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Subject: THANK YOU!

Thank your for the excellent job you are doing as Governor of this great state!! I appreciate the fine job you do in keeping the citizenry up to date on the issues of importance to us all and I am proud of Tennessee's common sense use of it's available finances.

An issue of interest to me, to which I hope you will lend your support, is Solar Power for Tennessee. Clean power generation by individuals with roof top solar panels is extremely efficient in that transmission losses for normal power generation, sometimes over 60%, are almost nonexistent. Roof top generated solar power is used either at or very close to the source of its production. I am proud to say that TVA continues to be a big supporter of solar power generation. The problem is with Appalachian Electric Power (AEP), the city of Kingsport's Pennsylvania based power supplier. AEP has instigated proposed rate changes that will actually greatly penalize individual solar power suppliers making roof top solar power generation impractical in AEP's service area. Also AEP is raising rates for all Kingsport power users. I have no problem with any needed rate increase, however, the city of Kingsport has negotiated a deal with AEP in which a portion of the rate increase is a kickback to the city as a part of the negotiated deal. This is basically a pass thru tax on all Kingsport residents and should not be tolerated on any type of essential utility. If Kingsport city officials desire a tax increase it should be approved thru normal channels not as a stealth tax increase on many of it citizens that can least afford such a tax. Incidentally, city officials in Kingsport have also initiated a proposal for a \$12.75/month tax on waste disposal. Another utility tax on all residents.

Our Kingsport city managers need to follow the example of our state leaders and not spend money we don't have.

Attached below is an excerpt from a petition from the Tennessee Alliance for Solar Choice to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority requesting blockage of this proposed unfair tax on Kingsport solar roof top energy suppliers.

I hope you will lend your support (through the Tennessee Regulatory Authority) for Tennessee's individual solar roof top power suppliers.

Thank You,

Billy A. Knight

Tennessee Regulatory Authority,

As a concerned ratepayer in the Volunteer State, I call on you to do the right thing for the people of

Tennessee by blocking Kingsport Power's attempts to stifle energy choice. We deserve the right to have a choice in where our energy comes from and by adding excessive fees to rooftop solar, Kingsport Power is essentially trying to put the sun out of reach.

Set the right precedent for Tennessee and the rest of the country. Don't allow Kingsport Power to take our energy choice.

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Referred To Kenneth Hill

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