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The market is failing residential solar producers. We are not getting paid a fair price, and don't have any power as individuals to advocate for a fair price. The current situation is that residential solar producers have having energy STOLEN from them by power companies, who then on-sell at a great margin. We should get paid, as a minimum, market wholesale rates, and this should be enforced by law. Additionally, we should be paid an amount that reflects the benefits of solar power over fossil fuels - eg benefits to the environment and to public health and safety. We paid over \$10,000 for solar, very early on, and because storage was not economically viable back then, any energy we couldn't immediately use was stolen from us by energy companies. I recognise that they pay a token (7c/kWh) feed-in tariff, but they also adjust their discount structure to compensate, meaning they effectively pay us NOTHING. If I tap into power cables and start using power unmetered, I imagine I would get into a lot of trouble. That's what's happening to residential solar (and other, eg wind) producers.

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