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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2020-00349 (KU) public comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:05:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Deborah Gerth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 12:49 PM  
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**Subject:** 2020-00349 (KU) public comments

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Deborah Gerth; I live at 461 Silver Maple Way in Lexington. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the issue of solar net metering. I am a customer of KU, though not an owner of a net-metered solar system. This case is an important opportunity for the PSC to fulfill its mission to serve the public interests of basic fairness and climate citizenship.

To that end, I urge the Commission to consider the following in your decision:

- Require KU to use utility best practices and shared data to justify its proposed rates for distributed generation.
- Include the public value of job creation in rate calculations.

- Include the public value of improved air quality in rate calculations, including the associated reductions in health care spending.
- Include the public value of reduced carbon emissions in rate calculations.

Because of the timing of this meeting, the Commission has been given an opportunity of critical importance. Recognizing the climate emergency reported just days ago by the UN-IPCC, you can reject the “business as usual” methods of utility monopolies that have brought us to this crisis. The Commission can instead fully represent the public, especially our need for a planet our great-grandchildren can thrive in. The public value of distributed solar generation is more obvious than ever. Please ensure that it is monetized fairly, in the public interest. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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**From:** Szubinska, Barbara <[REDACTED]>  
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I am writing to oppose the reimbursement rate KU/LG&E is proposing for roof-top solar. Roof-top solar provides a valuable supplement in our energy future. As a roof-top solar owner, I make power mostly for my own use, yet the technology of how the grid works more or less makes me send some power to it. This power is used immediately where it is produced since it goes down the line to my neighbors without any loss in transmission.

Roof-top solar has an important role to play in distributed energy generation, making the grid more resilient than when it relies on just one or two major producers. In addition, roof-top solar uses already developed land instead of encroaching on prime agricultural land. While we need solar farms, building those facilities requires machinery (diesel-powered), lots of concrete, and regular mowing, all of which are carbon-intensive. Unlike solar farms, roof-top solar installations support local jobs and small businesses. KU/LG&E has not hired a Kentucky-

based company to build any of its solar farms. All those contracts went to out-of-state contractors. If the rate of reimbursement were to be what KU/LG&E are asking, local roof-top solar business would stop, putting small solar installers out of business. I don't think Kentucky wants to see that happen.

Finally, I find it puzzling why KU/LG&E is spending such tremendous amount of time and energy to fight roof-top solar. It seems that they are determined to eventually forbid anybody from generating own power. I find it particularly perturbing that these utilities are using rate payers' money to lobby for absolute control of the energy market in KY, which is not in the interest of the rate payers.

Sincerely,

Barbara Szubinska, Professor Emerita  
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**From:** Roxanne Sturtevant [REDACTED]  
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**My name is Mary Roxanne Sturtevant and I reside at 3712 Trail Ridge Road, Louisville, Ky 40241. I am a PPL shareholder.**

I am writing to speak in favor of fair treatment for rooftop solar generators. These customers of KU and LGE have made an investment based on the rates and laws in effect at the time. They deserve fair treatment in a 1 to 1 credit for the Kwhs they generate to the kWhs they consume. If the utilities charge roughly 10 cents per kWh, then they must credit the same amount for an hour of rooftop generation.

All the utilities claim to be in favor of green energy and the Paris Climate Treaty goals. Yet at every turn they favor corporate protectionism and corporate profit over protecting the people in our communities. They must transition away from fossil fuels and yet they do not embrace the challenge. I do not have solar panels on my roof, but I applaud those who do.

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Elwood Sturtevant [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Net Metering Cases 2020-00349 and 2020-00350  
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I am the Rev. Elwood Sturtevant, and am a customer of LG&E. I live at 3712 Trail Ridge Rd., Louisville, KY, and do not have solar panels installed; my wife is a shareholder of PPL. We have been paying LG&E for renewable energy and for solar generation for some time now, because it is important to shift away from fossil fuels to renewable energy for the sake of our world and our future, as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report has made clear.

State law limits net metering to only one percent of total utility power, yet with the previously

favorable net metering provisions, installations in Kentucky do not come near that limit. <https://seia.org/states-map> shows that Kentucky ranks 47th in solar installations, with only .015 percent of electricity coming from solar. And yet LG&E and KU want to cripple the private solar industry by taking advantage of their monopoly power as a regulated utility by making rooftop solar economically unviable by drastically cutting the return on a solar installation. Their argument that somehow poor ratepayers are subsidizing rich solar users is undercut by the reasoning for the PSC ruling in the previous case involving Kentucky Power, CASE NO.2020-00174, and the reasonable conclusion reached in that case should guide the result in the two pending cases. LG&E and KU have failed to account for the benefits of scattered solar installations, including grid stability, in their attempt to justify killing the private solar industry, and, like Kentucky Power, they have been unpersuasive in making their case.

I am the former minister of a congregation in Louisville that pooled members contributions in order to install solar panels. Many of the contributors do not have solar panels installed because they are renters, or live in a place where solar is inappropriate, or because they did not have the funds to pay for their own investment, yet they understood that any solar installation is a public service at this time. I also serve on the board of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light which regards climate change as an ethical and moral issue, and which understands that the poor are suffering and will continue to suffer most from the problems climate change is bringing.

Thank you for listening to the public voices in this case which have overwhelmingly supported reaching the same conclusion in this case as the PSC reached in the Kentucky Power case.

Sincerely, Rev. Elwood Sturtevant

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