RECEIVED

OCT 04 2019

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission

211 Sower Boulevard, PO Box 615

Frankfort Kentucky 40602-0615

Case No 2019-00256

I am a local rooftop solar owner. I installed an 8.2KWH system on our house that was built in the 1800's, the cost was around $40,000 before federal taxes that are set to expire. I have been producing energy for 2 years and have recouped 1.2K in the investment I made for clean air and water, and likely will break even when the system reaches it end of the life thanks to net metering and expiring federal tax credits. The economics were not our driving factor but for many are, and despite huge gains in the industry still make solar a hard choice in Kentucky, due to our lower rates and low sun hours before net metering was addressed.

Clean energy is important to me and my family, as somebody that helped produce coal equipment, I know first hands the subsidy that we all pay the Coal industry. The trucks destroy the roads, the environmental harm is devastating for lifetimes due to the mercury and other toxins that coal produces as highlighted recently with the coal ash crisis in Kentucky. In addition to coal more and more studies are proving that natural gas is warming our planet putting our existence at question, look at all the dying trees in Kentucky right now due to our Drought.

When considering the rate for net metering why do we only look at this "subsidy" that rooftop solar producers get and continue to buy into the argument that we don't pay our share to maintain the network despite our monthly fee that is specifically designed to do that? When the subsidy that all of us are paying is much larger – think of the warning on Air Quality alert days, we are encouraging to stay indoors that's a significant subsidy to LG&E.

LG&E has really frustrated me with this push to secure the Monopoly we have granted them, I have to pay them to spend money to lobby against my future $250K to kill net metering sponsored by a politician who owns a coal mine and thinks that Mars and Earth have the same atmosphere. I simply don't have a choice on where my dollars go, I have to pay LG&E to advertise in the YUM center or the race before the Derby, or to do a land grab in a privately-owned forest.

If LG&E was really concerned about keeping rates low, they would encourage people like me to produce electricity as I produce electricity at peak demand times, allowing them not to fire up Peaker plants and spend money on value added behaviors not lobbing efforts, or advertisements. LG&E knows solar works they have opened up a solar share farm, and have another one planned. Also, they need the energy, they said they would not need to utilize the demand conservation system this year, but they have several times. If anything, the rate set for solar production should be based on peak hours that they pass along to buisness that pay a higher rate then residential customers due to demand needs, not a rate that is established to kill competition so they can do what they want to our future in the name of green dollars not a green world.

Sincerely Jason Cosman

[redacted] 430 W. Oak Street Louisville KY 40202