

PUCO Case No. 12-2050-EL-ORD Nov. 8, 2017 Proposed Rules Related to Compensation for Net Metered Customers

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My system and others across the state provide a capacity resource for the grid, therefore providing a benefit to the distribution utility. While it may be true that distribution utilities, nor the PUCO, have established a standardized monetary value for the capacity that distributed energy resources provide, it is well-established that these systems provide some capacity value.

As an Ohio consumer and net metered utility customer, I appreciate the attention the Commission has recently paid to modernizing our grid and recognizing the important role that distributed generation systems are playing in our state. The number of distributed generation systems, and therefore the number of net metered customers, is projected to continue to increase in Ohio, and I ask you to please consider the importance of properly compensating owners of distributed generation systems for the whole value our systems provide to the grid--both for the raw electrons sent back to the grid, and the capacity value that our systems provide.

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Thank you for your time and consideration to review this aspect of the rules changes as well as reviewing the decision to end the annual "true-up" refunds for excess credit accumulated by the customer. These were both very influential in my decision to install solar panels at my home.

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