

Stop the anti-rooftop solar House Bill 227

*Preserve solar jobs • embrace a clean energy future
Don't give utilities a monopoly on solar
Net metering in Kentucky needs to be expanded, not dismantled*

Please call the Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181 and leave a message for "my senator, and all members of the Senate." The message can simply be: "Vote NO on HB 227. Defeat this bad bill. Protect homegrown solar businesses and jobs in Kentucky."

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Problems with House Bill 227

(including House Committee Substitute Version 4)

1. **UNFAIRNESS** – HB 227 is UNFAIR to solar businesses and all the people who want to use solar power. It benefits only utilities – allowing them to recover costs without considering the benefits of solar to the utility or ratepayers.
2. **REGULATORY BURDENS** – HB 227 would burden the solar industry and PSC with 23 recurring rate cases and will result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in recurring PSC litigation costs.
3. **ENSURING UNCERTAINTY FOR CUSTOMER INVESTMENTS** - This bill allows frequent, recurring rate cases that could change the terms of net metering for existing and future customers and sets up no language to protect customer investments. This makes it impossible to predict the value of an investment and would thereby destroy the market for rooftop solar.
4. **CLAMPING DOWN ON MARKETS** – HCS4 makes HB 227 even worse by imposing a hard cap of 1% on the solar market for every utility. This restriction is the exact opposite of the solar industry's goal (and the desire of many Kentuckians), which is to expand the solar market.
5. **TILTING THE PLAYING FIELD FURTHER IN FAVOR OF UTILITIES** – The solar industry seeks a level playing field to compete with utilities via increasing system sizes, and access to leases, PPA's, and other tools. This bill does not address any of these concerns. It only serves the utilities' interests.
6. **ONGOING FAILURE TO COMPROMISE** – HCS4 creates the pretense of meeting the solar industry's concerns by directing this issue to the PSC, but it fails to create a fair and reasonable process to resolve the issue. Establishing an unclear, unfair, costly, and burdensome process that favors only the utilities, while immediately disrupting the solar market and restricting its long-term growth is not the result of compromise.

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