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**From:** Sarah Wood [sarahwoodcares@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2013 3:23 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Oct 29 Hearing...In Support of Fair Avoided Cost Rates to Solar Suppliers

E-100, SUB 136

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident and consumer of electricity in the state of North Carolina, I am writing to you today on behalf of protecting the price structures for solar power along the lines mandated by federal law in PURPA ( Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978) that sets rates based on "avoided costs" to the public utility. Please do not roll back rates as proposed by Duke Energy advocates. If anything, rates should be adjusted to include the value of water that current coal and nuclear based power plants utilize in their production of electricity-- Water that is unnecessary in the manufacture of solar power and water that is precious in a region with a history of drought and water shortages. Furthermore, an emission- free power source deserves further allowance in a world where CO2 emissions are causing catastrophic global climate change. If the true cost of coal (with this environmental impact) were factored into the pricing of electricity, coal would be a non-viable source of power. By reducing the rates paid to solar suppliers on the grid, we jeopardize the creation of future power generation by these sources. Please Do Not Allow this to happen!!

I have dedicated my life to raising public awareness about the effects of climate change. Toward this end, I would be very happy to give a presentation to the Utility Commission on Climate Change, that I guarantee you would find very illuminating. Do the courageous thing and take a stand that reflects fairness to an energy source that is sustainable and environmentally friendly. We do not want our children to live with the negative consequences of our choices that fail to account for the big picture.

Sincerely,

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