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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Reject KY Power's Net-Metering Proposal (case 2020-00174)
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:46:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Power Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00174, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00174.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:07 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Reject KY Power's Net-Metering Proposal (case 2020-00174)

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am (add a sentence or two describing who you are and why you care about this issue).

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.

1. The KY PSC was correct in pointing out key flaws in Kentucky Power's net-metering proposal. KY Power failed to justify their proposed net-metering rates with data about actual costs of service to

solar customers. The utility failed to provide data to back up its claim that the company's avoided cost is an appropriate way to determine the value of distributed renewable energy. (Setting the value of rooftop solar at the avoided cost means solar customers would be credited only 3.7 cents per kwh for excess energy fed to the grid, rather than at the current retail rate of 11 cents per kwh.) I urge the Commission to follow through on these valid concerns by denying Kentucky Power's new net-metering rate.

2. The PSC's final decision in this case should rely on careful consideration of expert testimony and on rigorous data analysis, including a full accounting of the costs and benefits of customer-generated renewable energy. Since this case is likely to set a precedent for how solar net-metering will be treated by other utilities in Kentucky, it is very important for the PSC to establish and use a fair and transparent methodology for determining the value of small-scale distributed renewable generation.

3. The PSC's decision in this case should take into account a number of serious problems with Kentucky Power's net-metering proposal. Specifically:

- Rooftop solar owners are not trying to be wholesale energy producers. Kentuckians want solar on our roofs for other important reasons, for example: to be self-sufficient; to save money, especially on the retail utility charges; to be responsible by protecting our environment; to support clean energy development; and to support local business growth. Rooftop solar customers with net-metering service never receive payment for excess energy provided to the grid, only credit against future consumption. It is not fair to treat rooftop solar customers under rules designed for wholesale energy producers.
- Kentucky Power's plan ignores rooftop solar's value to the utility and other customers: Solar helps with costly peak demand and has other documented benefits to the grid, climate, and health. These benefits, as well as any costs, must be included in a fair calculation of the value of net-metered solar energy.
- Kentucky Power's plan will make rooftop solar far less affordable, as it severely limits the ability for solar users, including homeowners, small businesses and non-profits, to pay off their installations through savings on their electricity bills
- Kentucky Power's plan will likely kill the local rooftop industry in our state, just when Kentucky badly needs these good-paying jobs.

The PSC's final decision should also take into account that Kentucky Power has already caused significant harm to potential solar customers and existing solar businesses by temporarily imposing their new net-metering rate instead of waiting for the PSC's final decision. Kentucky Power could have and should have chosen to wait for a final ruling from the PSC. Instead, by temporarily imposing their new net-metering rates effective January 14, 2021, Kentucky Power created grave uncertainty for any customers in their service territory who planned to install solar in the first two quarters of 2021. This disruptive and unnecessary action is likely to have halted new solar investments in this timeframe, depriving eastern Kentucky communities and residents of the associated jobs and financial benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Increasing basic meter fees and diminishing economic value to solar panels

Dear Madam or Sir to whom this concerns,

As we are gaining ground in 2021, learning more and more about the climate crisis that is happening all around us, we are disappointed in your actions to make your utility offerings affordable for your community and the people of KY. As well as, making solar panels less "valuable" for Kentuckians because ??? there really is no reason to be doing this.

There are plenty of research in studies exemplifying that these panels are beneficial to our environment vs the electricity and products we have been using for centuries. If you could give the people of Kentucky a good explanation as to why you are increasing meter fees and reducing the value of solar panels that would be great. Otherwise please inform yourself of what solar panels can actually do for our planet instead of spreading false information or encouraging false information and instead be more open minded and informed.

I love my home state for the very reasons that we are open to clean energy and other ways to

live in hopes to spread that to neighboring states and or others. Please be a leader in this movement to encourage green energy and a better place for our current and future communities to live in.

Thank you

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