

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "[Mike Chinberg](#)"
Subject: Your comments in case 2016-00274 - KU-LG&E solar share facility
Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 2:17:00 PM

Dear Mr. Chinberg:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has received your comments in the above-referenced case. They will be placed into the case file for the commission's consideration as it deliberates in this matter.

The case file may be viewed here: http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2016-00274

Thank you for your interest.

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From: Mike Chinberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2016 11:21 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case Related Question #2016-00274 KU-LG&E Solar Share Facility

Gentlemen,

My name is Mike Chinberg. I live at 600 Todd Drive, south of I-64 off of Conner Station Road. I first learned of the proposed solar share facility from a neighbor, Jerry Karem. I am disappointed that KU-LG&E did not initially notify all residents of our community that live off of Conner Station about their proposed solar plant.

My wife and I moved to this location about 5 years ago, attracted to the quiet and beautiful surroundings. I drive along Conner Station daily. I fully support KU and LG&E looking at renewable energy sources such as solar power. However, I do not agree with the proposed location on Conner Station just north of I-64. What is now generally residential and beautiful agricultural property is not a good fit for a solar farm. I, along with others in our neighborhood, believe that the addition of a solar facility will result in a decline in our property values as a field of solar panels does not fit within the existing residential area. I am certain that we would not have chosen to move to our current location if we had to drive past a solar facility on a daily basis.

I respectfully request that you deny the KU-LG&E request for this location and encourage them to seek a more suitable commercial / industrial location for their solar plant.

Thanks for your consideration of my request.

Mike Chinberg

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "[Higgins, Timothy](#)"
Subject: Your comments in case 2016-00274 - KU-LG&E solar share facility
Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 2:18:00 PM

Dear Mr. Higgins:

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From: Higgins, Timothy [REDACTED]
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To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: PSC Case # 2016-0027

To Dr. Talina Matthews
Director of the Public Service Commission

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the proposed LGE & KU Solar Project to be located on Conner Station Road in close proximity to I-64 in Simpsonville, KY. After only recently being made aware of the project I would like to offer my thoughts on the project. First, it's difficult to understand why a project like this would be identified so near to residential homes (literally across the street) and neighborhoods. It seems that there would be a number of other sites that would allow for exposure to the desired I-64 traffic while not infringing on the peaceful, quiet enjoyment of the homeowners. Second, by its own admission, Solar Panels should be no more than 7 feet above the ground. The proposed project states that the panels will be 8-9 feet above the ground. This appears to be in direct conflict with the LGE&KU published reports on Solar Panel placement.

I appreciate your attention to my concerns and the concerns of the neighbors who both live around and drive through the Conner Station Road location every day. Please help keep our neighborhood quiet and peaceful, as it was when we made our decision to reside in the area.

Thank you,

Timothy J Higgins
Resident

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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Your comments in case 2016-00274 - KU-LG&E solar share facility
Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 2:23:00 PM

Dear Mr. Morris:

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From: Jack Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2016 5:43 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Comment on case 2016-00274

I suppose the last submission by LGE/KU on this case was meant to justify the pitiful credit offered to those that participate in this program. Since I can't understand the logic used, I'll start with a simple question – why would the PSC approve any less compensation to participants in this plan than net-metering customers? I certainly think the proposed solar share program has many fundamental differences with the distributed generation net-metering program, so the PSC's thinking needs to be well documented.

I want to make one more case for including the social costs of carbon. I realize this is (at least) indirectly the source of current litigation, but, fundamentally, at least one major governmental institution (the EPA) has recognized, quantitated and used this as real cost adder to coal generated electricity. Customers may not write a check for these costs, but they do pay them. And, if my estimates are correct, they are substantial. Even at the low end of social cost estimates which the EPA used, these costs add about \$0.05/kW to the cost of coal generated electricity. So even if you think solar share customers should only be credited at wholesale rates (about \$0.04/kW, surprisingly like the mysterious LGE/KU credit offering – hmm. . .) if you add this to wholesale rates, you get back to about retail rates.

My research of similar programs offered throughout the country finds that most require a larger up-front 'membership' fee, but offer credit at net-meter rates. I assume you have done better competitive research than I have.

I am not against offering the opportunity to participate in renewable energy, especially to people who might not chose, or might not be able to participate in residential installations. I object to the

plan being offered as being excessively generous to utility profitability. LGE/KU are to be applauded for offering a low-cost-of-entry plan. I only question their high monthly fees and low credits.

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Sincerely,
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