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

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO),

Dear Chairman Haque and Commissioners,

As an individual/business invested in a net metered, distributed generation system, I write to ask you to reconsider the November 8, 2017 decision on new, proposed net metering rules. The decision on these rules made progress in several respects, but set a bad precedent on what is considered in net metering credits which are earned by the self-generating customer when their system is producing more electricity than what they are using. Specifically, the PUCO ordered that the net metering credit be calculated for its energy value only, and prohibited the capacity value from being included in the credit.

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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