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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. To charge customers who give power freely to Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is double-dipping by RMP. RMP should invest in their own long-term stability by encouraging these free gifts.

And although these solar customers used their own money to buy solar equipment, the benefits accrue to many Utahns -- in the form of reduced air pollution, protection against fossil fuel price swings, and the creation of clean energy jobs right here in Utah.

When rooftop solar customers plug their solar panels into RMP's grid, they offset some of the dirty energy with pollution-free solar power. Each individual rooftop solar installation is relatively small, but together their contribution is growing -- projected to comprise 20 MW by the end of 2014. Utah's solar owners are making critical investments in clean energy at a time when RMP is not.

I am very concerned that a solar penalty will stop some customers from "going solar" and impede progress toward renewables across the grid.

I stand with the rooftop solar energy producers of Utah and ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty not be approved. 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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