From:

Kimberly Pierson

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:18 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Kimberly Pierson

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Kimberly Pierson

Email

kdpwildcat@gmail.com

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. 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. 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 a 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: John James

Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:28 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by John James

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

John James

Email

dustyridr@hotmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please do not allow Duke Energy to change the way solar users are currently charged by making or increasing new fees and changing peak usage times that will directly affect our bills.

From:

William & Kieron O'Mara

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:29 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by William & Kieron O'Mara

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

William & Kieron O'Mara

Email

omaraclt@aol.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

We are reaching out to this commission in regards to the above docket. We are property owners in Mecklenburg County who put in solar panels on are residential home. We have endured the expense in hopes of reducing our electricity costs, and helping global warming. We thought taking these steps that we would be doing the right thing. Now it is your turn to do the right think and consider all the residences who have made sacrifices to put in solar. It is bad enough that Duke Energy exports solar power from residents instead of allowing them to bank what they generate. Now you what us to pay more and give more to Duke Energy. If this is the case, we will be forced to get rid of our solar panels. We pay a large price every month to pay for the panels and now you want us to pay more. Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of our solar investment. Please keep our current net metering plan for the life of their system. When we made the decision to go solar, we were to receive a rebate from Duke Energy for making this change. Of course, when it came time to receive this rebate, Duke Energy no longer had the money, we got nothing. Stop taking advantage of the consumer. Hold Duke Energy accountable - PLEASE.

From:

Douglas Fay

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:35 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Douglas Fay

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Douglas Fay

Email

faydouglasj@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

I did an immense amount of research which resulted in me deciding to install solar panels on my roof. It definitely seemed like the right thing to do at the time, but based on this proposal from Duke it now seems like they want to punish us "low level" people and feed the corporate beast. This could result in people such as myself being disenfranchised and people going forward deciding to NOT install solar. How does that help our world and current energy problems? A hasty decision should not be made without completing the requirements of House Bill 589. Duke wants to rush it because they want to line their pockets regardless of what the facts are. I strongly oppose making net metering complex. We need to keep things simple and straightforward instead of trying to wash out everything with unnecessary complexity. This "time of use" nonsense is clearly not taking into consideration that solar requires...the sun. I urge the Commission to WAKE UP - to help our climate, energy, and citizens of North Carolina!

From:

John Bougher

Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:40 PM

To: Statements

Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by John Bougher

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

John Bougher

Email

boughej@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please reject this proposal from Duke Energy. I have had solar for about 1.5 years now and even if I generate enough energy for the month, I pay ~\$15 to Duke just to be connected to the grid. They also reset any excess power generated in June so we can't bank energy to use for the summer. The current set up greatly benefits Duke even though they don't say it does.

From:

Jasbir SINGH

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:23 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Jasbir SINGH

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Jasbir SINGH

Email

jasbir@humbhi.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please do not let Duke Energy subvert the use of Solar Energy as a viable option in the blue skies state of North Carolina. With 200+ days every year in our state, we have thhis wonderful energy resource for the consumers. The net metering provides wonderful incentive for consumers like me to invest in a sustainable energy solution for our state's residents.

From:

Patricia Wells

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:48 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Patricia Wells

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Patricia Wells

Email

phawk0417@aol.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please do not make the NEM changes proposed by Duke to the NCUC. We need to make solar energy more available, more reasonably priced, and easier to obtain, NOT less, and the process easier to understand for the public. Thank you!

From:

Richard S Lewison

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:49 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Richard S Lewison

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Richard S Lewison

Email

richard.lewison@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please reject NC House Bill 589. Monthly compensation instead of excess credit rollover would significantly reduce the value of a rooftop solar system, and would effectively be a bait-and-switch for all the customers like me who paid dearly and installed a rooftop solar system in the past few years. If the bill included a provision to keep the excess credit rollover, but had an annual payout for excess credits instead of monthly, then it would be acceptable. - Richard S. Lewison

From:

Lynn Holbein

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:17 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Lynn Holbein

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Lynn Holbein

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lynnholbein@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

How can we reduce the value and motivation to use solar at a time when our hot spells are longer and our weather will soon only become more extreme? My solar panels, installed last December, are already saving energy every day. I urge rejection of Duke Energy's self-serving short-sighted proposal. Lynn Holbein, 920 Woodham, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

From:

Edwin J WELLS

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:13 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Edwin J WELLS

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Edwin J WELLS

Email

ED6717@YAHOO.COM

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

I will soon have solar energy generation installed at my home. I am opposed to the Net Metering 2.0changes proposed by Duke Energy. Ed Wells

From:

Elsie C Leak

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:02 PM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Elsie C Leak

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Elsie C Leak

Email

elsieleak@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please do a thorough investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes in the net metering in NC. I had solar panels installed in 2019 and have hade a few concerns. In the application process, I was told I would receive rebates from the Federal Government and Duke Energy. I received the federal rebate, but didn't receive ay rebate from Duke. I called several times, was told my name was on the list, Each time I called, My name was moved further down the list. Finally, I was told they had distriuted all of the money set aside for rebates. I paid all installation costs with no assistance from Duke. My monthly meter charge has changed several times. In 2019, it was \$15.05 and has increased to \$15.99 with no notice. I firmly believe there should be not changes to the net metering costs. If so currrent users should be grandfathered. Since I am still paying the installation cost, I am not reaping any financial benefits, but am generating solar energy for Duke.

From:

Vivian Coates

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:14 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Vivian Coates

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Vivian Coates

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superviv@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Dear Utilities Commissioners, I am a resident of Winston-Salem, NC. This past spring 2022, my family had solar panels installed onto my single-family residential home's roof to help reduce my family's carbon emissions. We decided to make this significant financial commitment by calculating the projected cost savings over time that we would realize through the generation of a portion of the electricity that we use on a daily basis through renewable sources, as well as selling back the excess electricity that we generate, but do not use, to Duke Energy. The current net metering policy in place in NC is very easy-to-use and easy-to-understand, which were factors weighing in favor of us installing solar panels. Duke's proposal, unsurprisingly, tilts the balance against solar panel homeowners and would make it increasingly more expensive to install rooftop solar panels. Increasing the adoption of solar panels in NC will only help the state achieve our climate goals. I have two school age children who are concerned about the livability of our planet, and they understand that reducing our reliance on fossil fuels will ensure their ability to thrive on a livable planet. I demand that the NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar before taking any action. Respectfully, Vivian Coates Winston-Salem, NC

From:

Kris Kellerman

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:36 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Kris Kellerman

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Kris Kellerman

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meetthekellermans@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

As a current and recent solar panel home owner, I do not support Duke Energy's proposed changes to the charging structure. I am counting on the current net metering structure to help repay the significant investment I have already incurred. We need to be encouraging solar power and Duke Energy's proposed changes do not.

From:

Mauro Campana

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:40 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Mauro Campana

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Mauro Campana

Email

mcampana538@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub-180

Message

Please reject this proposal, it would slow the growth of solar powered homes and businesses throughout North Carolina. I have spent a lot of money to reduce my carbon footprint to help the environment, please help us save the environment!

From:

Bryan Kearse

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:41 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Bryan Kearse

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Bryan Kearse

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b.kearse@live.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

As a proud owner of a 10kWh solar rooftop residential installation, please conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar before accepting Duke Energy's proposal of changes to net energy metering.

From:

Christopher Bishopp

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:50 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Christopher Bishopp

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Christopher Bishopp

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chris@gocruzin.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Any effort to change net metering parameters to allow energy companies to "steal" electricity from my solar panels is a mistake on many levels. With the threat of climate change increasing daily, measures need to increase renewable energy production, not dis-incentivize it. It is also a retrenchment on agreements that were made to customers who had the foresight and spent hard earned money to do what they could for the environment. The NCUC needs to do what s good for the environment and the general public and not bow to the big energy monopoly so their shareholders can make more money.

From:

Mark R Sackfield II

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 1:30 PM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Mark R Sackfield II

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Mark R Sackfield II

Email

msackfield@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

I have called Duke energy & asked for them to explain to me their proposed rate changes. No one in the organization claimed to know any proposed changes to my net metering plan and would not give me any further information. Please explain how they could be allowed to change the rates at which I am paid "Creditted" for my solar energy and why that is fair. They say that solar users are not paying their fair share of the grid. I used more energy than my array produced in both November 2021 & in December of 2021. I was billed immediately for that usage and was expected to pay in a timely manner. However, this June they saw fit under the current net metering program to simply wipe out my credits as stated on my bill: Carried Forward Balance Reset -1,424 kWh. They didn't pay me for this energy that I supplied to the grid. So the way I see it, I just paid them for my "Privilege" to be connected to the grid. Please send me a detailed copy of the study done that proves that I am not paying my fair share of the Grid. I would say that Duke energy is not paying their fair share for my children's future clean environment, as I had to pay over \$67,000 to install solar panels, to do my part to help us as a species, have a planet to pass on to our next generations. I would also demand that the data be public on what are the true peak hours usage. Why would I be expected to shift to a time of use rate structure while those who rely solely on the grid continue with a fixed rate. My investment in my solar array should be seen as a generous offer to help those that are less fortunate, and not something that greedy board members see as a threat to their next bonus. If their intentions were founded in truth and data, then they would not have had any problems explaining it to me when I called them directly. I would request that no changes to the current net metering program in North Carolina be allowed.

From:

Mark J Hulbert

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:15 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Mark J Hulbert

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Mark J Hulbert

Email

mark@hulbertratings.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

I am writing to urge you to reject the above-referenced proposal, which would slow the growth of solar in North

From:

Antonio Lorusso

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:20 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Antonio Lorusso

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Antonio Lorusso

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

When my wife and I, both of whom are retired, decided to go solar, one of the main selling points was the fact that we would be able to sell to Duke Energy- Progress excess power generated by our solar array. Changing the net metering rules for residential customers that will reduce the amount we are paid for power we share with the grid, would cause an unanticipated financial burden on us. Please exercise due diligence before making a decision in this matter. Had we known that Duke would attempt to squeeze us and devalue our investment, we probably would not have proceeded with this project. As it stands now, we are facing some financial challenges. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From:

Nora Haenn

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:26 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Nora Haenn

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Nora Haenn

Email

nhaenn@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

Hello, I write to oppose changes to the current net-metering rules for North Carolina residents who are Duke Energy customers and who generate rooftop solar electricity. It seems like I just wrote about opposing Duke's proposed changes to net metering. I fear Duke Energy is pressing the issue and refusing to respect earlier rulings. Beyond rejecting these proposed changes to net metering, I would like to see the NCUC meet the requirements of NC House Bill 589 and conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. This information would be so helpful to understand what are North Carolina's better options going forward. During this hot summer, with so few rainy days, my rooftop solar is generating more electricity than ever. I am happy with the low bills, but saddened to think about the associated climate change that is making NC hotter. The images of ghost forests on the coast and beach homes washing away into the ocean are remarkable. Please help make rooftop solar accessible and beneficial to consumers. This will help us diversify our energy sources and lower North Carolina's impacts on climate change. Thank you, Nora Haenn

From:

Gordon Lee DeWitt

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:39 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Gordon Lee DeWitt

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Gordon Lee DeWitt

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Net metering proposal for Duke Energy please reject this proposal.

From:

Judith Gallagher-Howell

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:40 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Judith Gallagher-Howell

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Judith Gallagher-Howell

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jhowell2774@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please reject this proposal. If you want to encourage people to install solar on their property or business, changing the net metering rules to pay them less for the energy they supply to the grid is not the way to go about that. We are contributing to the energy supply and should be paid accordingly. All we hear about is climate change and alternative energy sources, so you should be encouraging that, not discouraging it.

From:

Patricia Saling

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:00 AM

To:

Statements

Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Patricia Saling

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Patricia Saling

Email

patricia.saling@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

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. It's imperative that the NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar before any changes to the existing costs are made.

From:

Dan W.Figgins

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:02 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Dan W. Figgins, Jr.

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Dan W. Figgins, Jr.

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dwfiggins@gmail.com

Docket

E-100, Sub180

Message

Re: Docket No. E 100, Sub 180 I believe that the Duke Energy Plan as written has reversed what should be the correct order of priorities of its goals. I believe that the correct order of priorities should be: The first priority should be to produce and distribute energy by methods that maximize the creation of a habitable planet for the children and grand children of North Carolina. Methods of creating and distributing energy should avoid and minimize floods and droughts, sea level rise, cyclones and tornadoes, forest fires, farmland destruction, etc. The second priority should be regulations and incentives that produce maximum amounts of energy by solar panels and land and ocean wind turbines. The third and lowest priority (which appears to be first priority in the Duke Energy Plan) should be policies and programs which enrich Duke Energy stockholders and managers. All three of these priorities are undermined by building an infrastructure to produce and distribute electricity by hydraulic fracturing, pipeline distribution and burning in methane plants. Methane leakages at the wellhead, the pipelines, and the burning destroy environmental balances causing climate overheating disaster, earthquakes and water shortages. The Duke Energy Plan undermines the second priority by discouraging individuals and institutions from installing solar panels by three procedures: 1) complicated billing by time of day and night and overall quantity of energy use which makes calculation of savings (and therefore incentives) available by installing solar panels impossible to calculate; (My church has installed dozens of rooftop solar panels and received a rebate of \$7,400 under present more predictable calculation of savings) We might not have proceeded under the new complicated calculus.) A second discouragement to installation of solar panels is the structure of net metering which charges \$28 even if not one kilowatt of electricity is drawn. A third discouragement is the net metering structure which gives less credit for returning energy to the network than drawing energy from the network. The third priority is violated by the Duke Energy Plan proposal which is disingenuously labeled a "bridge" source of gas-powered electricity generation. Since generation plants have a lifetime of 40 to 60 years, they will be closed well before the far end of the "bridges" in 2030 and 2050 will have been reached. They are then "stranded assets" which customers will have their rates increased for costs which provide no service. Better spent would be -- and should be -- solar farms and off shore and on shore turbines, wind farms, and small molecular nuclear reactors, I am a member of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church and co-founder of its Earth Care Group since 1999, and a member of the advisory boards of Interfaith Climate Care of the Triangle and the 36-state Interfaith Power and Light.

From:

Eric Karis

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:06 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Eric Karis

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Eric Karis

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ekaris@me.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

I appreciate your consideration in reviewing my customer statement on the Duke Energy proposal to change solar energy net metering. I am a residential solar customer and installed my solar panels on my home this year. I believe the new net metering rule submitted by Duke Energy is wrong and recommend not approving. I make this recommendation based on two reasons: 1. Return on my investment in solar energy would impacted. I made the decision to go solar based on the net metering currently established. With Duke Energy changing the rules and not providing any transparency to their customers while drafting the rules is wrong and big corporate greed. 2. By changing the net metering rules this will impact the NC solar installation market. NC is a State in a prime location for solar and the growth will continue. This will continue to provide jobs and economic activity in this State. Respectfully, Eric Karis

From: Chris McLaughlin

Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:13 AM

To: Statements

Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Chris McLaughlin

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Chris McLaughlin

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chrisamclaughlin@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

Hello. I had solar panels installed on my home in Winston-Salem this spring. I am very opposed to this plan to change net metering. It 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. It would slow the growth of solar in North Carolina. It would cost the citizens of our state hundreds of thousands of jobs. 60 nonprofits and 17 solar companies have publicly opposed this plan. Let's keep it simple. North Carolina should retain its current, straightforward net metering policy. Please reject this proposal and do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Thank you.

From:

Keith Burridge

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:18 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Keith Burridge

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Keith Burridge

Email

keith_burridge@med.unc.edu

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

I have rooftop solar panels and I am writing to oppose Duke Energy's proposal to change the metering rules for rooftop solar customers. This plan aims to kill rooftop solar energy generation. North Carolina should be doing everything possible to incentivize more rooftop solar, much as is happening in many other parts of the world and in many other states in the US. Rooftop solar is an effective way individuals can decrease their carbon footprint and help avert the looming climate disaster. Duke Energy's proposal is an example of a short-sighted, self-serving goal to increase their own profits. Duke Energy's plan does not serve the State or the people of North Carolina. I urge you to oppose it! Thank you.

From:

Jordan King

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:25 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Jordan King

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Jordan King

Email

jordan.king4@icloud.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Before decisions are to be made in regards to the future of rooftop solar I would like to see a cost benefit analysis. Rooftop solar is one of many ways to reach our climate goals which will directly impact our children's future. Once a cost benefit analysis has be created, peer reviewed, and the future options have been weighed I would highly recommend the plan not have a complexity that is anti-consumer.

From:

Deborah L Wiley

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:30 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Deborah L Wiley

Statement of Position Submitted

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Deborah L Wiley

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debwiley@gmail.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

I am writing to oppose the net metering changes proposed by Duke Energy. We had solar panels installed on our roof over 6 years ago and have enjoyed the decrease in our energy bill. However, we still pay a monthly service charge to Duke, and they pay us far less for the energy we produce than we pay them for electricity we use. Duke does not need any more money from those generating solar panel. They are getting our energy far cheaper than any other source, and resell it for far more. Look at examples from other states. Duke is getting away with robbery, and wants to make it grand larceny!

From:

Alan Dennis

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:30 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Alan Dennis

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Alan Dennis

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bigddd60@bellsouth.net

Docket

E100 Sub 180

Message

Complaining for the current method of utility connection calculation methods remain the same. I purchased my solar system with the understanding that the method of calculations would remain the same throughout the life of the system. I'm doing my part in helping the environment and now duke energy is trying to change the rules. Went the extra expense to purchase the system and now they want to gouge the customer for every last dime they can get.

From:

David Perkins

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:32 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by David Perkins

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

David Perkins

Email

davperkins@yahoo.com

Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

1) Please conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar before proceeding with/this proposal. 2) Please protect current solar producers under the agreements in place when we made the decision to help our communities with huge, non-recoverable investments in solar. Reidsville, NC.

From:

Maryann Debski

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:37 AM

To:

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Statement of Position Submitted by Maryann Debski

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

arguments against Duke Energy's net metering proposal include: 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 settles up once each May to reset credits to 0. That is the month in which the credits are in favor of the homeowner. It should be set in January, when the credits are in favor of Duke Energy, as they use the power anyway. Moreover, the homeowner already pays a Basic Customer Charge as well as a Demand Charge. 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 Morris

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:40 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Robert Morris

Statement of Position Submitted

Name

Robert Morris

Email

scottmorris2427@gmail.com

Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

I am against the proposed NEM changes Duke has recommended to the NCUC. The rules should be locked as of the time the interconnection agreements were signed unless they offer additional benefits for NC residents. As a government, you should be providing stability for the energy market to promote a strong, stable electrical grid. A robust distributed grid is likely the way of the future and may be the best model. The growth of this model should be supported.

From:

Jane Bowser

Sent:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:50 AM

To:

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Subject:

Statement of Position Submitted by Jane Bowser

Statement of Position Submitted

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Jane Bowser

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Message

Please conduct a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. As the owner of a solar system, I am concerned that Duke energy may change the rules of the game after my purchase with regard to net metering. Needless to say, I did a thorough investigation of all aspects before purchasing my system. I would like to request that you investigate everything and listen to those who are also requesting this investigation and who have more information than I. We should be moving towards energy efficiency with regards to using solar and wind power and everyone should be encouraged to do as much as they possibly can to save the environment! Thanks for listening!