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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am a Rocky Mountain Power customer with solar on my rooftop and I wanted to write to express my strong opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed fee increase of \$4.25 per month targeting customers like me. I made a personal investment in solar and find it incredibly unfair that I should be penalized for investing my personal resources in clean energy.

I took money out of my own pocket and invested in solar to help with issues like poor air quality and climate change. Even proposing this fee is about the most backward idea I have encountered. Because Rocky Mountain Power's energy mix predominately relies on burning coal, it is a huge source of air pollution. In fact, among all Western utilities, Rocky Mountain Power is the single largest source of air pollution.

When rooftop solar customers like me plug their solar panels into Rocky Mountain Power's grid, they offset some of that dirty energy with pollution-free solar power. And although I used my 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. Each individual rooftop solar installation is relatively small, but together their contribution is growing -- projected to comprise 20 MW by the end of 2014.

Solar customers like myself are doing exactly what I wish Rocky Mountain Power would do a lot more of: invest in Utah's renewable energy resources! 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 as a rooftop solar energy producer of Utah and ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty not be approved. My personal investment in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health, environment, and economy. This should not be penalized; rather, it should be commended and encouraged. Please do not encourage such backward, outdated thinking, and oppose this fee.

Sincerely,

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