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Dear Clerk VanMeter,

Please include the below email in the Correspondence and Actions file item for Monday the 15th.

Thank you!

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Hi Councilmembers Renner and Bowers,

I'm writing now because there is an open matter with the PUCO right now that you should be aware of. The short of it (explained further below) is that net-metering for ratepayers with solar panels is under attack at the PUCO.

I hope you can engage in your council role. This would notably impact SOPEC communities and participants who have solar even though SOPEC and Gahanna proactively incorporated solar into their program. If you think others on council or with the city would like to share something, please pass along.

Local Governments Should Submit a Comment to the PUCO by 12/12 to Preserve Critical Tool for Residential Solar, Fairness, and Affordability

- Current law requires utilities to offer net metering to consumers, which allows retail customers with solar panels to access fair pricing for excess energy they sell back to the grid to the benefit of everyone.
- Throughout 2025, the [PUCO has been reviewing net-metering rules](#) as part of a state statute that mandates review every 5 years. On November 5th, 2025, [PUCO staff recommended](#) no changes to the rules, which currently **require electric distribution utilities to provide net-metering service to customers with residential solar systems** – meaning that these companies must provide credits on customers' bills when their onsite energy generation flows back into the grid and benefits the entire community. At the last minute for comment, AEP Ohio requested changes that would allow electric distribution utilities to reduce the on-bill credits for homeowners with solar systems **and to remove the requirement to offer net-metering to customers.**
- **What to do:** Ohioans can [file reply comments](#) to AEP at the PUCO through Friday, December 12th. [PCFO has prepared a list of talking points for local governments \(linked and attached\)](#) to explain to the

PUCO why AEP's proposed changes would harm both municipal operations and the residents that municipalities represent.

We are happy to jump on a call to chat through this further at any point ahead of the 12/12 deadline for reply comment. Apologies for the tight turn around. The initial request from AEP was submitted right before Thanksgivings and put everyone in a tough spot.

In general, expect more PUCO information and recommended opportunities for action from PCFO in 2026!

Thank you!

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