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WITNESS NAME: <b>STEVE STODDEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-459-6694</b>	
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Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I am the Energy Services Advisor at Co-Mo Connect in Tipton MO. I manage our renewable energy program, rebate program and energy efficiency program. I have been at this job for 13 years. Previously I was a small business owner, second generation heating and cooling tradesman. I have heard in the hearing from solar advocates that Electric Cooperatives are not imposing additional fees of \$3,500.00 for solar interconnection and it just is not true. The only reason for any additional charges would be aid in construction cost which would fall on the owner of the solar array. Any other additional construction cost are discussed before the construction would begin on the solar array. The following summary are testimony's from our electric cooperative owner members and have been updated as of Jan 10 2024. Member name: Price10 kW solar connected Nov 2021. All information is pretax. Solar panels are performing well. The member states the sales proposal was inaccurate. Sales proposal was submitted and reviewed by T Hulse at Co -Mo Connect. • Annual utility bill estimates by solar co. \$2,198. Actual utility bill for kWh energy \$1,484• Annual usage estimate by solar co. 14,656 kWh. Actual 19,226 kWh• Rate solar co. used for ROI \$0.15 per kwh. Actual \$0.0772• Loan \$48,196.19 for 25 years @ 1.99%• Solar company says average simple ROI of 12 years• Actual first year of energy savings 9,358 kWh, \$842.22• Actual simple ROI of 57 years. Member name: Marimom20.7 kW solar connected 12/2021. All information is pretax. Solar job is incomplete to date. • Annual utility bill estimate by solar company \$4,146. Actual \$2,965.48• Rate solar company used for estimate \$0.12 actual \$0.0772• Loan \$103.691.39 for 25 years• Solar company estimate simple ROI of about 12 years• Actual savings to date, NONE• Actual ROI is more than 35 years if the system performs as stated by the solar company.Solar company began taking payments 3 months before job was completed. Solar payment is \$300 per month. This member now has a delinquent solar account. Cannot pay both the utility bill and solar payment. This member requested their information be shared at the hearings. They are not happy with solar and wish they could get their money back.Member Name: Garrison7.6 kW solar connected January 2022. System is under performing. Solar loan is \$57,000• Annual kWh usage before solar, 3 year average, 16070 kWh• Annual kWh usage after solar, 10317• Annual utility savings 5,753 kWh at \$0.08 per kWh, \$460.24• Solar loan is \$57,000• ROI presented by solar company, 7.5-12 years• Actual simple ROI, 123 yearsSolar loan is tied to the home. Member cannot afford both solar payment and utility payment due to the under performing solar. They are afraid of losing their home.Member name: HaleSize unknown, estimated between 12 and 16 kW. Member wants the equipment removed from property and damages to his home repaired. The solar equipment that is currently onsite does not work. • 1/24/23 rcvd first email form solar company• 1/25/23 application denied. Rule for the lockable AC disconnect is 5-15 feet adjacent to the utility owned meter. Requested revisions on

page 2 of the NMA and sheet PV-5. • Revisions re submitted and approved to construct by utility 2/20/23• Around the date of 4/20 the filed inspection was requested. The job was not installed according to the approved documents. Requested revisions to the documents and the field work needed to be changed to match what was approved on the submitted documents. • Communication with the solar company has been very difficult. Numerous phone calls and emails were sent to the company by the utility and the homeowner/ cooperative member. • The installation to date is still not working. The solar array will not pair with the utility for net metering. The inverters try to pair with the utility 60 hz frequency and voltage and fails. Solar company has not been responsive to this member or the utility. • Damage from the solar company to the yard and interior structure of the home has not been repaired. The yard was trenched for wires to the home from the utility pole • Loan is \$50,000 Member Name: Kelly 4.6 kW solar. To date system is not operational. • Job was completed before being approved by the cooperative. • The original application was denied. Revisions were made to the app and the system was approved to construct on 8/14/23. Keep in mind it was installed before being approved by the cooperative. • System was denied due to the disconnect being in the utility work area. Requested the disconnect be moved 5-15 feet adjacent to the utility owned pole as approved in the application documents. This member was told the solar array would offset 102% of their energy needs. The 4.6 kW system that was installed will produce an average of 6,431 kWh annually (information from PVWatts web page). Actual usage on site is averaging 20,073 kWh annually This would be an approximate 32% reduction in the annual kWh usage. Not 103%. Member leased the system and will not be able to take advantage of the 30% tax credit. They feel betrayed by the solar company and want out of the deal. This member has reached out to the AG's office and feels like they have no voice or support in this situation.





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Hello my name is Frances Babb. I live in western St. Louis County at 2001 Kehrsdale Ct. Clarkson Valley, MO 63005. My husband and I own 3 homes, all of which are solar powered. I have a conflict and cannot attend the hearing in person, so I am submitting this written testimony opposing HB1705. I have several issues with Rep. Schulte's bill HB1705 and therefore oppose this bill in its entirety.1)

At the end of paragraph 2, it states: All generation units using battery backup must operate completely isolated from the grid. I do not think this is what you mean. I am hoping that you mean that the above statement is only true when the grid is down. When the grid is down, it becomes a safety issue if the battery system back feeds the grid. You would likely electrocute the linemen who are trying to restore the grid and thus this requirement is part of the current National Electrical Code. However, if you really mean what you said and always must permanently disconnect from the grid, if you have batteries, this would mean that you would be without power when the batteries are fully discharged. Not cool.2) Solar customers should not be required to pay a higher rate for electricity than non-solar customers. If anything, solar customers should pay a lower rate than non-solar customers. The higher rates simply discourage the use of solar energy. Utility companies are getting free energy from their solar customers at pennies on the dollar and reselling it at a profit. Already this is unfair. To make it even more unfair is an insult.3) I do not think an energy audit is necessary. Energy audits are outside the skill set for most solar companies. Doing them unnecessarily adds costs to the customer's project and delays the completion of the project.4) Having the Attorney General enforce solar issues is wrong. It should continue to be the Public Service Commission.5)

Missouri is the home of several aerospace companies and is a hub for engineers. Those individuals are perfectly capable of installing a solar system on their own property but do not hold an electrical license – nor do they have the required practicum hours wiring homes necessary to sit for the exam (even though passing it would be a breeze.) It is wrong to require engineers to post a bond to install solar on their own home.6) The utility companies should not be the ones to decide who they want to license to be their competitors. Nor should they be the ones that set up the licensing rules for solar. This is unethical and a conflict of interest. Thank you for reading and considering my concerns on this anti-solar energy bill. I wish I could be there to deliver it to you in person. Frances Babb



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**Dear Energy Committee Members:**The net-metering law sets a goal of having enough customer-owned solar energy systems to equal 5% of a utilities' peak load. With regard to the co-ops, when this is achieved the generation requirements of Associated Electric will be reduced by 1 1/2% - a very small number. This mere 1 1/2% can cause no operational issues nor financial issues as Associated Electric is selling all of their excess generation on the market. There is really no reason for them to have a problem with the law.I believe it is truly just a philosophical issue with the senior management at Associated Electric, who are funding the lobbyist. They are trying to kill a grand effort by lawmakers in 2007, and an entire industry, by attempting to make you believe customer-owned solar is a harm to their network and a substantial cost to other customers.Next time a co-op employee or lobbyist talks to you on this subject, please challenge them to put this letter in their magazine to see how their customers really feel. If they don't agree with the numbers, have them call me and I'll walk them through the calculations.

**Nick Barrack 573-341-5488**

**MAGAZINE**Dear Customer:The goal of Missouri's Net-Metering Law passed in 2007 was to transfer 1.5% of our generation over to customer-owned solar energy systems. Since solar customers don't pay as much for maintenance of the network as others do, there is an increased cost to all customers. In the last 16 years we have achieved about half of this goal and the subsidy to all members is currently about \$2 per year. When we get all the way to the 1.5% goal, the subsidy will be about \$4 per year per household.Are you OK with the \$4 per year subsidy to promote renewable energy in your neighborhood, or do you want us to continue to fight the battle to reverse the effect of Missouri's Net-Metering Law? Please email your response to \_\_\_\_\_ .Sincerely,Your Local Co-op



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RYAN MCDONALD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-849-4886</b>	
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HB1705 would change the calculation of Missouri's net metering costs and potentially discourage prospective solar buyers from installing solar systems. This bill would allow the utility/electric supplier to set energy and demand rates, rate structure and monthly charges based on the utility's calculation of the amount of fixed and demand costs not eliminated by the customer's solar generation. The customer would have no way to determine if this calculation is accurate or valid. Another provision inn HB1705 would allow the utility to charge solar generator customers for "necessary electric distribution system upgrades".The resultant uncertainty about the ultimate costs and payback of solar system would harm the Missouri's solar businesses and cause job loss. Please vote "NO" on HB1705 and similar bills.Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.