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Net-metering fee

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Please accept my comments in opposition to the proposed \$4.25 fee per month for net-metering. You have heard considerable background on the politics, but the economics simply do not support a separate fee for solar power producers. Solar power is inherently beneficial to the electric power infrastructure in our state. As you are well aware, much of the state's infrastructure is designed to meet the highest demand hours, to ensure reliable electricity delivery at all times. It is well known that the highest demand hours are the peak hours in hot summer months, when electric consumers are running air conditioning units. It is no coincidence that solar power, fueled by those same sunny days that result in high peak demand, **directly reduces the demand during the highest peak hours**. Do not be confused or misled about with yearly averages or other justifications for disproportionately pushing transmission and generation costs onto solar power producers. All consumers still pay a normal monthly service charge. If anything, peak consumers in July, August, and September should be paying more for peak hours, which necessitates a disproportionate need for transmission and generation capacity for delivering power during the July-September demand period. For all of reasons voiced in opposition, but especially because the economics do not support imposing fees on solar producers, the proposed fee increase should be denied.

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