm's energy consumption.

For both the opportunity my neighbors have to lower power consumption and my own commitment to improve our environment, I very strongly oppose Duke Energy's effort to undermine the efforts of the solar industry to advance the greening of North Carolina's energy profile.

Please keep enhancements for individuals and organizations like Chatham Habitat in place and continue the current rate structure for net metering. The planet needs positive incentives at all levels of the economy to save the environment for the next generations.

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From: Linda Bell <lbell4garden@gmail.com>
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Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS: Comment from Habitat for Humanity

To whom this may concern:

I am a Chatham County resident who would like to say please Do not allow the policy set forth by Duke Power to pass. I have been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity for close to 10 years. These are wonderful quality built homes with very nice upgrades i.e. the solar power. This says so much about the kindness of North Carolinians. The upward mobility of a low income family subsidizing their electric bills with this terrific green resource should be reason for blocking this policy.

Please consider.

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From: Janna Deegan <janna@opusfa.com>
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a longtime volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Chatham County NC. I am currently a Chatham Habitat Board Member, serving as the Board President as well as on their Family Services and Finance Committees. I care very deeply about their mission and about helping to create affordable housing opportunities in my community.

It is my understanding that Duke Energy has filed a petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission to change the rules on net metering, making rooftop solar less accessible - especially for low to middle income homeowners. I do not support Duke Energy's petition and I ask that the NC Utilities Commission not pass the policy proposed by Duke Energy. Please consider the following:

- Chatham Habitat for Humanity puts rooftop solar on houses sold to low and middle income families in Chatham County. Under current net metering rules, families with solar on their homes are paying between \$30-\$50 for electricity per month. The proposed changes would severely increase that monthly amount and would make our families less financially resilient
- Low and middle income households are already largely unable to take advantage of solar systems due to the high upfront costs, and this change would further widen that gap
- Low and middle income households are often the most impacted by the short and long term impacts of climate change, and the use of renewable energy like solar has tremendous benefit to the families we work with
- The solar program at CHFH may no longer be viable under the policy proposed by Duke Energy

I urge you to consider the broader impact of this proposal and reject the Duke Energy petition. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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To Whom it May Concern;

I am a volunteer with Chatham Habitat for Humanity and I **do not** believe that the NC Utilities Commission should pass this policy proposed by Duke Energy.

Chatham Habitat for Humanity puts rooftop solar on houses sold to low and middle income families in Chatham County. Under current net metering rules, families with solar on their homes are paying between \$30-\$50 for electricity per month. The proposed changes would severely increase that monthly amount and would make these families less financially resilient.

Low and middle income households are often the most impacted by the short and long term impacts of climate change, and the use of renewable energy like solar has tremendous benefit to the families Chatham Habitat for Humanity works with. These households are already largely unable to take advantage of solar systems due to the high upfront costs, and this change would further widen that gap.

The solar program Chatham Habitat for Humanity offers may no longer be viable under the policy proposed by Duke Energy, and that would be a terrible loss for the environment and the families we support.

Sincerely,
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