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Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-04204A-15-0142

Docket Position: Against

Raising the base rate to residential power customers to pay for solar power via a service or a demand charge installations is blatantly WRONG. The only people I know who install solar are people who can afford it and take advantage of government handouts. It is the same thing as making everyone buy an expensive Tesla electric car just because the Government wants a shift in this direction. Only rich people buy and benefit from electric cars. Everyone else wants the cheapest ride they can afford. It is the same with electricity. No consumer has a choice where they buy their power. Thus, the priority emphasis should be directed towards consumers who CONSERVE power by minimizing the use of A/C, lights, heating, etc. They do it to keep their monthly bills down. Why on earth should a consumer be penalized for NOT using electricity just so increased rates (surcharges, whatever) can be used to offset the loss of income caused by solar installations? It seems to me the solar users are getting a brake when they should be the ones penalized by the power company for the loss of revenue, not everyone else who is using CONSERVATION.

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