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Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-01933A-15-0322 Docket Position: Neutral

I feel strongly that rooftop solar is highly desirable and should be supported by the Corporation Commission Policies. I think the public has been misled that ratepayers are paying more to encourage solar. The cost to ratepayers for utility generated solar is \$.15 per kilowatt compared to the cost of homeowner generated solar which is \$.05. If rooftop solar is not invested in by families and businesses the utilities will have to invest in other more expensive power generation options and pass those costs on to their customers. If power is generated at the point of use it requires no transmission lines as would be necessary with utility owned centralized solar. Transmission lines are not only expensive but no one wants them in their neighborhood. Furthermore, fossil fuel options damage the environment and cause climate change. Since other options are available (renewables) we need to change to the new technologies. Waiting to change only worsens the problem. Many families are willing to pay to make this change happen and have done so by installing rooftop solar. Changing the rules now is unfair, and makes further rooftop solar installations unprofitable. Net metering should remain as it is. If utilities need to increase their rates they should increase the usage charge not the base charge so that customers have an incentive to use less which benefits all of us.

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