

DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE UTILITIES COMMISSION BLOCK DUKE ENERGY'S PLANS TO CUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOLAR ENERGY.

Led by the Quaker Testimonies of Stewardship and Equality/Social Justice, we ask you to oppose Duke Energy's proposed changes to net metering and fees for home solar panels.

Duke Energy has filed a proposal with the N.C. Utilities Commission to change the way customers with rooftop solar panels are billed and credited for the energy they produce. Duke's proposal would change the rules for 'net metering', which would make installing rooftop solar less affordable and less attractive to customers. It would increase the basic monthly fee for solar households, offer less for the energy generated by their solar panels, and have their rates based on the time of day they generate and use electricity.

This proposal will discourage households and businesses from investing in solar, slow the growth of rooftop solar installations and threaten North Carolina's growing solar industry that has created many jobs. Beyond the impact of Duke's solar proposal on current and potential customers, it would hurt all residents by reinforcing Duke Energy's plans that rely largely on natural gas to generate electricity and slow the transition away from fossil fuels as a source of energy.

This is happening while climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the Environmental Defense Fund say much more will be required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and 'decarbonize' the entire economy to avoid a full-scale climate crisis. For more information ;

[Click to access NEM-Key-Points-v2-final.pdf](#)

<https://www.edf.org/media/new-report-north-carolina-track-reaching-its-own-climate-goals>

Please contact the Governor's office by the means suggested above, and also consider writing a letter to your local paper or to the Raleigh News and Observer.

Your email, tweet or letter can be short with a few key points from the background above. Add a personal story, especially if you have installed solar at your house, business or Meeting, or are considering installing solar panels. We suggest:

1. Thank the Governor for his leadership in confronting climate change with his Clean Energy Plan. Duke's proposed rooftop solar rules will:
2. Discourage customers from adding solar panels,
3. Hurt the state's growing solar industry and its good-paying jobs,
4. Slow the pace of what is needed to reduce carbon emissions
5. And work against efforts to meet the goals in the Governor's Clean Energy Plan
6. Ask Governor Cooper to act decisively to move North Carolina to a clean energy economy,

Consider penning a letter to the editor the Raleigh News and Observer and submit it [HERE](#).