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Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Larry Tollen

Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

As a homeowner (and active Realtor) who invested in solar electric power for my home (despite our state not offering any credit for my doing so) I hope that you will Reject in the strongest possible manner Duke Energy's Net metering proposal. Duke Energy has been anything but a good corporate neighbor. They've polluted our water and grounds with coal ash and passed along the cleanup costs to the people of North Carolina. This net metering proposal is just another attempt by Duke in the battle against solar and renewable energy programs that benefit both North Carolina as well as the country. 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 while I'd like you to tell Duke to take their proposal and shove it where the sun doesn't shine, at the very least this investigation should be completed before any decision is made. While Duke Energy claims solar customers like myself pay less than our fair share for using the grid, this hasn't been proven, and some studies show the exact opposite. NCUC needs to conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. I hope that this study will factor in that 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. Simply put complexity is by it's very nature "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 my 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. Sincerely, Larry Tollen - 1980 Great Ridge Pkwy Chapel Hill NC 27516

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Message

It is not fair for Duke Energy to change the value of my solar investment retroactively. The Commission should do the cost-benefit analysis for rooftop solar that was required by law (HB 589) before changing net metering rules. The net metering is already biased towards Duke Energy by resetting when the homeowner could have the most balance. The state should be doing more to promote renewable energy vs. detract from it.

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Message

We strongly urge North Carolina Utilities Commission to make a true investigation of solar cost and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Duke Energy's claim that solar customers pay less than their fair share for using the grid has not been proven, while some studies show the opposite. And it certainly was not what we were led to believe while we were being sold on the benefits of solar energy. Thank you for your time and attention. Mike and Bonnie Riley 1300 Fairfax Woods Dr, Apex NC 27502

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Message

Please do not reduce the commitment of North Carolina, and Duke Energy, to encourage rooftop solar. The argument that solar electric producers are being subsidized by non-solar users is not true. Solar producers are simply low-use customers, and pay the same monthly basic facility fees that all other users pay, regardless of the amount of electric energy that they use, lots or little. Moreover, net-metering customers are supplying 100% green, clean energy to the grid, and we personally cover ALL the costs of the solar panels, and associated equipment. This sounds to me like an arrangement that all parties should promote, rather than discourage.

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I am completely against the proposed NEM changes Duke recommended to the NCUC. You need to lock the NEM rules that were in place when the interconnection agreements were signed unless they improve for your NC residents. Otherwise those that have solar will tell those seeking it to be careful of the paybacks that can change whenever Duke decides. We need solar more than ever as we are in a growing area, and the upsurge of EVs. Strong solar means strong job growth. local jobs, quality jobs for a long future.

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Please look carefully into Duke's proposed changes to net metering before making a decision on their new proposal. I feel like at every turn, Duke makes all the decisions, and at some point my solar investment will become a financial liability if they get their way. It's been a bait and switch feeling ever since we started the process. I was told they would give a rebate, but then they changed it to a lottery for the rebate, which in turn I couldn't get. I thought I was being helpful by lessening the load on the energy grid, then to be told by Duke I'm not paying my fair share. I've made a \$37,000 commitment to help our climate crisis, only to be told it might become worthless by big energy. Let's stop caving to big energy's demands and start looking out for the little guy.

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A true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Also, the rule that resets energy credits on 6/30/22 (right when most solar owners have the most credits accrued and right before peak season) should be amended to make the reset date December 31st.

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Message

I urge the NCUC to do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Home owners such as myself, believe in the benefits of roof top solar. By allowing energy companies to change the terms that they entered into, it will adversely affect not only current owners, but future owners as well. Let's all promote roof top solar and keep its true value of helping our NC energy production in a sustainable way, not take away value from it.

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Duke Energy's plan to change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers is not a good idea, and I am asking you to reject it. Not only would it harm my investment in solar energy, it's not good for our environment. North Carolina needs to be a leader in the solar industry, and this proposal does the opposite. You need to do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Thank you for your consideration.

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Message

Do not allow Duke Energy to change the value of my solar investment retroactively. As required by law (HB 589), do a cost-benefit analysis of rooftop solar before changing, or allowing Duke Energy to pressure you into changing, net metering rules. If you allow or agree to a change, individual consumers will be harmed by this much more than Duke Energy will be.

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As an owner of a residential solar enabled home, I am asking you to please reject Duke Energy's request to change the current net-metering system in NC. The current system is one of the main reasons that I decided to go solar in the first place. Duke's proposal will almost certainly hurt the future of solar in NC and result in far fewer solar installations at a time when we need them most.

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Message

Please do not let Duke Energy change the net metering without conducting a full cost-benefit analysis of rooftop solar. Residential customers have invested a substantial sum to install solar panels in order to help NC reduce its carbon emissions. Duke Energy already has several policies that are harmful to solar customers. It resets any excess credits one might have on June 30th, exactly when we have excess credits, instead of in December when we don't. I have to pay ~\$15 a month to Duke when I have not used any electricity from the grid. That used to be \$0 when I installed my system. Changing the rules after I have invested over \$60,000 in a system isn't fair. NC should be doing everything it can to reduce greenhouse emissions and not to deter further installation of solar systems. Thank you for your service looking out for what is in the best interest of our state.

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We need to continue to encourage renewable power generation in North Carolina, including rooftop solar, to help fight the current climate crisis. The existing net metering rules are a proven tool for doing so.

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Message

I am writing to ask you to reject Duke Energy's proposal to reduce the value of solar at a time when our state, country, and planet need to be placing more value than ever on renewable energy. Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Our children depend on us to do something to mitigate climate change for their very survival! How can we seriously be entertaining devaluing one of our most potent weapons against climate change at a time when the stakes couldn't be higher?!

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Message

I have a rooftop solar system on my home and I am content with current metering. I do not want Duke to implement changes that will potentially jeopardize the current worth of my system.

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Duke Energy's proposed changes to net metering are fundamentally unfair to customers with existing PV generators, who made purchase decisions based on Duke's original rate structure. Duke has also failed to follow the law set forth in HB 589 that requires a study of costs and benefits to consumers in advance of rate changes. An agreement between the Legislature and the utilities has set the goal of zero net emissions by 2050; it's difficult to see how reducing the incentive for installation of roof-top solar generators could help reach this goal in any way. For all these reasons, I hope the commission will reject this unwise and unwarranted change in net metering.

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Any changes to regulations which devalue individual solar investments will cause economic harm to those who are trying to do the right thing and reduce reliance on non-renewable energy. It will also cause long term environmental harm by reducing incentives to produce clean energy in North Carolina. Do not give in to Duke Energy's attempts to maximize their profits at the expense of energy consumers.

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Please reject Duke's attempt to increase electrical costs to solar owners without an unaffiliated, third party investigation into true costs.

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