To:

**Subject:** net metering comments

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 9:15:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 4:26 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

**Subject:** net metering comments

From: Allen Bush Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:37 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

Subject: Rate Case

KP Rate Case is 2020-00174 KU Rate Case is 2020-00349 LG&E Rate Case is 2020-00350

My wife and I have a grandfathered solar system in Mercer County.

We are not directly affected by any final determination

## whether fair or punitive.

We are, however, proponents of increased residential solar power.

We have long thought, if a 1:1 credit is not fair (The Kentucky legislature took 3 years to determine it wasn't fair), what is fair?

We are not surprised that KP, KU, and LG&E presented a 3.6 cents per KwH credit with no justification.

We currently pay a \$19.00 monthly base to Bluegrass Energy.

We wonder to what extent, as a small, residential solar producer, we are being subsidized by non-renewable, residential customers.

There needs to be sufficient justification.

Shouldn't the health savings of clean energy be factored, also.

We urge you to push the utilities to be forthright and fair.

Allen Bush Rose Cooper 679 Vanarsdall Rd Harrodsburg, KY 40330

To: Subject:

RE: Case Number 2020-00349

Date:

Monday, February 22, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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From: Ashleigh McGuire

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 3:48 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Cc:** rateintervention <rateintervention@ky.gov>

Subject: Case Number 2020-00349

Dear Public Service Commission,

My name is Ashleigh McGuire, I'm a resident of Lexington at 3352 Tahoe Rd. 40515. As a KU customer, I am reaching out asking you all to oppose KU's proposed rate increase and their plan to decrease reimbursements for solar energy.

Many people are struggling during this pandemic and cannot afford a rate increase, even for years to come. The economic impacts of the pandemic will be long-lasting and a challenge for many Kentuckians. I can't imagine having to worry about how to pay for electricity because of an increase during these hard times.

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The PSC should schedule and hold multiple hearings so customers can make their voices heard about KU's proposals. The dates and times for these events should be publicized widely and the public should be given at least three weeks of advance notice.

Thank you, Ashleigh McGuire 3352 Tahoe Rd. Lexington, KY 40515

Ashleigh McGuire (she/her/hers)

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case number 2020-00349

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:43:00 AM

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From: Barbara Hagan

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 10:32 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case number 2020-00349

Dear PSC members,

LGE/KU are proposing another rate increase approval. When does this constant hammering stop? Every year they apply to up the rates over & over again. During the pandemic it has been clearly shown that the cost of natural gas & its products has gone done due to the overproduction from the abuse of fossil fuel removal from our states that surround us. How about a rate decrease based on the fluctuating market? It is always MORE, MORE, MORE.

And, these giant utility companies want to keep taking from the solar customers, but yet want to advertise how they support companies like "Maker's Mark" (which is in my local area) for installing solar panels to power their whiskey warehouses (and manage to get terrific tax write-offs for these installations). LGE/KU are okay installing solar panels for themselves at a cost to the consumers who want to "jump on board" (which helps to defray the investment for this venture), as this charge is added to that person's monthly bill over & over & over...

I have lost all respect for BIG BUSINESS who is always out to take from the poor to feed the rich!!

When is enough enough? The PSC has been established as a liaison for the common person & these huge companies. They need to operate within a budget, the same as my household does. It is okay to get bigger & bigger if you can afford to. But at this time in our economy, BIG BUSINESS needs to tighten their budget & keep their greedy hands out of my pocket.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. Life is hard enough without having selfish requests like this to interrupt my day. God bless you in the job you do every day!

Barbara Hagan

Barbara Hagan, RHIT Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary 515 Nerinx Road

"Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's

sunshine."
Nerinx, KY 40049

PH: FAX:

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RE: Ku

Subject: Date:

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----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 7:19 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Ku

It will hurt me if you raise it i kids and barley making it now and we are in a pandemic people are hurting

Sent from my iPhone

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case is 2020-00174, 2020-0302, 2020-00349, & 2020-00350

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 9:06:00 AM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 4:17 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Case is 2020-00174, 2020-0302, 2020-00349, & 2020-00350

From: Josef WINKLER < Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 10:57 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** Case is 2020-00174, 2020-0302, 2020-00349, & 2020-00350

Subject: Case is 2020-00174, 2020-0302, 2020-00349, & 2020-00350

Dear PSC Commissioners Schmitt, Chandler & Dr Mathews Behind the Meter (BTM) generation is a part of the solution:

As I write, there are millions in Texas without power suffering under freezing conditions. It is being reported that it could be days before the generation comes back online. Many have been quick to blame frozen wind turbines even though turbines in Canada, Europe and other northern states are still spinning. As more details emerge it appears that poor preparation and extreme weather will be proven to be the root cause. Frozen equipment will shut you down no matter if it is wind, natural gas, coal, or nuclear. In the end rate payers are forced to suffer without recourse for decisions out of their control, that is not fair or just.

EVs are coming, GM recently announced in 15 years internal combustion engines will no longer be an option. Other automakers have similar plans. EVs are becoming more widespread every day.

EVs take a lot of energy, Is the Kentucky power grid ready? Is there the available capacity? Is the infrastructure in place adequate? What about increased capacity to absorb steep climate-related spikes in demand for power? How close were Kentucky power plants to shutting down during the latest cold weather? Will we have the same widespread power outages and circular firing squad as we are seeing in Texas?

BTM generation and specifically residential solar can be part of the solution with fair and just Net Metering (NM) policy. EVs connected to a smart grid can smooth out bumps in demand. A Tesla Model S has a 100kWh battery, that's more than enough energy to power my home for days. BTM generation can reduce the loading of lines. BTM generation can decentralize the grid and improve resiliency. BTM generation is a step towards energy independence at an individual level. Solar inverters are now available with emergency power outlets that can produce emergency power even when the grid is down. These benefits as well as environmental and health should be included in any NM ratemaking decisions.

Power companies should be looking to partner with BTM generators as well as customers who own EVs. Regrettably I don't see this, to me it looks like the power companies see BTM generation as a threat and EV owners as profit centers.

Whether we like it, or not big changes are coming for how we generate and use electricity. I am a BTM generator with a solar system grandfathered into the current NM policy and have an EV, so I am writing with 1<sup>st</sup> hand knowledge of much of this subject. NM Policy set by the PSC will have impact for years in the future. I encourage the PSC to consider all of the benefits of NM to make a fair and just rate.

Regards, Josef Winkler 4725 Pleasant Valley Road Philpot, KY 42366

To:

**Subject:** KU Rate Case # 2020-00349 and LG&E Case # 2020-00350

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:35:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:20 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Subject:** FW: KU Rate Case # 2020-00349 and LG&E Case # 2020-00350

From: Mary Miller

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 11:09 AM

**To:** PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < <a href="mailto:PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov">PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov</a> **Subject:** KU Rate Case # 2020-00349 and LG&E Case # 2020-00350

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Dear Commissioners:

Before any decisions are made regarding the proposals for change KU and LG& E are making , I would like to request that you hold a public hearing. The changes the utilities want to make could have a serious impact on their customers and solar owners. Their voices need to be heard.

Thank you, Mary K. Miller Wilmore, KY

To:

RE: KU rate increase

Subject: Date:

Monday, February 22, 2021 8:43:00 AM

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From: Roger Noe

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:11 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Subject:** KU rate increase

LG&E / KU's proposal is unfair to low-income folks and communities of color.

Please consider the fact that during the pandemic thousands of Kentuckians are out of work and suffering. A rate increase at this time will make it unbearable on those struggling to even purchase food.

Roger Noe

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Roger C. Noe Ed.D. Professor (retired)

To: Subject:

Date:

RE: 2020-00349 Public Comment Monday, February 22, 2021 8:50:00 AM

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From: Blake Hall

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:40 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: 2020-00349 Public Comment

Hello,

My name is Blake Hall and I live at 36 Richmond Ave Lexington, KY, and I'm writing in to voice my opposition to Kentucky Utilities' requested rate increase. We are still going through a global pandemic that has caused many to become financially burdened. To increase electricity costs on those struggling financially is cruel as it is damaging to the state as a whole. Why would we burden our citizens even more? Kentucky citizens should not be punished for KU's lack of financial resiliency.

I urge you to please turn down this rate increase and any subsequent rate increase that is less, in case this is the situation of asking for the big ask in order to get the small one that they really want.

Thank you,

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Blake Hall

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case number 2020-00349

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:47:00 AM

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----Original Message-----

From: Mara Kesterson

Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:22 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case number 2020-00349

I am against the rate increase KU is proposing. The fact that KU would do this during a pandemic when most people are forced to stay at home and consume more electricity is not right. There are people losing their jobs and even an increase of around 10% means a lot to people. Also, the rate increase does not give us a better power infrastructure or better service, it just serves to boost the bottom line of the power company.

Utilities should be nationalized.

Mara Kesterson Lexington KY

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case number 2020-00349

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:48:00 AM

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----Original Message-----

From: M B

Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:05 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case number 2020-00349

Dear Public Services Commission,

The proposed flat fee increases by Kentucky Utilities will hurt the most vulnerable people in our communities, including my family. We already have programmed the thermostat, insulated the windows, keep the temperature as low as we can manage in attempts to keep from having to choose between heat and food. We wear layers and walk around indoors in hats and scarves.

Any changes to fees of this nature should require public comment so the impacted citizens have the opportunity to speak about how much this hurts. Kentuckians already struggle greatly with food insecurity and increasing the flat charge for utilities only increases this.

We also deserve to benefit from rooftop solar without enriching the utility monopolies further. We need options to reduce energy costs, not raise them.

Thank you,

Megan Bacon

То:

**Subject:** RE: case number 2020-00349

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:47:00 AM

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From: Terry Clark

Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:11 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: case number 2020-00349

Dear PSC,

I'm writing to register my opposition to the proposed rate hike by KU. This is a terrible time for Kentucky residents to face a rate increase, in the midst of a pandemic. I also strongly oppose the proposed change to effectively discourage customers from pursuing solar energy options. This appears to be a move in the opposite direction of where our state and country should be heading, discouraging rather than encouraging more clean alternative energy. Rather than shortsighted and self-serving policies, KU should be finding creative ways to benefit its customers by investing in clean energy alternatives.

Thank you.

Dr. Terry R. Clark 109 Chambers Avenue Georgetown, KY 40324

To:

Subject: RE: Kentucky rate case 2020 00349

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:49:00 AM

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From: Claude Gass

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:19 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Kentucky rate case 2020 00349

Comment only. Lowering net meter metering rates will lower participation in program. Thank you.

Claude Gass 325 Fords ferry road Marion Kentucky 42064

To:

**Subject:** RE: LG&E-KU Rate Case 2020-00350 / 2020-00349

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From: Susanna P

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:38 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** LG&E-KU Rate Case 2020-00350 / 2020-00349

Good afternoon,

As a Kentuckian, I am writing to express my concern about the LG&E case 2020-00350 and the KU case 2020-00349. These rate increases come at a time when so many people in our state are having extra financial struggles from the effects of the pandemic. I do not think that LG&E/KU should be allowed to raise basic service charges, most particularly because such rate increases have more effect on already disadvantaged people, such as those on low or fixed incomes.

Furthermore, with the current climate crisis and other environmental issues, sustainable energy should be encouraged and supported as much as possible. LG&E/KU's proposed changes to solar net metering should be rejected, because they greatly reduce the value of solar energy provided to the grid. We need *more* support for solar energy in Kentucky, so that clean energy is accessible within our state.

Thank you, Susanna Pyatt 110 S. Kennett Ave. Bardstown, KY 40004

To:

**Subject:** RE: Public Comment for Case Number 2020-00349

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:50:00 AM

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From: patrick ferrell

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:35 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** Public Comment for Case Number 2020-00349

PSC Commissioners,

My name is Patrick Ferrell and my address is 240 Sycamore Road, Apartment 4, Lexington KY 40502. I am in KU electric service territory.

I would like to leave a public comment urging the commission to reject KU's proposed net metering tariff. This dramatic reduction in compensating rooftop solar is unreasonable and fails to consider the massive value distributed solar provides in environmental and social benefits, delay/reduction in future distribution and transmission upgrades, and potential savings when our grid undergoes the transition to renewable energy.

https://www.vibrantcleanenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/WhyDERs ES Final.pdf

The case does not have to be a choice between full retail net metering and the avoided cost rate. Proposing the value of solar at 8-9 cents / kwh and allowing a Feed In Tariff is also a justified option that has been implemented in other parts of the country and abroad.

Rather than just accepting KU's modeling and "expert" opinion, please take the care and effort to challenge the assumptions of their models and projections. Your decision will affect the number of jobs created, the cleanliness of our air, the power that comes from distributed

stakeholders, and our ability to face the climate crisis
Sincerely,

Patrick

To:

**Subject:** RE: Public Comment for KU Case number is 2020-00349

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:48:00 AM

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From: A Meyer

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:19 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Public Comment for KU Case number is 2020-00349

Hello - I am asking to provide official comment regarding the proposed 11% hike on electrical fees by KU, and regarding the reduced emphasis and preference for solar panel installations in the Central Kentucky region. I recently built a new energy-efficient home (two ~16 SEER split systems), and decided to install a small solar panel system to assist in addressing my family's electrical needs. The costs associated with these investments were significant and I thought to be worthwhile for many reasons. However, the proposed fee increases and reduction in solar incentive/compensation are making what should have been a responsible investment for my family and my community, into now an unwise return-on-investment for all parties involved. I thought KU would be interested in continuing to increase the investment in solar, not completely deterring it.

## Expected outcomes include:

- Solar equipment companies and solar installer jobs will be untenable and nearlyeliminated from the Central KY market.
- Quality of life and workplace will be reduced significantly as homeowners, property managers, and business owners seek to push the boundaries of comfort for their occupants. Companies are already challenged with occupancy comfort complaints, and these hikes will only further splinter those conversations as building owners try to keep it "just cool enough" in the summer, or "just warm enough" in the winter to reduce

costs.

• Ultimately, and the pandemic may surely force the issue on its own, it is not out of the realm that many building owners will abandon their commercial facility altogether and insist on employees working from home. This would result in even less energy use and revenue for KU, creating an incredibly slippery slope where the utility customers on all levels will continue to be taxed and fee'd further to make up for lost revenue generation to the local utility (KU)

Thank you, Adam Meyer 1220 Kastle Road Lexington, KY 40502

To:

**Subject:** RE: Raising rates and hurting rooftop solar **Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021 8:48:00 AM

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----Original Message-----

From: Robert Valentine

Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:04 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Raising rates and hurting rooftop solar

Regarding 2020-00349, I strongly urge you not to raise rates for residential electricity power. Also, please support rooftop solar installation. Thank you.

Nell Valentine 40511

To:

 Subject:
 RE: Case Number 2020-00349

 Date:
 Friday, February 26, 2021 3:55:00 PM

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From: Ashleigh McGuire

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 3:48 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Cc:** rateintervention <rateintervention@ky.gov>

Subject: Case Number 2020-00349

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Ashleigh McGuire (she/her/hers)

To:

 Subject:
 RE: case number 2020-00349

 Date:
 Friday, February 26, 2021 3:55:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Grant Allen

Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 1:48 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; grant.allen123 <grant.allen123@gmail.com>

Subject: case number 2020-00349

I am opposed to KU's plan for the following 4 reasons:

1) It's wrong to jack up rates and disconnect fees when so many people are hurting.



- 2) LG&E / KU's proposal is unfair to low-income folks and communities of color.
- 3) LG&E and KU also seek to rig the rules so only they can benefit from low-cost solar.

4) The KY Public Service Commission should hold accessible public hearings.	
Sincerely,	
Grant Allen	
1761 Battery St	
Lexington KY 40509	

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case Number: 2020-00350 (LG&E) Case Number: 2020-00349 (KU)

**Date:** Friday, February 26, 2021 3:58:00 PM

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From: bakerfirst

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:03 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Case Number: 2020-00350 (LG&E) Case Number: 2020-00349 (KU)

Case Number: 2020-00350 (LG&E), Case Number: 2020-00349 (KU)

This is not the time to raise our electric bills by any amount. We have lost lives and jobs and the economy is stalled and raising our expenses at this time is a terrible idea. People with lower income are struggling to feed their children and this hike will disproportionately affect those who have less than others in our community. The energy burden is already unaffordable for too many of our citizens.

Deanna Rushing

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To:

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From: Colin Goggin

**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:40 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** Comments for PSC Case Number 2020-00349

Kentucky Public Service Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed compensation rate changes for solar net metering by Kentucky Utilities. The topic of rooftop solar regulation is important to me as a citizen concerned about this state's path to a clean energy future. I am also a homeowner with rooftop solar as well as a Kentucky Utilities customer. This important case will be precedent-setting for all of Kentucky's residents, its net metering customers, the local rooftop solar industry, and Kentucky's future energy infrastructure. It therefore deserves an appropriate level of consideration that requires a value of solar analysis to weigh the benefits of solar not being considered at this time.

Changing the current net metering rate structure is wrong for the following reasons:

1) Utilities like to refer to cost shifts as a justification for lowering solar feedback compensation, but at the current low level of solar penetration in KU's service area those cost shifts are certain to be negligible regardless of whether compensation is accurate and fair to the solar producer. If a value of solar analysis was to be done on all cost shifts that exist for every utility, those attributable to Kentucky Utilities's solar customers would be near the bottom of a very long list. Demonstrating a solar cost shift sufficient to justify a change in the net metering rate requires a comprehensive value of solar analysis to appropriately balance the

costs and benefits of rooftop solar for a given utility (and yet this is typically a discussion appropriate for scenarios where rooftop solar penetration reaches the 5-10% level - nowhere near KU's current level). Simply saying there is a cost shift while ignoring its practically negligible current magnitude means that this request should not be granted serious consideration. It is simply a waste of this commission's scarce and valuable time and giveaway to a monopoly utility. If that weren't enough, many rigorous studies have shown that the true value of solar power fed back to the grid is in fact worth more (not less) than utilities like KU currently pay at a 1:1 rate.

- 2) Should this commission agree to the proposed lower net metering reimbursement rate, it would set a precedent for all other Kentucky utilities. This would be a significant setback for the Kentucky solar industry, its employees, and its current and future customers. The proposed credit rate would make it economically impractical for virtually anyone to install a system. It would be a shameful outcome given the current lack of appropriate analysis that should be requisite for such impactful decisions.
- 3) The provision to automatically change the current 1:1 rate promised to current net metering customers triggered by future changes in their solar installation is opportunistic theft and abuse of KU's monopoly position in the market. The public service commission should not assent to such egregious requests on behalf of KU.
- 4) It is currently critical for all stakeholders in our state's energy infrastructure to be focused on reducing and not entrenching our use of fossil fuels. We should be reducing emissions and making the changes required towards that goal. Rooftop solar is a means to help both Kentucky Utilities and its customers to do just that. Killing its development would be a huge setback.
- 5) As recent events in the state of Texas have highlighted, grid reliability is of utmost importance. Solar is a net benefit to the grid in terms of reliability by reducing peak loads. Residential distributed solar generation will be a part of this country's future energy mix, so adapting and supporting its integration is in the PSC's and KU's strategic interest.

I ask that you please honor your responsibility to defend the overwhelming public interest in denying the requests put forth by KU. Please do not grant the requested net metering compensation changes being sought by Kentucky Utilities.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and your service to the citizens of our state.

Colin Goggin 3324 Lyon Dr. Lexington, KY 40513

To:

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From: Eileen Custy SL

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:12 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Electricity rates

I am very concerned about the impact of these two case on people who are already suffering financial difficulties because of the CoVid19 virus. People have lost their jobs or had to cut back on hours. They are struggling. Do the rates have to be raised at this time? It just seems like one more burden on people who are already hurting financially. Please vote no on these two cases.

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\*James Rhodes

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