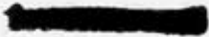


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Re: Net excess generation and meter fee

Dear Assemblyman Levine,

The items referenced above are in the realm of policy and may come within your purview. If not, please forward my inquiry to the appropriate organizations.

As you can see from the enclosed, we have made an involuntary contribution to our utility this past year of \$122.86. Most states require the generator to be compensated at a rate equivalent to avoided cost of production. I hope you agree that every type of subsidy, tax credit, rebate and financial incentive must be invoked to induce adoption of this technology, in spite of the considerable front-end costs.

My second inquiry concerns the monthly meter fee paid by all customers of the grid. Who sets this fee? How does ours, \$5.40, compare with other utilities in the state and with the national average? Apparently the utilities are planning, as an economy measure, to read these via a radio signal. Will these savings be passed on to the customer? If this requires new meters, who will pay for same?

I trust that my questions fall within the ambit of your office, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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