



## **STATEMENT: A Win for Solar and West Virginians: PSC Rejects AEP's Attempt to Undermine Fair Compensation for Solar Producers**

In a victory for solar and the people of West Virginia, the Public Service Commission has blocked AEP's attempt to cheat solar producers out of fair compensation for their excess power. Instead, they chose a rate that's grounded in logic, fairness, and real data that wasn't cherry picked to pad the pockets of an out of state corporate utility.

Here at Solar Holler, there was never any debate about whether we'd intervene in the case. Protecting our state's proud history of energy production and our right to energy freedom is a passion that's central to who we are. But AEP's punitive bid to retroactively strip customers of compensation they'd already been promised really highlighted the depths of their disregard for West Virginians. It underlines the importance of solar- the only way to get out from under the thumb of a profit-first monopoly utility.

As expected, we didn't get every single thing we wanted from this ruling, but we're proud of the role we played in protecting the integrity of net metering and the future of West Virginia solar.

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