

Conyers, Tamika

From: Paul Lerwick <plerwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 7:10 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100 Sub 180CS

Dear NC Utility Commissioners - With regard to Duke Energy's proposed changes to net metering, Docket E-100 Sub 180CS, please do everything you can to save residential rooftop solar.

There are many reasons to do so, but I will point out just one of them.

As the country transitions to electric vehicles (EVs) we will be transitioning from roughly 14 million barrels (588 million gallons) per day of gasoline and diesel fuel to a huge increase in electricity consumption. We can readily offset this with solar panels on the roofs of our homes to generate the electricity we need for transportation (each panel generates enough power over the course of a year to power an EV for 1,000 miles - for example, 20 panels will offset 20,000 miles of annual driving). If we don't generate the offset power on our roofs, we will need to essentially double the size of the electrical power grid to handle the increase in demand.

We need to adopt solar panels on the roofs of our homes just as we did indoor plumbing and electrical wiring when they became available. Prudent legislation and tax incentives are critical to encouraging this transition.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Lerwick - retired petroleum engineer, independent oil & gas producer and believer in climate change
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From: Lou Gallo <gallo.lou@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

Our planet is undergoing changes... not for the better. Industry and citizens are attempting to change our approach to energy, both acquisition and utilization. Why then, would the power industry want to stop or impede this effort? I ask the question, I have an answer but ask yourself.

Please stop Duke's effort to kill solar.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: Tim Roush <tsroush@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

I would like to express my concerns to the NC Utilities Commission regarding proposed changes to the regulations governing rooftop solar. As a homeowner who has made that investment, I strongly believe we should be doing everything we can to move toward a more sustainable energy future. Even with current rebates and subsidies, many, if not most, middle income families cannot afford to transition to rooftop solar. I believe the commission has both the obligation and the ability to support a clean energy future for our state. Preserving the current incentives will help us move in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: o <rsmat@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 10:02 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS: Comment from Habitat for Humanity

As a Chatham Habitat Board member, I am writing to urge the NC Utilities Commission to NOT pass the policy change proposed by Duke Energy.

Chatham Habitat builds homes for working class citizens earning 30-60 % of medium area income & we install solar on these homes. Currently our homeowners pay an approx \$30-50/monthly . Duke's proposal would significantly increase this cost & would put into question the viability for Chatham Habitat to continue to install solar systems for these homeowners.

For these homeowners who are most impacted by cost of living changes, & to help support a cleaner environment for all of us, I urge you to not pass this change in policy.

Thank you,
Rick Matson
919 600 1276

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From: Will Kimmey <willkimmey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100 Sub 180CS

Hi, I am writing to express my concern with Duke Energy's plan to change how it treats solar energy. I installed solar to be good to the environment and earn back that cost over time through energy savings. Now, Duke wants to charge extra fees for the pleasure of me contributing to the grid, cut rates it pays for electricity and also disqualify me from other savings because I have a gas stove and water heater even though all my heating and cooling needs are provided by electricity.

I am not sure how allowing this monopoly to make these changes will help the residents of NC or help more people choose to help the environment by choosing solar.

Will

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From: Wendy Michener <wendykay4peace@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

North Carolina Utilities Commission,

Please realize

- Duke/Progress Energy hates solar energy. If solar takes off, Duke's corporate plan will be up-ended. They will have to rethink their entire operation.
- The current leaders of Duke/Progress Energy are the opposite of servant leaders, which is what NC needs in this position.
- There is no compromise that will satisfy the present leadership of Duke/Progress Energy
- They will never agree to become the NC Electrical Grid Manager. Imagine the humiliation!
- A strong state-wide Grid is what we need and you must see that it is provided

Your job, which you are not accustomed to doing, is to help the current leadership of Duke/Progress Energy resign and go into another line of work.

Their old playground is being demolished. Your job is to help them out the door.
And to welcome the new leadership, which will support the solar industry.

And, incidentally, envision the new plan with

- solar panels on every roof in NC that is not shaded
- a massive grid connecting all the roofs and solar farms and all other means of electrical production
- the end of any and all electrical production from fossil fuels of any kind

Those of you on the Commission who find what I have written to be unacceptable, you must resign also. This is not optional, sorry.

Thank you for your work for NC!

Wendy Michener

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From: Kip Coerper <kipcoerper@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS: Comment from Habitat for Humanity

Please don't change the net metering rules.
Chatham County Habitat for Humanity provides solar panels on it's low income homes, which helps keep their monthly bills down so they can afford and enjoy their homes.

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From: Paul, Marc R (Washington) <marc.paul@bakermckenzie.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 10:03 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100 Sub 180 CS

Dear Sir or Madam -

I am writing to oppose Duke Energy's proposed changes to solar net metering contained in the petition submitted to the NC Utilities Commission on November 29, 2021.

I believe the proposed changes will harm the solar industry, solar customers and the NC environment.

Marc R Paul

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From: Erica Berkeley <ericaberica@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 1, 2022 1:18 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

To Whom it Concerns,

This letter concerns Duke Power's proposed changes to the benefits residential rooftop-solar customers receive from Duke. Our own personal story is this: our family refinanced our home in order to pay for solar panels on our roof. We are in a prime location for producing solar power, and we felt it was our duty to use our fortunate location to help produce cleaner energy. And of course we also did it for our own reasons - to help offset our energy expenses. Our understanding going into this was that not only would we be receiving a large rebate from Duke Power in the form of cash, but that we would be able to "sell" our excess power back to them in the form of credits on our power bill, to be used in the winter or summer when power expenses are highest.

To our disappointment, first we learned that the number of rebates offered is so small, that Duke now conducts a lottery to determine who gets them. We missed out on that, not being one of the lucky ones to receive it. Now we are finding out that part of Duke's new solar plan is to zero out solar credits on homeowners on a MONTHLY basis - basically nullifying any way for us to use or be reimbursed for the excess energy we produce from the panels WE are paying for through our mortgage. Instead, Duke proposes to take our excess and then sell it to their regular customers. This is THEFT in our opinion. Under Duke's new proposal, they not only will be taking our excess power from us, they will also be selling it to customers and keeping the profits. They are trying to discourage small, residential installations because they think they can produce solar more profitably on their own on a large scale, and rather than work WITH us, the small-time solar producers, they are trying to discourage the whole idea of residential production for the greater good.

Our current solar policy has helped to expand the use of solar power by homeowners in North Carolina. Duke Energy's proposed changes would make rooftop solar less affordable and more complicated at a time when we should be moving full speed toward clean energy. Please send Duke Energy back to the drawing board and insist on a rooftop solar policy that increases solar growth rather than hampering it, and makes it accessible to everyone, especially to low- and moderate-income households who struggle to pay their electricity bills.

Thank you,

Erica Berkeley

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From: Andy Gmitter <agmitt06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 1, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100, Sub 180CS

Hello,

My name is Andy Gmitter, and I am a solar customer with Duke. I would like to register a comment on **Docket E-100, Sub 180CS** that I am opposed to the changes proposed. These changes would result in lower payback for the energy I generate for Duke with my solar panels, moves NC further from clean energy, is confusing, and would result in less solar adoption by my fellow North Carolinians.

These changes were proposed, as I understand it, to shift the benefits provided by Duke into upfront benefits to new installers. The rebate of \$0.36 per kWh that has been touted as the main reason to support this did not actually happen in South Carolina where this was also tried. It was ruled a cross subsidy with gas. We have the same rules here, so where would consumers be if the changes go through and the only benefit to consumers is tossed out? Even if it was not tossed out, I doubt that it would make up for the much higher and more complicated bills customers would have.

Additionally, under these new rules, I would be paying Duke far more than I would be saving. The monthly flat fee increase and the tiered system will make it so that I effectively pay Duke to use my panels. Although the current system is not perfect, it is far preferable to me as a consumer generating electricity.

These changes will hurt consumers and the solar industry in general. The green jobs in my community are necessary, and they pay well. Do not let those jobs get threatened by these changes.

Thank you

Andy Gmitter

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From: Peggy <taylorprt@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket E-100. Sub 180CS

Please don't let Duke Energy make solar energy less available in North Carolina.
The state needs more solar - not less.
Thank you for supporting cleaner energy.
Peggy R. Taylor

Sent from my iPad

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From: Sue <susantolerico@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Rooftop solar

To whom it may concern,

Please do not let duke change the solar program. The only reason duke wants to stop the solar program is because they are losing money from customers that paid high electric bills to them in the past. I believe rooftop solar helps to preserve our environment and duke really does care about it. This just a money problem for duke as usual. Why when something is working well and helping the environment do they want to change it and make it more difficult for customers to access. This is a cheap project for the customer as well.

Thank you

Sue and mike tolerico

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