

Taylor, Jeremy

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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Don't let Duke penalize us for trying to go green. We spent our money to have rooftop solar, let us reap our savings for the future.

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Taylor, Jeremy

From: thomas tadych
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

I am a brand new solar customer as of February 2022, I signed on to save money and help to save energy production, not to get signed into a lengthy payment contract to only see the regulations get changed and I'm not saving on my end, Duke Energy has more money than they will ever need to have, and I think it is unfair to tell us one thing and entice to get solar then go back on their deals and change the value of repayment to us who are paying for the solar system, this also helps them as well and the greed needs to be curtailed. REJECT DUKE ENERGY'S PROPOSAL!!!

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Taylor, Jeremy

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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please stand against this docket. Do NOT slow the efforts to reduce solar's positive impact for energy progress. Leslie Apple, Candler, NC

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E-100 sub 180

Message

I recently learned that Duke Energy wants to change the solar credit plan under which I purchased a solar system. Duke already suddenly changed the incentive plan resulting in my ability to receive the \$4,000 incentive rebate being blocked. Now Duke wants to cut the credit. Since no study on this major impact was conducted, as required by state law, I request that the Utility Commission maintain the credit carryforward plan under which many of us citizens purchased our solar panel systems for the life of the system, and not be charged differing "time of day" charges. These "Time of day" proposed variances do NOT coincide with Duke's peak power periods, so this proposed change seems designed to wring more cash out of NC customers rather than reflect actual power generation costs. If any change should be considered, it should be to provide cash incentives for installing solar batteries and panels, which lower the long term costs for Duke when meeting demand.

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Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

I am completely against the proposed NEM changes Duke recommended to the NCUC. I have recently installed 9kW residential solar system and I am proud to contribute power to the grid to offset carbon emissions and peak power supply demands. If these changes are made to net-metering, I intend to build a battery system and store my excess power for use in my home rather than sending it back to the grid.

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

As a rooftop solar customer of Duke Progress, I oppose Duke's proposal for changing the way that solar electricity is charged in North Carolina. The changes that Duke has proposed would completely stifle the growth of solar energy here in North Carolina by making it less advantageous to put solar panels on your roof. The current system gives customers a payback time that is not insignificant but this new proposal would make it much longer. This would keep many customers from adding solar panels. The argument for the change is that solar customers are not paying their fair share. But that has not been proved. An independent audit needs to be conducted first. Any well run company should know where their costs are coming from, and if Duke does not know how much solar customers are costing them, they need to find out before changing their billing system. Each year in May, all of the credits for the year are wiped out. This is free energy that Duke does not pay for. Typically on my simple solar system, I give close to a megawatt to Duke progress. This energy is generated during the peak usage of the day. This is energy that keeps air conditioners running in the summer. We have had nothing but problems dealing with Duke Progress because we have solar. It is very difficult to change ownership when you sell your house. When issues arise with Duke's meter, they are extremely slow to even admit that there is a problem. They make mistakes on the bill that always benefit Duke rather than the customer. All of this tells me that they are not supportive of solar customers, and in fact are doing all that they can to eliminate them. This billing change is just one more example.

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180 (Net Metering)

Message

The proposed NEM changes recommended by Duke to the NCUC is unacceptable. This is changing the rules after the interconnections agreements were signed with thousands of residents of NC that installed solar. Not only is the changing the rules after the agreement was made, the new rules will discourage people from installing solar. If the rules can change anytime to benefit Duke, residents of NC have less incentives to install solar. As we face climate change and work to limit its impact on the planet we need to take steps that encourage clean energy not discourage it. Jason Reed - Asheville NC

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From: Charles Murph and Nancy Snedden
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Statement of Position Submitted

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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. Don't let this change occur simply for Duke Power's interests in profits, and consequently discount the value of solar energy for our environment. Their claim that solar customers are not paying our fair share is unsubstantiated. A full cost-benefit analysis should be completed before considering any change to the net metering rules. Thank you!

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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

I have been a rooftop solar user in NC since 2017. I don't believe that Duke Progress is supportive of solar users and in fact very difficult to deal with for any problems such as incorrect billings or meter reading issues. I believe the commission must have an independent, thorough audit of Duke's claims that solar doesn't contribute enough for infrastructure. I believe that infrastructure should be a known cost, not like power production where cost of fuel and usage can vary widely. EVERYBODY should pay the same for infrastructure and connection to the grid. It sounds like Duke energy needs to figure out how to utilize the "free" energy that we give them and look into storage devices to balance out peaks and valleys in energy production and usage. So, is Duke Progress losing money in North Carolina or just looking for more profit for investors? Thank you for your time on this matter.

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Docket

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Message

Please oppose the current proposal from Duke Energy to unilaterally change the Net Metering policies. Prior to any consideration of changes, please conduct a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

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Taylor, Jeremy

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Statement of Position Submitted

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E-100 Sub 180)

Message

Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment choice after the fact. Existing customers should be allowed to stay on our current net metering plan for the life of our system. You have a responsibility to NC citizens, not to Duke's corporate big-wigs. Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

As former Duke Energy employees and current Duke Energy shareholders, we ask that you reject the proposal by Duke Energy to change the rules of net metering on solar rooftop installations. We need to place more value, not less, on solar energy to meet NC climate goals and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Not only is it economically unfair to change the rates of those who have currently have solar rooftop installations but it is a deterrent to future residential solar growth. Part of our decision to go solar was based on our purchase of an electric vehicle. Has Duke Energy projected rising electricity sales due to the increasing number of EVs? What about the investment cost of a rooftop solar system to the homeowner? It is important that the NCUC conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar as part of the decision making process. Please follow through on House Bill 589 and investigate the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before making any changes to net metering. Thank you for considering this matter. Respectfully, Julie and Dale Bartlett

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Docket

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Message

This proposal needs to be rejected. It needs a true investigation done of the solar costs. What's the point in getting solar. Stop this stop stop stop.

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Message

Please do a true investigation of net metering costs before making any changes to solar rears.

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please due a true investigation of the solar cost/benefits before making any net metering changes. Requiring a time of use policy makes it very complex to estimate utility bills and makes energy most expensive when solar customers aren't able to produce as much energy while over-producing in off-times. Allowing Duke Energy to zero-out our rollover kW bank on June 1st (right before peak energy usage months) is already criminal, especially without any compensation. With my solar panel system, I still consume more kW than I produce during the summer and 1-2 winter months, but over-produce the remaining months. This past year, I forfeited over 2,000 kW, which could have been used to completely offset my excess usage during the summer months if my kW bank zeroed out in October. That being said, most of this accumulation is in the Spring because my Oct/Nov excess production is then used to offset my excess consumption Dec-Feb. It's not fair for Duke to only pay customers <\$0.03/kW when we'd be required to pay 4x more for consuming energy. If customers have to have their rollover kW zeroed out every year, Duke should pay us at least \$0.06/kW since they get to keep the RECs.

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Docket

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Message

Hello, Homeowners like my wife and myself w fixed retirement incomes did careful calculations before deciding to invest in solar power. I see Duke is attempting to change the rules we agreed to when we bought our panels and take our electricity for less than what we agreed to in order to maximize their own profits. Trying to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and provide cleaner air to our kids and grandkids by investing in solar in NC without ANY sort of support or incentive from the state government is already an expensive proposition. Duke agreed to make it feasible for a relative handful of us. Now? They have decided they want greater profits. If they are allowed to do that, it will bring NC's transition to solar electricity generation to a halt. PLEASE do a full investigation. Look at states like Florida where FPL is trying to lower the rate residents are paid from the Retail Rate to the Wholesale Rate. Why? They can then charge the solar residents the difference instead of paying 1 for 1. Utilities are trying to backpedal because they see so many people switching to solar and need a way to keep profits up despite all their expensive generation plants running on more expensive fuel every year. They want solar residents to help offset THEIR rising generation costs!! PLEASE do a full investigation and do NOT allow the millionaires at Duke to force people like my wife and to foot the bill for their lack of foresight! Thank you

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From: Bridget Rebillard
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Message

I am a current solar customer and am extremely opposed to Duke Energy's new proposal for net metering. If approved, it will curtail and add additional cost to anyone who may want to get solar and work towards the climate change goals of North Carolina thus not allowing folks to afford solar. Duke is upset with the current solar users because they can't charge top dollar. We are selling our power to Duke and my home gets a lot of sun so Duke gets a lot of energy. Since as I mentioned my home gets non-stop sun most of the time, I do not think it is fair to charge me more for power I am not using. Duke makes plenty of money since it is pretty much a monopoly in NC. They do not need any additional help and the current net metering system should stay as is.

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E-100 Sub 180

Message

I write in strong opposition to Duke Energy's proposed changes to net metering for home owners who have invested in solar energy, not only to reduce energy consumption, but also to reduce reliance on fuels that produce greenhouse gas emissions and thus contribute to the undeniable climate change that is already threatening global economies, environments, habitability, and health. Home-based solar production contributes to job creation and economic growth. As a customer of Duke Energy and its predecessors for most of my 75 years, I am well acquainted with their history of manipulation, lack of transparency, and refusal to take responsibility for their own decisions. The NCUC must conduct an independent, impartial investigation of costs and benefits of home-based solar, as well as the unfounded claim that we pay less than our fair share. Further, we believe that adoption of Duke's proposal will hinder progress toward NC's climate goals, while also threatening jobs in a rapidly growing sector of the economy. As I read through Duke's proposal, I thought, this seems overly complex to me, and I am a scientist. It will be virtually impossible for solar companies to make accurate projections of payback for consumers considering home-based solar power. Further, as with other proposals from Duke, this one provides disproportionately greater benefits by far to the company and its shareholders than to consumers, who will pay more and obtain less benefits than we now have, while making a substantial contribution to the energy future and even to Duke's own ability to serve its customers. Further, Duke wants to change the rules in the middle of the game, which is unfair to the solar companies and to consumers, who should be allowed to continue with substantially the same policies and practices as at the time of system installation. At a time when we should be taking even more vigorous steps to protect future generations and the planet from the ravages of climate change, Duke seems to be focused only on the current bottom line. In my view, that is not only poor planning for business, but it reflects little regard for the current and future well-being of their customers. It would also be, I believe, short-sighted public policy in light of our current energy and climate challenges.

Taylor, Jeremy

From: Matthew Terribile
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

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Message

I'm very concerned that this proposal devalues the investment I made in solar panels 6.5 years ago. I knowingly accepted a payoff period of 12+ years to try 'do my part' to move us towards a cleaner energy mix. If the 'rules of the game' must change to better align incentives with the true benefits, those who have already made investments in solar should be allowed to continue under the current structure for a longer period of time.

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Message

I am very concerned that Duke's proposal will be detrimental to the solar power industry and to solar users like myself. I urge you to reject Duke's proposal. Sincerely, Richard Strachan

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Taylor, Jeremy

From: Cathleen E Weathers
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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please please keep solar reimbursement at it's current level. People have to be incentivized in order to get solar panels due to the initial investment. We must move to renewable energy sources for the future generations. I have already saved 12 thousand pounds of CO2 emissions in 8 months and if we can get more people across the state to invest - that could be multiplied by thousands.

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Duke energy holds a monopoly on the electric market in my region. If I want electricity, I have no other options but to deal with them. We invested in solar as a way to help the planet and gain more energy independence, but now Duke energy wants to use their monopoly to make our solar system less cost-effective. Please conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar as required by NC House Bill 589 before any changes to net metering are made. The Utilities Commission's role should to protect consumers, not to produce more revenue for Duke's shareholders. Net metering makes a cleaner energy future possible and should continue to be available to everyone. At the very least, Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of our 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. Please do the right thing to help keep North Carolina a leader in solar energy production!

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Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

As a consumer, I am completely against the proposed changes that Duke Energy has recommended. We installed our home solar system in cooperation with Duke based on the system in place and their descriptions of how important it was to them to work with their customers to help build solar power in our area. Now they want to change things in was that will impact us as consumers and their lobbyists are making out as though these changes would benefit us, and future customers. Make no mistake - they will not. They will benefit Duke, at the expense of the people of NC. Nothing new there though, as the state seems to consistently agree to allow Duke Energy to line their own coffers at the expense of their customers. Please Donley them screw us this time. Thank you for your attention. Sincerely, Macon Thoma Black Mountain, NC

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Message

Changing the net metering rules is bad for energy sustainability. Rooftop solar investments by residential were done with specific payback calculations and changing the equation after the fact is unacceptable.

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Taylor, Jeremy

From: Theodore Robert Fuller Jr
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Docket

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Message

Please don't pass this bill. I've waited so long to go solar and now Duke Energy wants to take it away from me to make going solar a joke. Please don't pass this bill. This is a complete smack in the face to everyone.

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Taylor, Jeremy

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Message

According to the "Save NC Solar Coalition", the NCUC has not investigated the costs and benefits of rooftop solar as required by NC House Bill 589. Duke Energy has submitted a plan to the NCUC to change the net metering rules in a way that will reduce the amount paid to those providing power to the grid. This in effect is changing the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. The net metering proposal from Duke Power should be rejected in its entirety. My understanding is Duke Energy is again asking for another rate hike in providing power to NC residents and businesses. Since Duke Energy is effectively a customer of mine being a provider of power to them, then I would suggest any raise in rates approved by the NCUC for Duke Energy should also apply to the rates Duke pays me. It makes sense as rooftop solar systems are helping Duke postpone future construction costs for increasing supply due to the insurge of new residents and businesses to our state. I welcome any feedback you'd like to offer to my comments. Sincerely, John R. Allanach

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Message

I am writing to add my voice against Duke Energy's submitted plan to the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers. I am totally against this. We added solar panels to our home in May 2020 and do not think it is fair for Duke Energy to change the rules on us. Thanks for your time.

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NC House Bill 589

Message

To Whom It May Concern: 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. Please 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 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.

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Taylor, Jeremy

From: Scott & Kathy Pelletier
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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Solar panels are GREAT things to help our environment. A true investigation needs to be done of solar costs and the benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. NCUC needs to conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar!!!!!!!

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Taylor, Jeremy

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Message

We just got solar panels installed on our house and it's very expensive over 88,000 dollars for a 62 panel house. Our loan is a 25 year loan payments are going to be the same as what we pay duke power now around \$250 a month. But once we get done paying the loan off that step we took will start paying for itself and finally we can have extra money each month to save instead of worrying about what we are going to do if something goes wrong. Please don't make it where people have to pay duke power a bunch of money at the same time because at that point it would be no point in going solar and humanity will never get off fossil fuels.

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From: Giles C Simpson
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Docket

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Message

Please reject this this proposal. My stance is this proposal will discourage the public from adding solar power systems to their homes. My opinion is that we need more solar and not less. thank you!

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Taylor, Jeremy

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Docket E-100 Sub 180

Message

Please reject Duke Energy's proposal to change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers and do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

Taylor, Jeremy

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Docket

E-100 Sub 180

Message

Duke Energy should not be allowed to change anything regarding existing solar customers! I'm a 30 year (Vietnam) veteran and I can not believe the gall/greed of Duke Energy. Take over of CP&L was not enough, nor has dumping coal ash and polluting the environment. Now they want to make it more difficult for the average citizen to move ahead. Duke has no decency! They could care less about global warming and our environment. North Carolina's Utility Commission should do the right thing! Acknowledge, Duke Energy should exist to provide a service and make a profit, not to have citizens being in servitude to them! Hopefully Governor Cooper has the intestinal fortitude to do the right thing.

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Message

I am asking the NCUC to reject Duke Energy's proposed tariff changes for net metered solar. Net metered solar provides NC with easy, fossil free energy, and Duke Energy should truly incentive customers to participate. Neither of Duke's new proposal incentivize solar; rather they de-incentivize it. In both plans, both new and existing solar customers will pay significantly more for their energy than they do under current tariff rates. My wife and I are DEP customers and installed net metered solar on our house in 2019 to decrease our fossil fuel use, to save money and to provide any excess generation to the grid. Using calculator spreadsheets and numbers obtained from Duke Energy, I examined my electric bills from 2019 until now to determine what the impact would have been if during that period we had been under the proposed TOU plan they proposed last fall or under the newer "bridge" proposal formulated this spring in collaboration with three solar installers. I found that after the "bridge" or "grandfathering" periods my home electric bills would be approximately 65% more than they are now, and even during these "bridge" or "grandfathering" periods my bill would nearly 50% higher than now. Using these calculators from Duke, I also determined the effect on new customers and found that while the "Bridge" proposal is somewhat better than the original TOU proposal for new customers, both significantly de-incentivize solar installation compared to the current tariff system. The earth is in a climate crisis, the state of NC should help Duke Energy improve, not decrease incentives for customers to help decrease our fossil fuel use. The current proposals do just the opposite. Finally, the Commission should do the cost-benefit analysis for rooftop solar that was required by law (HB 589) before changing net metering rules.

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Message

Duke already has an extremely anti consumer solar policy by zeroing out all solar credits every year at the beginning of PEAK season. This proposal would only serve to do more harm. The cost benefit study has not been done, it must be conducted. Peak hours under the proposal don't even coincide with actual demand, and only serves duke's profits. Duke isn't anywhere close to having 100% of its energy needs served by rooftop solar, and can simply make less power during peak solar hours. This proposal is just corporate greed.

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Message

I am a home solar owner and ask that you reject Duke Energy plans to change. I have a significant investment in this and would adversely affect me and future home solar investment.

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Message

I am writing this note to express my opposition to Duke Energy's proposal to change the rules currently in place for net metering related to solar energy production. We are at a time in history when everything possible should be done to reduce carbon emissions on Earth. This proposal would push us in the opposite direction. NC House Bill 589 requires that the NCUC investigate the costs and benefits of rooftop solar before any changes to net metering are made. That investigation should definitely be done and made public.

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Message

Please help protect residential rooftop solar customers!!!! Please reject this proposal and prevent Duke Energy from slowing the growth of solar in North Carolina. Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC.

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Message

Regarding: Docket E-100 Sub 180 I am writing to protect the value of solar in North Carolina! Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. I am an existing customer and should be allowed to stay on my current net metering plan for the life of my system. It's not fair for Duke 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 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. Please do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC. I ask 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 that may 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) I ask that you do what is right for solar investors if North Carolina. Respectfully, Paula Hansard

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Message

As the United States and North Carolina work to increase renewable energy, it makes no sense to penalize those who have taken it upon themselves to further this goal. Net metering is a fair way to allow citizens who have invested in renewable energy to recover their investment. We are already paying a facility charge, and ironically a fee to fund the move to renewable energy. By providing many small, dispersed generating sources, we reduce the transmission loads on the power grid.

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Message

Please CONDUCT A FULL COST BENEFIT STUDY on rooftop solar and REJECT the proposal to make changes to net metering. Let's keep our solar-industry jobs and stay on track with our climate goals.

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Message

As a solar home owner I support having a in-depth investigation of the cost benefits of solar before making any changes in net metering in NC. I made a substantial investment in my system and I would like to see a reasonable return of that investment. The changes suggested by Duke Energy would undermine my investment significantly. I do not have the finances of a large corporation. I invested a good part of my retirement because I believe my system and others like it support the electrical grid by adding points of stability within it when the grid is down. I generate my power at high demand periods for Duke Energy and get a minimal 3 cents per kilowatt hour for the excess.

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Message

I understand that Duke Power is asking for the rules about Solar Power generated by residential roof top Solar Panels to be changed to their advantage. 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. This makes no sense and is completely illogical. -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). This also flies in the face of economic logic. -Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of our 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.

Taylor, Jeremy

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Message

Please do a thorough and unbiased assessment of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to North Carolina's net metering rules. Duke Energy's proposals to change these are biased and ill-advised.

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Message

Do a true investigation of solar costs and benefits before making any changes to net metering in NC

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Message

I just got my Solar panels a few months ago and the only reason I did was because of the fact that I could be independent of Duke power and 100% from solar. If I can't get that I may decide that if I got to pay Duke Power anyway the cost of the solar panels isn't worth it. Please don't let Duke Power change way we use and sell them our excess solar power

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Message

We have invested a lot of money on these solar panels. We found out the electrical company all ready dropped the price down to about five cents per Kwa that's being back to the grid. That all ready charging a lot more for power to consumers. That's not right. Sense we are trying to help out

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Message

I am a continuing provider, via net-metering, of solar energy to Duke Energy (North Carolina) and have been for the past 7 years. The plan by Duke Energy to the NCUC to change the net metering rules for Duke Energy residential customers would reduce the amount we are paid for the excess solar energy we share with the grid. This plan would significantly reduce the value of solar energy when, as a country, we need to focus more significantly on solar energy. Please reject this proposal by Duke Energy and conduct a full cost-benefit study of rooftop solar. Thank you. Sheila Padgett residential Duke energy (North Carolina) solar net-metering customer

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Message

Dear Committee The proposed changes will harm rooftop solar panel owners from fully realizing the savings potential and will likely enable Duke to reduce our benefits and those of new installers. Overall this may slow solar adoption in the state. Thanks.

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Message

Duke Energy should not be allowed to change the economics of my solar investment decision after the fact. As an existing customer I should be allowed to stay on their current net metering plan for the life of my system.

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Message

It is against standard business ethics to change rules after having entered into an agreement. That is the way or organized crime, not legitimate businesses. We are supplying electricity to Dike power that they do not have to produce themselves (from coal or natural gas). They will sell it at their standard rate, we should not have to finance a company who has ignored green energy production.

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Message

To whom it may concern: I strongly oppose Duke Energy's plan to reduce the consumer benefit gained by installing solar panels on their homes. This proposal has been pushed forward even though NO cost/benefit analysis has been completed. Duke Energy has made unsupported claims and provided no substantial data. Our world is in dire straits and to consider, even for a moment, a plan that would be detrimental to consumers who are attempting to reduce fossil fuel dependency by investing a significant amount of personal savings in green alternatives is ludicrous. At the very very least, existing solar panel homes should be grandfathered in. Thank you for giving equal weight to all sides of this important issue.

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