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My solar system pumps TWICE as much electricity back into the grid than what I use yet I am hardly compensated for my initial outlay and the power I produce - at NO cost to the mainstream provider. The entire method of calculating reimbursement for my electricity is skewed greatly towards the provider. What I produce in kilowatt hours should be subtracted directly from the amount I use BEFORE any charges are made and the cost or reimbursement calculated from THAT number. MY power produced from MY system is being on-sold by the provider at profit and I am in effect being charged for MY own electricity. Feed-in tariffs need to be increased to at least the price charged by the provider in order to make the system fairer for the people who have invested in the future of a cleaner environment and electricity independence for all. Added to this, the cost of the 'access fee' seems to increase every year - well beyond that of inflation and I believe it is all designed to increase profits for the electricity provider to artificially inflate the value prior to a complete sell-off of the remaining publicly owned networks. Unless the mainstream providers and the government recognise these facts, more people will decide to leave the system as prices for batteries decrease - thus putting even more pressure on the system before its ultimate collapse. The government and providers need to accept that most people see the future in alternate and solar power and they should do as the people want, not what they think is good for us.....or for the sale of the network which will only provide a short-term, one-off boost to the economy.

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