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Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

I submitted my consumer statement on June 30, 2022 at 5:31P.M. and have yet to see posted.

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Message

i support the following do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. Many writers support the legal position by Attorney General Stein and other parties – that state law requires the NCUC to conduct a cost-benefit study before making any changes to net metering rules, which govern how solar homes are credited by Duke for power they feed onto the grid. Duke Energy has long fought against such a study while claiming solar households don't pay their fair share of power lines, poles, etc. Many of the 2,300 writers appear to be current solar homeowners concerned about changes that could harm their investments. Others are Duke customers who might wish to add solar panels. Despite continued greenwashing, Duke Energy's draft Carbon Plan actually proposes a massive expansion of climate-busting methane gas – up to 11,700 megawatts, or roughly 60 power generation units, while envisioning barely any role for rooftop solar in the state's energy future. This way, Duke continues to earn profits on building dirty fossil fuel plants, while keeping a lid on clean rooftop solar controlled by its customers. Thousands of North Carolinians have also urged Gov. Cooper to protect rooftop solar and to help curb the climate devastation to communities, which scientists increasingly link to methane gas. Duke Energy leads the nation in expanding the use of methane gas. North Carolinians are showing their passion and wisdom in pressing state leaders to help address the devastating climate crisis.

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Message

I'm requesting that you do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in N.C. Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact.

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Message

Hello, I have been a solar consumer for almost two years now. I am concerned with some of the things I am hearing regarding Duke Energy's net metering proposal. Before any decisions are made, I ask you to please conduct a full cost to benefit study of rooftop solar AND share it with all rooftop solar consumers. Also, if Duke is going to charge us peak rates, then they absolutely should align with the peak rates of their non-solar customers. As such, solar customers should receive peak rates for any solar they are selling to Duke during those time frames. I am not a wholesale solar company. As such, Duke Energy should not be receiving wholesale prices from me in regards to the solar energy I sell back to them. I should receive retail pricing just as they should be charging me retail pricing for the energy I am consuming when little to no solar energy is being produced from my rooftop. I understand that Duke Energy has the power and money to lobby. However, I please ask that you stand with all solar energy producers and make it worth the switch to cleaner energy and not give in to this monopoly who is looking to price gouge and profit off of our expense. I appreciate your time and your understanding, and I look forward to seeing your full cost to benefit study regarding rooftop solar energy. Thank you.

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Message

Duke Energy should not be allowed to increase the cost of minimum monthly bills of residential customers that selectively target rooftop solar residences, especially those with pre-existing net energy metering agreements. Existing customers should at least be allowed to stay on their current net metering plan for the life of their system. Rather than disincentives identified in the proposal, there should be incentives to encourage rooftop solar on homes and protect the investment in houses with rooftop solar so that those capital improvements are of value to subsequent buyers of those houses. A study to clearly analyze the potential benefits of customer-site generation of rooftop solar is needed. 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. Clearly rooftop solar owners with net metering use the grid to provide energy back to the grid which has value and benefit to others beyond the owner of the solar system. As it is now, the net energy metering policy erases customers' bill credit for energy provided to the grid annually at the end of May, which amounts to free electricity for Duke Energy every year. The process of resetting those bill credits annually should be ended, or at the least, the policy amended to reset at the end of February when less electricity bill credits would be lost by the rooftop solar owner/customer. It is important 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 Duke Energy proposal could lead to unpredictable bill increases for solar customers. 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, customers 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)

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Message

Commission, I have invested money into roof top solar and believe it's not fair for Duke to change the value of my solar investment retroactively. I am requesting the Commission do the cost-benefit analysis for rooftop solar that was required by law (HB 589) before changing net metering rules. Thank you, MB

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Message

I'm writing to urge you to reject Duke Energy's proposal to change the way residential solar is compensated. Net metering is fair for both parties and does not need to be changed. Our state should be encouraging new renewable energy installations and not allow Duke to strangle new and existing solar projects in the name of even more profit. This proposal will cost North Carolina quality jobs in the rapidly growing solar industry. Please reject this proposal for all of North Carolina's residents and for its future.

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As a rooftop solar panel owner and physician, I implore the NC Utilities Commission do a thorough investigation of solar cost and benefit. This investigation should not only investigate energy utilization, but also the projected devastation in wildlife and to homes and businesses with changes in climate. As a physician, I can say that there is clear evidence that increased utilization of fossil fuel plants will result in more hospitalizations inpatients with chronic lung diseases such as asthma and COPD amongst other organ systems. There are multiple citations related to this and it will result in higher healthcare costs and strain on the healthcare system. Duke Energy is not interested in the health and well-being of its customer base, therefore, it is up to the Utilities Commission to enforce regulations in order to protect NC residents.

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Message

Dear Sir: I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy changing the net metering rules for residential solar power. I have installed two 5 kw solar panel arrays on my farm, and it is only through net metering that these are cost effective. Please do not approve Duke Energy's proposed change. Regards, Robert Zielinski Wingate NC

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NC should do everything possible to support use of new energy resources and end our reliance on polluting carbon-based fuel.

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Message

What people put on their homes for better electric supply, is their business This is outrageous.. Stop duke energy!

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Message

Duke's proposed changes to net metering and moving to a time of use billing system is dangerous to the state's climate goals, which include clean/renewable energy. First and foremost, we should not be considering this plan does against (§ 62-126.4.b) by skipping the independent third party investigation into net metering. Duke Energy is not interested in a clean/renewable energy future. Their proposal is about continuing to build fossil fuel burning plants and shift any and all costs of renewable energy 100% onto the end customer. A year ago Duke was promoting the benefits of a flat utility rate and net metering as the solution to rising energy needs and offered rebates to people to install roof top solar. Duke continued to say net metering made those of us with solar better customers as we were more likely to watch our power usage and shift our electrical usage to times when our solar systems were producing more power. Furthermore, with the proposed time of use billing, this is all about devaluing the existing solar systems that are currently installed by purposely lowering rates when solar systems are producing the most. Why this sudden change in stance on net metering? The effect of the current net metering policy in place today does not pose a risk to Duke Energy. This is just another way for Duke to not innovate and invest in technologies that would help North Carolina meet it's climate goals, but rather make it a hostile state for solar power and line the pockets of Duke executives for meeting Wall Street stock price expectations. The proposed changes are an attack on the future of rooftop solar and renewable energy as it will make recovering the costs of the solar panel investment near impossible. Also, the "avoided cost rate", which is significantly less than what we would pay for energy from Duke is a slap to the face of everyone that already has invested in solar. What makes a kWh of electricity from a solar panel worth 75% LESS than a kWh of electricity that is generated in a natural gas plant? This is just another attempt by Duke to saddle a small set of customers with their business expenses. I haven't even touched on the economical impact will have on jobs and revenue as NC would switch from a solar friendly state to a solar hostile state. Thank you, Mike

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Message

The reason for going with solar is considering net metering rules. I would not have installed solar with new proposal. I hope net metering stays the same.

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Duke Energy's plans do not address the pressing nature of CO2 emissions and do nothing to relieve the situation. "Natural Gas" is not a solution and only makes the situation worse through the release of methane, which is 80 times worse than CO2 release. Green energy solutions, wind and solar, are available today and offer a less expensive alternative to fossil fuel. These solutions can be placed on a distributed or community based configuration, making them ideal for any future calamity or climate change situations we may encounter.

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Message

I've loved the solar cells and battery that I purchased 4 years ago. It gives me a sense of security regarding my home's livability and a sense of pride to know I'm helping the environment. It is outrageous that Duke Energy would try to retroactively change for the worse the system of how I get compensated for the electricity my system produces. As a state, NC should be doing everything possible to simplify and make easier the use of solar by homeowners. Duke Energy needs pressure to encourage more solar, rather than moving towards more fossil fuel systems.

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Message

The NCUC needs to perform a thorough analysis of the Duke Energy proposal to alter the "net metering" related to consumer installed solar panels. Their proposal works against the consumers of NC.

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Message

I have been producing grid-tied electricity with roof-top solar panels for myself and some of my neighbors since 2010: 85827 KWH which saved 145908 lbs of CO2 NOT discharged into our atmosphere! I have paid Duke each month a facility charge for the privilege of using the grid to provide power to my neighbors so that they (Duke) do not have to produce twice that amount of electricity (considering transmission line loses) particularly on our hottest days when demand is the highest and my production is also the highest! I do not recall ever receiving a thank you from Duke for my helping meet their demand. I and others like me may have made the difference such that Duke has not had to spend huge sums for new capacity; however, it appears that the way our system works is that Duke actually makes a profit when they HAVE to add capacity. Isn't there something fundamentally wrong with this system? Can you imagine how very Sincerely Yours, (I am) Ron O. Bryant!!!

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