Case No. 2023-00404

Thank you for your comments on the application of KU-LGE. 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, 2023-00404, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2023-00404</u> (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Wallace McMullen Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 11:51 AM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: COMMENT on 2023-0404



## **Dear Public Service Commission:**

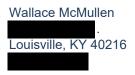
Rooftop solar is valuable. It benefits customers AND the utilities. Therefore, the utilities need to credit us for the full value to the energy system including all avoided costs and economic development benefits. Rooftop solar lowers "peak demand" for utility companies, the time during the day that it is most expensive for them to generate electricity. This produces lower costs for the utility company and for us. Rooftop solar also helps customers to take control over their electric generation and to lower their power bills.

Our electric bill comes once a month, so solar accounting should use the same time frame. It is fair, just and reasonable to use a monthly "netting" process to account for the amount of electricity we are charged on a monthly basis. This process is easy and straightforward for customers, solar installers and the utility companies and their billing software. It recognizes the full benefit to the customer-generator of the amount of electricity generated throughout the billing period and it is in line with the state statute that empowers the PSC to set net metering compensation rates. Using anything besides a monthly netting accounting method harms and confuses solar customers and only serves the utility company if they are trying to undermine rooftop solar.

Rooftop solar is an important utility resource that will help us meet our current and future electricity needs and climate commitments. Utilities should do everything they

can to encourage rooftop solar through continuing to offer strong net metering programs indefinitely.

Net metering of rooftop solar is a VERY low cost resource for utilities and their customers. At a time of increasing demand and concerns about grid reliability and the transmission system, customers who are willing to invest their own capital into solar generators on their own properties should be encouraged to do so.



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