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*RE: Response to August 28, 2024 Letter on behalf of James Schoettmer, Rosie Stier,  
Carl Stier, K. Jeff Morgan, Jeremy R. Morgan*

Dear Mr. Land:

The Decatur County REMC Board of Directors has requested me to respond to your August 28, 2024 Letter on behalf of James Schoettmer, Rosie Stier, Carl Stier, K. Jeff Morgan, Jeremy R. Morgan (“Complaining Solar Members”).

In addition to your August 28, 2024 letter, the Decatur County REMC Board of Directors and management team have received and reviewed letters or complaints from Complaining Solar Members dated March 20, 2024 (U.S. mail); April 3, 2024 (hard copy hand delivered to DCREMC office); April 17, 2024 (email from Dan Kramer and hard copy hand delivered by Carl and Rosie Stier to DCREMC office); April 18, 2024 (hard copy hand delivered to DCREMC office); April 22, 2024 (U.S. mail); May 20, 2024 (hard copy hand delivered to DCREMC office); June 10, 2024 (hard copy hand delivered to DCREMC office). By these letters and complaints, the Board understands that Complaining Solar Members disagree with the structure and rates for members with interconnected distributed generation. Complaining Solar Members also identified various disagreements with DCREMC’s rates and ratemaking process in general.

The Board and management team have reviewed and thoughtfully considered these distributed generation rate structure complaints and have already responded numerous times:

- The management team met one-on-one with the Complaining Solar Members who requested a meeting to discuss their specific complaints.
- DCREMC hosted a workshop led by rate expert John Wofram on April 23, 2024 specifically intended to address questions about the DG Rate and other rate design

issues. DCREMC invited all Complaining Solar Members to attend the workshop, but unfortunately none of the Complaining Solar Members attended. DCREMC has posted the video of the April 23, 2024 workshop online so that any member may watch it.

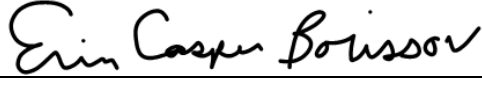
- DCREMC responded in writing to Complaining Solar Members on April 25, April 30, and June 24 and provided written materials covered during the April 23, 2024 workshop and the link to the video.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TliyOWL-2Qs>
- To the extent the letters request copies of DCREMC Services Rules and Regulations or Policies, all DCREMC Service Rules and Regulations and Policies can be accessed (and have been accessible for several years) online at the following link: <https://www.dcremc.com/about-us/company-documents/>

The Board of Directors is elected by DCREMC members to serve as the governing body of the cooperative and to do all things necessary in conducting the business of the cooperative. Among other things, the Board has authority to approve Rates and Charges, Service Rules and Regulations, and Policies of the cooperative. In performing its ratemaking function, the Board is cognizant of its statutory mandate that rates and charges must be nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and just. In performing its ratemaking function, the Board periodically reviews all rates and charges, engages expert consultants to perform cost-of-service studies, and engages expert rate consultants to review and recommend new or revised rate structures to ensure that DCREMC rates and charges are nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and just. Any member that does not believe DCREMC's rates and charges are nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and just may challenge such rates and charges in civil court.

The Board understands and acknowledges that Complaining Solar Members disagree with the structure and rates for members with interconnected distributed generation and with DCREMC's rates and ratemaking process in general. Specifically, Complaining Solar Members would like DCREMC to pay them more for excess energy produced by their private distributed generation facilities. As demonstrated during the April 23, 2024 workshop featuring expert rate consultant John Wofram (which none of your clients bothered to attend) and as stated by the Board in its communications dated April 30 and June 24, the Board disagrees with Complaining Solar Members on all points. The Board stands by its Rates and Charges, Service Rules and Regulations, and Company Policies, and the Board will not spend any more of its time or the members' money to respond to the Complaining Solar Members' repetitive complaints. **To the extent Complaining Solar Members are not satisfied by the Board's response herein, Complaining Solar Members may exercise their right to challenge the structure and rates for members with interconnected distributed generation in civil court.**

Sincerely,

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