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Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-01575A-15-0312 **Docket Position:** Against

Why single out rooftop solar customers with twice the fixed fees of regular SSVEC customers? Paying double the monthly service availability charge is downright punitive! SSVEC claims that while distributed generation (DG) customers may have net zero power flows, reliability flows in from the grid, but none flows out. Likewise for voltage control, frequency control, reserves and redundancy.... a drain on the grid. But all of those benefits apply to regular customers too! So why are the fixed fees not equal across those customer classes? By law, SSVEC is required to meet mandates for a certain percentage of its energy to come from renewable sources like solar photo-voltaic (PV). Even if there were no rooftop solar/DG customers, SSVEC still would be providing the infrastructure to balance the loads and renewable energy sources based on its contracts with industrial-scale solar energy providers. In that case, SSVEC would recover these infrastructure costs from all its customers with uniform rates and fixed fees for all. Why should DG customers with rooftop solar shoulder a greater burden when they are helping SSVEC to achieve federally mandated % renewable targets? In the testimony provided by SSVEC CEO Creden Huber, there was no evidence presented that there is any difference in last mile costs or in procuring electricity on the spot market between rooftop solar customers and regular customers. Thus this rate proposal makes no sense! Don't penalize customers who invested in solar and shared the burden in the renewables mandate with SSVEC.

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