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I write to express my strong support for Utah rooftop solar customers, and my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed fee increase of \$4.25 per month targeting these customers. Utah's solar owners are making critical investments in clean energy at a time when Rocky Mountain Power is not.

Because Rocky Mountain Power's energy mix predominately relies on burning coal, it is a huge source of air pollution. When rooftop solar customers plug their solar panels into Rocky Mountain Power's grid, they offset some of that dirty energy with pollution-free solar power.

Further, those customers are setting the standard that Rocky Mountain Power should be holding itself to-- innovation. These customers are using a resource that Utah has in abundance, not a limited one that must be drilled out of the ground.

Rather than penalize these customers, let's celebrate the fact that they are trying new things, and making our state a better and cleaner place for all its citizens. Putting fees in place may discourage people from going solar at all. It is in the state's best interest to use our renewable resources and allow customers the ability to do what is right for the environment.

I stand with the rooftop solar energy producers of Utah and ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty be rejected. Their personal investment in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health, environment, and economy. They should not be penalized; rather, they should be commended.

Sincerely,
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