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RE: Solar: Case No. 2019-00256

To the Public Service Commission,

In 2015 we, the undersigned, invested in solar panels at our home in Woodford County and we are writing to encourage you to support additional solar generation through the policies you adopt. I understand that the new law will grandfather my panels in under the current net metering arrangement but I want the members of my community to have the same benefits we are enjoying.

Since their installation in December of 2015, our panels have generated 3839 KWHs more than our use in that time period. We have looked closely at usage and generation patterns in that past four years and it is clearly true that the panels generate more power on hot sunny days when demand is at its peak. This is a benefit that should be given full consideration and it will keep us from overbuilding additional generation facility based on carbon. This will help our communities by keeping rates lower than they would be without solar.

Our investment in solar was made for two reasons, to lower our personal carbon footprint and to minimize our cost of living as we head into retirement. We see this as an investment in our future needs as well as in our community. While solar is now a very small fraction of energy produced in Kentucky, we believe it is a necessary change for the good of our economy, environment and health. Solar will benefit our economy as it is a long term investment that will free us from paying the heavy costs associated with the burning of fossil fuels. It will benefit our environment and health by reducing carbon emissions, air pollution and the impact of mining and fracking.

Please keep net metering so that solar can continue to grow.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Turley

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