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To:

 Subject:
 2020-00349 KU public comment

 Date:
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Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities 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, 2020-00349, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Re: Case number 2020-00349

The PSC has a hard job in part because it is not entirely clear what its role as a mediator between a monopoly and its customers should be.

The utilities want the PSC is set rates that will maximize their return on equity. Customers of course want reliable service and affordable rates, but we also want the PSC to align the utilities' policies with the public good. Any shift of power generation from fossil fuels to solar is a step toward the public good. Net metering policies should be set to encourage customers to adopt rooftop solar.

I note that to bring this net metering rate case before the PSC, KU has spent lots of money, much more that the amount of alleged cost-shifts to non-solar customers created by net-metered solar. The cost of bringing these rate cases is in the end borne by customers; our payments enable a monopoly utility to request policies that harm us and the public good. It

seems that the utility wants to retain a monopoly on solar energy when the technological reasons that justify monopoly do not apply.

When I buy a car I have choices in the market. I can buy a high-milage vehicle that saves me money and protects our planet from the cost (i.e., harmful effects) of pollution and climate change. When I buy electricity I don't have choices in the market. I rely on the PSC as my stand-in. Please use rate policy that supports consumer choice, and that serves the public's long term interest. Please set the net metering credit at the full retail rate. Thank you.

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