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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Dear Members of the Public Service Commission,

I write to urge you to **maintain the current arrangements with net-metering for rooftop residential solar in Kentucky**, with perhaps a moderate increase in the monthly fee for rooftop residential solar homeowners if it seems necessary.

We live in a time when the nation and the world are struggling mightily to reduce the use of coal, oil, and gas for energy production because of their impacts on climate, water, and air quality. We live at a time when costs of renewable energy are dropping sharply and will provide much relief to homeowners facing ever-increasing electric bills. Renewable energy jobs now exceed fossil fuel jobs throughout the nation. Except for the sole motive of protecting profits for the electric energy industry, why would Kentucky try to reduce the incentives for its people to transition from fossil- fuel based energy to renewable energy as quickly as possible?

There is much opportunity for the electric energy industry to increase its profits if it would stop resisting progress and start installing electric energy charging stations throughout the commonwealth for the increasing number of electric cars on our roads. There is also opportunity for the electric energy industry to increase profits if it would invest in systems whereby homeowners could lease solar equipment for their rooftops instead of having to pay the full cost outright. I am sure there are other options out there for the industry's prosperity if they would just pull their feet out of the concrete and get on with the business of progress.

My strong hope is that you will help them to do exactly that by deciding to protect the current net-metering arrangement so that more and more residential Kentuckians will invest in solar power and so that progressive industries will want to locate in Kentucky. We do NOT want to go on forever with our state ranking at the bottom of national ratings because of our tendency to look backwards rather than forward when it comes to the wellbeing of our commonwealth.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your efforts to do the RIGHT THING for Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Sister Claire Mc Brown OP
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