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I would like to express my disapproval of Rocky Mountain Power's request to increase monthly fees charged to its net-metering customers who generate power from small residential photovoltaic arrays.

The PSC in its oversight role should reject this for the main reason that it discourages participation by engaged citizens who want to help alleviate the serious problem of air pollution in Utah.

I realize that it may not be in RMP's financial interest to allow privately-generated power onto their grid. What's good for a corporation's bottom line is often at odds with what's good for the general population. (That's why regulatory agencies such as yourself are appointed when granting monopolies.) But when I think about it, the reverse may actually be true: RMP stands to gain when PV solar generation is added to their grid at times of peak use, i.e. on sunny hot summer days when AC use is high. Witness the program wherein RMP places a gizmo on residential AC units to keep them turned off at peak-demand hours. RMP must have spent quite a bit to deploy that system, and for good reason: enough power generation and distribution infrastructure needs to be build to accommodate peak demand; if RMP can quell the appetite at peak times, they can defer construction of more power plants.

Home electric generation is good for all of us. Let's encourage it!

Sincerely,  
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