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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission

My name is Sr. Joetta Venneman, and I am representing the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, an international community of Catholic sisters who have lived and ministered in Nelson County and around the world for over 200 years.

Our mission statement indicates that we are committed to work for justice, the poor, and to care for Earth. We now consider Earth one of the poor and have taken steps to do our part to reverse the trend of planetary destruction. We made a commitment to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2037. Why? We notice that the planet is warming, increasing catastrophic storm events. We sponsor disaster relief assistance and have been to Houston, New Orleans, and West Point, KY, where we've seen firsthand how these storms impact people's lives.

In order to lower the greenhouse gas emissions that impact the warming of the planet, we have

installed solar panels and are benefiting at the 1 to 1 rate. This rate makes it possible for us to afford the up-front cost of installing the solar panels. The HUD housing located on our campus, known as the Villages at Nazareth, are currently considering rooftop solar. Installing panels would cut their energy costs over time and have a significant effect on the residents' budgets. If the rate is changed, it could set a precedent that will shut out non-profit organizations and faith communities across the Commonwealth from reduced energy costs and clean energy. Additionally, residential solar is part of the solution needed to reduce these natural disasters. At a time when encouragement of sustainable energy is needed and investments in rooftop solar necessary, local utility companies appear to be "seeking as much as they possibly can" from regular citizens, even when we are nowhere near being a threat to their market share. As solar customers, we are less than 1 percent in KY.

We ask you to consider ALL the facts and to protect consumers. In consideration of ALL facts, we are asking you to oppose the proposal that Kentucky Power has put forth because a more comprehensive and thorough review is needed. We ask you to require utility companies to provide proof that solar net- metering is having a negative impact on their customers.

Lastly, we ask you to engage a non-biased third-party review to determine a just-compensation rate for solar net metering that would include 1) the public health benefits of solar energy that have been quantified in the Environmental Protection Agency's 2019 report and include 2) the benefits that solar provides by overlapping its peak production time with the utility companies' peak demands.

We are so glad that the Public Service Commission exists to protect consumers from utility monopolies.

Thank you for your service.

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To Whom it May Concern,

In 2005, we installed a solar array for our new home and was one of the first homes in the region to participate in net metering. We did this because we wanted to do our part in transitioning from non-renewable energy in support of clean energy development. We sized our array so that the energy savings through net metering would equal the expense of the panels after about 20 years of use.

Since the installation of our array, we have seen an explosion of growth in solar installers especially in the communities formerly dependent on coal extraction. This was the future that we imagined. One that kept families in their mountain homes as the economy changed from coal extraction to renewable energy businesses. A change in the net metering rate for new rooftop solar panel installations makes it difficult for residential home owners like ourselves to imagine a clean energy future that they can afford.

I ask that the PSC's decision in this case take into account stories like ours that point to serious problems with Kentucky Power's net metering proposal that stunts the growth of solar entrepreneurship and keeps residents from imaging a clean energy future in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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