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RE: Public Comment in Case #2023-00092 Wednesday, June 5, 2024 10:57:00 AM

Case No. 2023-00092

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, 2023-00092, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at View Case Filings for: 2023-00092 (kv.gov)

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Dear Commissioners

Case #2023-00092 KY Power Integrated Resource Plan Case

We applaud Kentucky Power for investing in renewable energy, including their distributed solar gardens program. But Kentucky Power's IRP fails to help most of their customers access much-needed solar and batteries. One of the easiest ways to make rooftop solar more possible for our homes is using a payment system called net metering. Net Metering allows customers to reduce their energy bills with rooftop solar and is a win for utilities and for customers by reducing how much energy we need from the utility when energy is most expensive. With Net Metering, energy we produce right at our homes can continue to grow at a significant rate that will meaningfully lower the costs for KPC to meet the energy needs of their customers. Kentucky Power recognizes that they are essential to making our energy system affordable, reliable and resilient. Kentucky Power could take steps to promote net metered solar such as:KY Power should plan to extend net metering. The companies are free to continue net metering even after they meet the requirement to offer it up to a 1% threshold. And it is in their interest and our interest to do so. They should raise the cap on the size of net metered systems. This would particularly support small businesses. They should support net metering on multifamily housing. They should provide payment options, including

on-bill financing, for homes that install solar They should work with partners on workforce development

IF WE INVEST IN CONSERVING ENERGY NOW, WE WON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR EXPENSIVE POWER IN THE FUTURE

WE NEED GOOD PAYING ENERGY JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

WE DESERVE TO STAY IN OUR HOMES AND NOT JUST SURVIVE, BUT THRIVE

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