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Dear PSC Committee Members,

Seven or eight years ago I had 20 solar panels installed on the roof of my home, thinking that I would not only help improve the environment, but the eventual saving—I paid $12,000 after rebates—would help reduce my overall expenses in my old age. So far, the investment has reduced my LG&E bill tremendously, though not totally, during air conditioning season.

I am distressed that the KY legislature passed a bill that could reduce the savings that I have counted on as time goes on. Now I find out that the 1-1 accounting we have utilized in net metering, but if I produce excess energy—more than I use—I will be donating way too much of it to LG&E. This does not seem fair, since the utility has benefitted from my investment by making their energy available to sell to factories when my solar panels are producing the most—without the investment costs of paying for the infrastructure that I have paid.

I am also concerned that they may not be required to accurately document the costs that they incur by accommodating their solar customers. They receive the benefits, but I fear they will not include the infrastructure cost they did not have to pay for this energy that is suddenly freed up to sell, since I have paid my own infrastructure. In addition, my energy production is pollution-free; LG&E's power is created mostly by burning high-polluting coal.

Please consider these factors when you set the rate LG&E must pay solar customers for energy created that they don't use. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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