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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 [View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Dear PSC Commissioners,

I urge the Commission to deny the KU application to amend its Net Metering Service rate of compensation. Based on KU testimony of August 17, 2021, it was stated that (non-solar) neighbors pay to support roof-top solar installations but provided no evidence supporting this claim. Later KU testimony stated that there are currently no extra costs associated with roof-top solar other than embedded costs and interconnection issues. This seems to confirm previous expert testimony that a full cost-benefit or Value-of-Solar study should be conducted using PSC preferred methods to determine the most appropriate compensation rate for solar customer-generators. (Joint Intervenor's Rebuttal by James Owen, August 5, 2021, PP 1&2)

Based on other KU testimony that day, there was no explanation of how they developed their projected "exponential growth" in KU solar roof-top development. KU previously testified that under their new net metering (NM) rates, market penetration would not reach 1% of peak company load before 2050. (KU response to Joint Interventors' Data Request No.1, January 22, 2021, P. 14).

Contradictory claims such as this do little to inspire confidence in their commitment to providing an objective analysis resulting in fair, just, and reasonable NM rates.

Also stated in KU testimony, was that potential future solar overload problems are based solely on undocumented experience outside Ky and KU staff discussion (stating that documentation for the latter may be available).

Asked when such an overload might become a problem ie, 1/2% of load? 3/4%? the witness responded he couldn't say.

The proposed price reduction in the NM compensation rate would curtail the financial incentive for KU customer rooftop solar development. It would undermine the intent of the current law to protect customer choice and add stability to the growing rooftop solar market. The solar industry in the Commonwealth currently employs 1,400 good-paying jobs and has enormous potential for future job growth as our state ranks only 47th in homes powered by rooftop solar.

In a Kentuckians for the Commonwealth 2017 economic study, the potential economic impact of transitioning to a clean energy future was estimated to invest \$11 billion to make homes and businesses more energy-efficient and create 46,000 more jobs in the state over the next 15 years while lowering home energy bills by 10%, reducing pollution, and retaining cost-savings in the local economy. Maintaining the current NM pricing is a critical part of reaching that clean energy future.

There are three additional reasons to maintain a viable rooftop solar industry in the state. First, it would maintain Kentucky's competitiveness attracting new business relocations where employees can utilize affordable rooftop solar the same as in 30 other net metering-friendly states. This dramatic reduction in the value of rooftop solar would impair a customer's ability to produce their own power and control their energy costs.

Second, solar power produces zero greenhouse gas emissions, essential in the mix of renewable power sources to address the climate crisis. NM allows regular people to participate in the energy transition while controlling their own energy costs.

Lastly, rooftop solar power has the capacity to serve as a freestanding, off-the-grid energy source, especially as battery storage capacity continues to improve. This is very useful in power outages and avoided costs in peak power demands, ultimately lowering electrical power prices.

Bottom line, distributed solar resources provide numerous substantial benefits to KU

ratepayers. In light of KU's unsatisfactory effort to follow the PSC's prescribed NM methodology and inconsistencies in their testimony, I ask that the PSC retain the current KU net metering rate of compensation and thus grow our rooftop solar industry; thereby keeping this economical and cost-saving option available for KU customers.

Thank you for consideration of my comments,

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I am a member of the 100% Renewable Energy Alliance of Louisville (REAL), and retired solar installer.

My interest in rooftop solar is in **keeping utility-scale solar farms as small as possible.**

We will be 100% renewable in Kentucky in the near future, but an enormous amount of land will be required. I estimate that it will take 50,000 acres to convert LG&E alone to 100% solar. But the more rooftop solar we have - on houses, barns, warehouses, public buildings, vacant lots, and parking areas, etc - the less open land will be required.

No utility company can cover privately-owned rooftops with solar panels. We have to maintain the right of individuals to produce their own energy **and** supply the grid through **Feed-in Tariffs**. It is now the role of the PSC not only to regulate pricing, but to create

incentives for proper electrical generation in the future.

Thank you for the work that you do. Please keep in mind that your decisions today are not only about nickels and dimes on the electric bill. They are about the weather.

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