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RE: Case 2019-200256

To Whom it Concerns:

I am for the retention of net metering rights for roof top solar panels as they existed prior to the decision passed in SB100 by the 2019 legislature. Here's why: First, it pits a national lobby of fossil fuel monopolies against burgeoning local grassroots entrepreneurs acting in the interests of sound environmental practices. Second, are the moral and environmental issues. The fossil fuel industry has been aware since the seventies that the products they were promoting (the mining, processing and distribution), were harmful to the earth and the primary cause of climate change.

Over the intervening years, their attempts at denial have fallen short as the earth's temperature has risen along with concomitant disasters. At first, they argued that solar and wind power were too expensive, but since that is no longer true, their tack has come to be to dominate sustainable energy industries, through measures like SB100, which would literally drive those entrepreneurs out of business.

Their answer is huge solar fields that consume vast acres replacing trees or crops as opposed to placing the panels on roof tops that are, by far, the most efficient and environmentally sound practice.

LG&E is a utility, and my understanding of a utility is that its purpose is to support the people. One would think, that would be a factor in its posture in this instance, but it appears it is adhering to the monopoly practices of the Koch Brothers and their ilk whose climate denying practices, if left unchecked, will make the earth uninhabitable to humans.

This is not drama; this is fact, scientific fact.

And thank you for the opportunity to be heard. We have to turn this around. I urge you to restore net metering to its previous form.

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