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Public Service Commission
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RE: Case No. 2019-00256

Dear Public Service Commission:

I am writing to you regarding case number 2019-00256. Specifically, I am asking that you ensure the credit given for rooftop solar is fair and accurately reflects all of the benefits that rooftop solar provides:

Multiple studies have shown that the benefits of distributed (rooftop) solar are higher than the retail cost of the power generated. Among other benefits, distributed solar allows power companies to avoid building new power plants (such as a replacement to the older EB Brown plant) and increases the resiliency of our power grid. As someone who was impacted by LG&E's recent base cost increases, meaning my power bill is going up despite my efforts to reduce my energy usage, it's important to me that we don't build unnecessary infrastructure whose costs will be passed along to all customers.

The utility companies argue that rooftop solar customers aren't paying their fair share. But an analysis from the Kentucky Resources Council only last year showed that net metering costs the average utility customer less than a penny a month. And a 2017 US Department of Energy study concluded that rooftop solar would have almost no effect on rates until solar reaches at least 10% of a utility's peak demand - by contrast, Kentucky's power mix currently includes less than 1% from rooftop solar.

Moreover, I call on PSC to permit environmental and low-income advocate groups to intercede in future rate cases, including this one and others regarding solar net metering.

Sincerely,



Anastasia Kaufmann