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A fair price for solar generated power

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I wish to register my general dissatisfaction with the price paid by electricity retailers for solar power fed into the grid. Perversely, retailers who charge a premium for "Green Power" buy it without paying a premium.

Solar owners pay the same fixed charge for supply connection as non solar owners but are subsidising the unit price paid by others.

It has been argued that solar panel installation is a benefit to the financially better off families. However if these households did not invest in solar, there would be virtually no solar installations unless the state funded them. People who have invested in solar should be able to receive a fair return on their investment.

Solar power is by nature distributed generation, which results in less strain on the grid than relying on a few bulk sites. Some acknowledgement of this and the clean, non-polluting nature of solar, needs to be included in the price paid by retailers.

I urge the enquiry to take the above into consideration when reviewing the feed-in tariffs.