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Subject: Reject KY Power's Net-Metering Proposal (case 2020-00174)

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

Solar power is a safe, rational, practical, environmentally responsible energy of the future. Enabling dirty energy companies like Kentucky Power to continue destroying the environment and profiting from their destructive traditional energy production simply demonstrates the ignorance the Commonwealth is known for. Your job is to look out for the citizenry. That means you don't skew energy production to increase profits for dirty power producers to the detriment of those of us who've invested in producing our own power thru viable, renewable methods like solar.

Please reject Kentucky Power's unfair and harmful proposal to rig the rules against rooftop solar and future solar net-metering customers. The PSC should instead establish a process to determine a fair value for distributed renewable energy, including a full accounting of costs and benefits.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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I am a native Eastern Kentuckian and am moving back home soon to live on a family farm. I'm so disappointed to think that solar will no longer be an affordable option for us.

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I want to find a way to promote more use of solar energy. It is a win-win situation. This net-metering proposal discourages folks by taking away some of the financial benefits of those who have paid to refit their houses with solar panels. The Public Service Commission should be in the business of promoting clean energy and protecting the public from greedy power companies.

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