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Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

To whom it may concern: I am a NC resident in the process of installing solar on my home. Planning for this has happened over a long period of time and although it is difficult financially, it feels the right thing to do for my family and for our greater NC and global communities. A big part of the calculation in this decision was the understanding that I would receive credit for the energy I produced under Duke Energy's net metering program. I have become aware that Duke wishes to change this program in their favor. First of all, it does not seem just for Duke to change the value of my and other NC residents' solar investment retroactively. They should honor the terms of the original agreement. Second, my understanding is that there is a required (by HB 589) cost-benefit analysis for rooftop solar that should have been done before changing net metering rules. The Commission should do the analysis before Duke can make any changes. Third, although it is a for-profit entity, Duke Energy is supplying a public good. For the privilege of making plenty off money off the NC public, they should be held to account by NCUC and required to honor that public interest, in this case by maintaining their net metering agreements. Thank you so much, Kyle

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Message

We the undersigned are proud owners of rooftop solar, helping to turn North Carolina's energy landscape green and save our families money. We are writing to implore you to protect North Carolina and our privately owned solar arrays from Duke Energy. The Net Energy Metering docket presently before the North Carolina Utilities Commission would increase solar customers' monthly fixed costs and decrease compensation for excess solar energy exported to the grid. It's not fair for Duke to change the value of our solar investment retroactively. We made a decision to invest in solar energy based on the rules in place at the time. Duke Energy should not be allowed to retroactively change the value of those private investments. Our rooftop arrays are one of the few sources of energy in North Carolina not controlled by a monopoly utility. Duke Energy does not want to compete with rooftop solar, which is clean, affordable energy. Duke Energy prefers building costly fossil-gas plants. We need to make rooftop solar more attractive to homeowners, increase access for low-income families and save all ratepayers money on their bills. Please stop Duke Energy from taking North Carolina backwards. Rooftop solar must be a formidable part of North Carolina's goal of reducing carbon dioxide in the electricity sector 70 percent by 2030. Instead, Duke would have us spend our money to import fossil fuels. From 2017 through 2021, Duke Energy customers paid over \$10 billion for coal and fossil gas. That money came out of ratepayers' pockets and went right out across state lines. And the fossil fuel bills for 2022 will be much higher. The Commission should do the cost-benefit analysis for rooftop solar that was required by law (HB 589) before changing net metering rules. We are in a climate emergency. This is no time to put the brakes on rooftop solar. Please help us protect the value of our private investments and ensure that North Carolina meets the challenge, for us and our children, and generations to come. Thank you.

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Message

Hello, I am an owner of rooftop solar in North Carolina, and I believe in rooftop solar's ability to help produce clean energy and save our families money. I am writing to ask you to protect North Carolina and our privately owned solar arrays from Duke Energy's planned changes to the Net Metering program. The Net Energy Metering docket presently before the North Carolina Utilities Commission would increase solar customers' monthly fixed costs and decrease compensation for excess solar energy exported to the grid. I made the decision to invest in solar energy based on the rules in place at the time. Duke Energy should not be allowed to retroactively change the value of those private investments. Rooftop arrays are one of the few sources of energy in North Carolina not controlled by a utility monopoly and should remain this way. Duke Energy is trying to gain a competitive advantage over rooftop solar, which is clean, affordable energy, while Duke Energy continues to rely on fossil-gas plants. Rooftop solar need to remain, and be made an even a more attractive clean energy option for homeowners. Policies designed to maintain benefits to existing solar energy homeowners, and increase access for low-income families to solar energy systems, would help all ratepayers save money on their bills. Please stop Duke Energy from penalizing private rooftop solar power systems in North Carolina. Rooftop solar can play an important part in helping North Carolina's reach its goal of reducing carbon dioxide in the electricity sector 70 percent by 2030. Attorney General Josh Stein has requested that the Net Energy Metering docket be delayed until a Carbon Plan, as required by law, has been approved. I agree with this stance. Although rooftop solar has the potential to provide 35 percent of North Carolina's electricity, it is barely mentioned in Duke Energy's draft Carbon Plan. Let's use local North Carolina solar energy for everyone's benefit. Thank you for your time and consideration. Mike Santowasso

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I am a solar net metering customer with Duke Energy in Durham NC. I had 7.6kW of solar panels installed on my home as of end of November 2021. I started generating significant amounts of my own energy as of January 2022. I used Blue Raven as the installer and they were the ones that explained the benefits and the costs for the system. First off, I didn't necessarily do this to save a ton of money as based on what was explained, I would still have a bill from Duke Energy for the connection (~\$15 a month) and I would be paying my normal electric bill to pay off the solar panels. I did add the panels because my home actually is the perfect house for the panels (rated a 97 out of 100 score for suitability) and I thought it was a good thing to do for the environment. But, there are two things that I wished I had known: Blue Raven said that Duke would dump my electrical generation surplus bucket at the end of the year. What I didn't know was the end of the fiscal year for Duke was end of May. Right when the most expensive time for me starts - summer (I have gas heat). Second, which I should have thought more about was the system was based on my yearly month average and during the summer, my system size would not be able to generate the amount of electricity that I use in one month. It just isn't big enough. So, most likely, even if the bucket wasn't dumped, I would still have an additional electric bill with Duke Energy for the extra power I need. Now with what Duke is asking for, it is hard for me to see why anyone would spend the money for solar if they get all their asks. It doesn't come out very well for the people that are trying to help the environment. If I knew this was to be the case, and given what I already know with my current system, I probably would not have invested in this for my home. Additionally, I have been dissuading others from doing it given the proposal in front of this commission. I do have a suggestion that could be a compromise for what Duke is asking: all net metering customers get to keep their bucket forever. Duke gets to charge the credits generated using the increased cost at different times during the day when those customers pull energy back. This is an inducement for the fact that solar generators are paying for the Duke Energy grid in a fair compensation plan. As far as paying a monthly fee each month no matter if we use the energy or not, is just wrong and potentially illegal. Just as dumping our bucket without paying the net metering customers for the extra energy that we couldn't use (Duke should be giving us financial compensation for those credits at the end of each year). One other caveat that Duke isn't negotiating in a fair way is that I found out that Duke has to manually calculate all the net metering customers' bills each month and I know this because they keep making simple subtraction mistakes and I have had to correct them each time. If you approve of Duke's plan, I will make sure to tell everyone that I know it would be a financial mistake to buy solar panels and that the Duke executives don't

care about the environment, only their company profits and the bonuses they will reap. Please tell Duke that only a compromise to deal with the cost of electrical generation at different times is acceptable for solar net metering customers. Otherwise solar will die and our environment will get sicker.

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Message

I would like to submit an opposing opinion to Duke Energy's proposal to change net metering rates in the state of North Carolina. Duke Energy has a luxurious monopoly on energy production in our state. It is quite clear that they favor shareholders over customers, and continue to persuade our legislators in Raleigh (through extensive lobbying) to offset their poor business and environmental decisions to the detriment of the public at large. Through continual rate hikes and adverse alterations to their policies Duke continues to be highly profitable and has not been held to account for their continued and historical gross mismanagement. I am strongly opposed to Dukes suggestion of changes to net metering rates for solar customers. There is no question in my mind that consumer solar installation is to the benefit of the local economy and, more importantly, the environment. I am not surprised that Duke would see fit to request a decrease net metering rates as consumer solar is likely a threat to their gravy laden profit model. As it stands currently, Duke Energy has, conveniently, determined that all annual solar energy credits expire on May 1. I find it interesting that peak electric use occurs during June, July and August so Duke just 'sticks it' to the solar customers for anything they overproduced during the other 9 months of the year. Now Duke wants to cut the paltry reimbursement they give to energy producing customers further??? I call bull on this as should anyone else not on the Duke 'payroll'. If our state truly wants to be progressive and carbon neutral I suggest supporting consumer solar. Duke is not a progressive entity and has dragged its feet in regards to pursuing renewable energy sources (converting coal plants to gas doesn't count and consumers are now paying for their egregious mismanagement of coal ash sites while the quarterly dividend checks keep rolling in for share holders). I would appeal to the Utilities Commission to reward individuals for doing the job Duke Energy has been unable to to...provide clean energy at a fair cost. I am not looking to profit from my solar installation, but also think I shouldn't be penalized by a monopolistic entity that does not have the greater good in mind. Retroactively changing a contractual agreement (that figured largely into my decision to go solar) is just plain wrong. I would hope you will give strong consideration to NOT changing the net metering arrangement that Duke Energy had previously agreed to; I am not sorry their gravy boat is not filled to the tippy top of the brim and they might actually need to run their business more efficiently rather than having customers foot the bill for their incompetence so that they can keep their shareholders happy.

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Message

I have invested 30k - 40k dollars in a rooftop solar system to produce clean energy for my home and for the grid... Duke Energy has not paid anything for that investment and receives a net benefit when my banked credits are reset to zero each June. Duke Energy is unfairly rewriting, changing rules after the investments have been made. This new contract that unfairly penalizes rooftop solar investors with additional fees and unfair credits. 1. addition of a "Minimum Monthly Payment" that grants them a flat charge in addition to the monthly connection fee that already exists. 2. When a rooftop system generates 1 unit of power, Duke Energy wants to give us a fraction of that in credit; yet, they will not say what that fraction is... And it may as well be a guarantee that they'll reduce that faction every chance they get. 3. Furthermore, with that fraction of a credit, they want to dictate that the credit cannot be used at all during dinner time and into the evening when the solar panels are not producing. 4. With the reduce credit, it is likely there will be no credits that can roll over; but, EVEN IF a rooftop system did manage to have a credit at the end of the month, it will be reset to zero EVERY month. Each of these changes will have a significant negative impact on the payback of our solar investment; but, the total of the 4 changes together make investment payback impossible. It will also kill any future investment in rooftop solar. All four of these changes must not be accepted. If they are, Duke Energy, must be held responsible for paying off all solar investments because they will receive all the benefits of solar production with none of the investment.

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Hello, I have learned about the changes proposed to net metering and it certainly affects my financial situation. I installed my system just last year and not only is the federal credit now increased back to 30% the net metering change would further reduce the ROI that I initially based my decision on. Thanks for reconsideration.

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Message

I am concerned that Duke Energy's proposal to change net metering in NC will adversely affect the future use of solar energy in North Carolina. Solar energy is one way to reduce the carbon footprint in our state. In addition, those of use who have invested in rooftop solar have done so to benefit the environment, but did so based on our expected cost/benefit analysis. Reducing the value of of that investment by allowing the energy company to change the way we are credited with power sent to the grid will dilute those expected benefits. I respectfully request that you deny the changes requested by Duke Energy.

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Message

I have solar panels and am so disturbed by MOST of what Duke does, but them taking more money from me, jeopardizing the growth of solar in our state...NOW...when we need solar more than ever. Duke's support of solar is TERRIBLE. I call and call and no one there knows who to send me to. It is the worst. I am so sick of Duke undermining renewables. PLEASE don't let them get away with this.

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