

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00114
Response Monday, November 10, 2025

Thank you for your comments. 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, 2025-00114 in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at: [View Case Filings for: 2025-00114 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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Received through Public Comments Friday, November 7, 2025

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Comments:

Public Comment to the Kentucky Public Service Commission

Re: Proposed Tariff Rate Changes – KU Case 2025-00113 and LGE Case 2025-00114

To the Honorable Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

With appreciation for your service to the Commonwealth, I submit this comment as a landowner and business operator in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, to express concern about the tariff changes proposed in the above-referenced cases.

Our region has faced lasting economic hardship following the decline of coal mining and coal-related energy production. We are now working, in cooperation and partnership with Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance (MEGA), the Economic Development arm for Muhlenberg County, Kentucky to build a new foundation for growth—attracting industry, creating jobs, and developing housing to support a stronger local economy. To achieve this, reliable and competitively priced electricity is essential.

In partnership with a solar energy developer, we are pursuing local generation that can provide new power supply to support industrial development in this area. Prospects for further development have questioned the availability of local base load power, and repeatedly asked if renewable energy could be made available, both representing conditions of moving forward. However, the tariff as currently proposed would undermine these efforts by reducing the rate paid for solar energy in the Qualifying Facility tariffs by approximately 14%, while increasing payments for other generation sources by 37%. This imbalance would make solar development in Kentucky economically unviable and remove an important tool for rural revitalization, and leave “other” sources of generation as the only alternative.

The LGE/KU Integrated Resource Plan calls for expanded solar generation as part of a diversified and resilient energy mix. Yet this proposed tariff directly conflicts with that objective, discouraging the very investment that Kentucky's own energy plan envisions. Solar power has been proven—nationwide and globally—to reduce the cost of delivered electricity and provide long-term price stability, insulating ratepayers from the volatility of fossil fuel markets.

Manufacturing is Kentucky's largest economic sector, generating \$48.97 billion in GDP in 2024. To remain competitive, manufacturers must meet increasingly stringent sustainability and renewable energy benchmarks. When Kentucky utilities fail to provide sufficient renewable

energy options, these companies are forced to look elsewhere—taking jobs, investment, and tax revenue with them.

The proposed tariff places our local project, and the communities counting on it, at risk, specifically:

– Paradise Solar Project, Muhlenberg County

- 80 MW project on a reclaimed coalfield
- \$140 million in private investment that will attract additional private industrial investment on lands nearby

If adopted as proposed, this tariff would likely cancel or delay this project and others like it—foregoing hundreds of construction jobs, millions in local tax revenue, and opportunities to convert former reclaimed coal land into productive energy sites.

Solar energy represents the lowest levelized cost of new electricity generation and offers a forward-stable price. A fair and balanced tariff that values solar energy on par with other sources would:

- Encourage in-state investment and job creation;
- Strengthen Kentucky's energy independence and sovereignty;
- Support long-term affordability for all ratepayers; and
- Align with the Integrated Resource Plan's stated objectives.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the tariff as proposed and adopt a structure that provides parity for solar generation within the LGE and KU service territories. This is an opportunity to position Kentucky for sustainable growth, energy stability, and renewed industrial competitiveness.

Kentucky can and should lead in building an energy future that benefits its people, its businesses, and its communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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