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Subject: Case 2020-00350 Kelsey Nestor 1411 Willow Ave Apt 7 Louisville, KY 40204

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 2:58:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:37 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Case 2020-00350 Kelsey Nestor 1411 Willow Ave Apt 7 Louisville, KY 40204

From: Kelsey N

Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 8:45 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case 2020-00350 Kelsey Nestor 1411 Willow Ave Apt 7 Louisville, KY 40204

Hi there.

I am a resident of Louisville and want to reach out regarding net-metering with parity. I am an LG&E customer, and although I do not have solar panels in my current apartment, I am planning on installing them when I purchase a home in the near future. We know that the future of our planet is compromised if we do not reduce fossil fuel consumption. I hope that LG&E would want to be part of the movement to protect our planet by continuing net-metering, as it is a major tool to promote solar energy. Consumers are finally looking to reduce their carbon footprints, and demand for solar energy is going to continue to increase as people commit to protecting their children and grandchildren. Net-metering allows solar energy to be more equitable across all income groups and promotes access for all people to participate in taking steps to protect our future. We need everyone we possibly can to take part in this movement, and we need to make solar energy as accessible and affordable as possible to all citizens. Thanks for listening.

Best,

Kelsey Nestor

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Case 2020-00350

Date:

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:00:00 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:44 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Case 2020-00350

From: K MULLEN

Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:28 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case 2020-00350

To PSC members:

I am an LG&E customer. I wish to convey my thoughts on the utility's efforts to extend their monopoly over the production of the energy we use to keep our lights on, heat and cool our homes, and keep our appliances running. It is now possible to capture the energy from natural sources such as the sun and the wind. This captured energy is transmitted to LG&E and then LG&E transmits this energy to customers who need it. Currently, LG&E is charging customers at the rate of 0.09819 per kWh and at the same time is paying the same rate to customers who transmit renewable energy to them. In the comments that follow I will use the term "roof-top solar", since that is the major source of natural energy in the state. At the same time, it is not intended to exclude other renewable sources.

LG&E wishes to claim that this is a money-losing proposition for them – that somehow it costs a huge amount of money for them to accept this power from roof-top solar customers and to pass it along to customers who need it and that they need to pay roof-top solar customers much less in

order to offset this added expense. LG&E also claims that the added costs are being passed along to all of their customers and thus, non-solar customers are paying more for their energy than they should be paying. This is nonsense. Studies have shown that it costs a utility something around a penny a year per customer to accept the solar-captured energy – far less than what the utility pays for perks to its employees that are recovered in its rates.

Moreover, the presence of roof-top solar is a money saving proposition for LG&E since it saves them the expense of producing the energy themselves. Instead, the roof-top solar customer has taken on the expense of producing the energy for LG&E to sell. It is reasonable to expect that those who have invested in roof-top solar for their homes, their businesses and non-profits, and their local government buildings should be able to offset those expenses over the lifetime of the panels by means of being paid a fair rate for the energy that is being transmitted to the utility. The fair rate is indeed far closer to being the same as what LG&E charges for the energy it sells.

The integration of customer-generated roof-top energy into the power system will provide significant benefits to all ratepayers —less use of coal to produce energy, less carbon in the atmosphere, cleaner air, a healthier population, a longer life expectancy, more roof-top solar energy to meet the growing energy demands of a more and more technical society, etc. These benefits of solar energy should be treated on a par with the costs that LG&E says it incurs from accepting customer-generated solar energy and passing it on to all of its customers.

LG&E's proposal to pay a solar customer far less than parity and to not only restrict but also to complicate the arrangement for new solar customers is an attempt to discourage the installation of customer-owned roof-top solar. The proposal is on the way to creating an integrated structure whereby it is the only producer and the only seller of solar energy, thereby cutting private roof-top solar out of the equation and ruining the small but growing solar industry in the state. To accept LG&E's proposal is to quash the manifold job opportunities that solar can provide.

I, therefore, encourage you to reject LG&E's proposal and to establish a fair and equitable rate that benefits everyone.

Karen A. Mullen

1422 S 2nd St Louisville KY 40208

To: Subject:

Case no. 2020-00350

Date:

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:00:00 PM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:54 AM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: Case no. 2020-00350

From: Elisa Owen

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 6:31 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Rev. Elisa Owen, Executive Director Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light

Dear Members of the Ky. Public Service Commission:

I am writing to comment on Case 2020-00350. First, I would like to ask you to make sure net metering is used to compensate distributed solar producers and at 1:1 parity. Customers, a group with great potential to aid the reliability of the disribution grid by becoming small electric generators using solar energy, should not be paid less for their KWh than a utility pays for its. A KWh is a KWh is a KWh. if IOUs were required to facilitate the deployment of solar energy generation projects rather than being allowed to push through financial disincentives like rate dis-parity that do the opposite, their need for continued investment in new generation, which leads to rising usage rates and capacity charges for customers, could be greatly reduced.

In your last decision on net metering, in a similar case, you mentioned all the ways that the utility in question, KU, had ignored the ways that distributed solar benefits the overall reliability of the electric grid – benefits that utility ignored when proposing their 2/3 cut in

compensation to solar customers. Please don't let them ignore the environmental benefits distributed solar brings to our state, or better said, our planet and its emperilled atmosphere either. Both the PSC and the IOUs, especially in the wake of the last Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change, should be helping to finance distributed solar projects for customers in order to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. Instead, they are actively working to make them as financially unattractive to those who install them as possible. Say no to that and yes to our children and their future.

Kind Regards,

Rev. Elisa Owen

To:

Subject: Case Related Question 2020-00349 (KU),2020-00350 (LGE)

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:04:00 PM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:39 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Case Related Question 2020-00349 (KU),2020-00350 (LGE)

From: Roxanne Sturtevant

Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:46 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case Related Question 2020-00349 (KU),2020-00350 (LGE)

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.

To:

Subject: Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 2:59:00 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:44 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350

From: Nancy Kuppersmith

Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:22 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350

Dear PSC,

Re: Net metering

I am writing to ask for consideration for the public in the net metering case for LG & E. We have solar power on our property. There were several reasons we purchased solar power.

- 1) Solar power does not pollute. We are very concerned about climate change, and all of the pollutants, many that cause cancer, that escape while burning fossil fuel and want to take responsibility for our part of electrical usage.
- 2) Rooftop solar is a way to keep electrical costs constant. When we bought solar, we were told we would get 1:1 back on electricity we generated, but did not use. That knowledge helped a lot to make the decision to purchase solar energy and pay our initial investment back.
- 3) The cost of electricitizity keeps going up. We were concerned that our electrical bill would be considerably higher after we retired and our salaries were static.

From an overall situation, rooftop solar helps create jobs. Kentucky lost job opportunities as coal operations became more automated, solar energy companies have added several jobs to the state recently, adding nicely to the Commonwealth's tax base. Solar energy can also help with electrical generation during peak usage in the summer, when air conditioning usage is high, a time when solar makes the highest energy contribution to the grid. At the time that solar is contributing to the grid, often energy companies have to buy energy from the market at a much costlier rate. Last but not least, Kentucky is behind the times in renewable energy generation. We do not want to be held back when other States are moving forward in the renewable energy sector.

Sincerely,

email

Nancy C. Kuppersmith 308 North Hubbards Lane Louisville, KY 40207 Home -Cell

To:

Subject: Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:12 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350

From: Joetta Venneman

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:34 AM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350

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.

Joetta Venneman Sisters of Charity of Nazareth PO Box 187 Nazareth, KY 40048

To:

Subject: Net Metering Cases 2020-00349 and 2020-00350

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:03:00 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:39 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Net Metering Cases 2020-00349 and 2020-00350

From: Elwood Sturtevant

Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:55 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Net Metering Cases 2020-00349 and 2020-00350

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From: Elwood Sturtevant

Date: Sat, Aug 14, 2021 at 8:29 PM

Subject: Net Metering Cases 2020-00349 and 2020-00350

To: <<u>psc.info@ky.gov</u>>

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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