

RECEIVED

OCT 02 2019

PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

September 29, 2019

Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd., PO Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615  
Psc.ky.gov

Reference case # 2019-00256

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners,

It is important, no it is *critical*, that the PSC ensure that the credit given to rooftop solar is fair and fully reflects the benefits that rooftop solar brings to Kentucky communities, the electricity grid, and our homes.

As your constituent, I am writing to tell you how important solar energy is to Kentucky's future, and how critical our state's retail net metering program is to that future.

My family saved for the last 10 years to be able to invest in roof top solar for our home and was finally able to do so this year in April 2019. We live in a home built at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and, in spite of our best efforts to practice conservation measures by increased insulation and other energy efficiency measures, we continued to have rising consumption as the changing weather patterns and our advancing years created greater needs. Investment in our system was costly to us but we could be assured that we would recover some of the financial investment by the net metering program that gives us a one-to-one credit for the power we return to our community utility, Owensboro Municipal Utility (OMU). Changing this very fair program brings further hardships to those families still working to generate the finances to install their rooftop solar after SB100 goes into effect. Passage of SB100 was strictly a result of spending by power companies to maintain their monopoly on energy generation and/or distribution. Legislators should not be able to restrict how we citizens source our power and lower our bills while also employing fellow Kentuckians in jobs that are well paid and do not injure their health or pollute our air.

Rooftop solar has seen a slow but steady growth in Kentucky that should not be thwarted by those entities seeking to throw a road block in the way of progress. Such backward images of Kentuckians need to be changed because we are more thoughtful and enterprising than our legislators appreciate or understand.

I thank you for considering the issues I raise and I urge you to protect solar energy in Kentucky!

Sincerely,



Mary Cupp  
1309 Allen Street  
Owensboro, KY 42303

██████████