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I frequently like to commute to work on my bicycle. These past few weeks I have been hesitant to do so because of air pollution levels in the valley. I've resolved to do whatever I can to lessen my addition to this problem. One of the obvious solutions is to buy a solar power system to install on my roof. After doing some investigating and find this to be financially viable, I am planning to do so this spring. Although this seems to be a fine idea, I am puzzled by a few elements pertaining to Utah's net metering policy.

If I buy a solar system sufficient to supply enough power for my peak needs, for example when I'm using my HVAC in the months of May, June, July and August. I will most likely be over producing most of the rest of the year. So someone has come up with a plan to placate costumers that recognize that overproducers would just be handing power companies free power. The situation as I understand it is that I have a "power account" that can amass credit for all the electricity I put back into the grid. The part I consider extortion is:

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3) If net metering results in excess customer-generated electricity during the monthly billing period:

(a) (i) the electrical corporation shall credit the customer for the excess customer-generated electricity based on the meter reading for the billing period at a value that is at least avoided cost, or as determined by the governing authority; and

(ii) all credits that the customer does not use during the annualized billing period **expire at the end of the annualized billing period**

To add insult to injury, you have chosen April to be **the end of the annualized billing period**. Which just happens to be when I could actually use the "credits" in my "power account".

They would in turn sell that free power at a vastly inflated profit compared to if they had to produce it themselves.

How our "PUBLIC service commission" came up with this policy to be in the best interest of the public is baffling to me.

Many of our surrounding states are required by law for the power companies to reimburse for customer generated electricity. If you are interested in improving air quality in the valley more than increasing power companies profits you should do something about this.

