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Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar fee

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I wish to express, as strongly as possible, my objection to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar fee. Supporting this absurd proposal would be insane for two reasons:

(1) Economically. Solar sources make the most electricity when the sun is shining — such as during the hot summer afternoons, which is exactly when electricity demand is at a maximum. At these times of high demand, peaker power stations, which are idle most of the year, are deployed to make the additional electricity at a much higher cost than normal base-load. Thus, solar power reduces demand at exactly the time when costs of generating electricity are very high. More solar power therefore means lower overall costs for consumers (it is effectively subsidizing everyone else), whereas less solar power means higher overall costs for consumers. Whose side are you on?

(2) Environmentally. This is also an economic issue because poor air quality is a significant impediment to recruiting and retaining high-level personnel from out of state. Our perceived regressive attitude to energy policy is also a negative for recruiting, and if enacted, this crazy proposal would deepen the problem. The people are fed up with excuses for lack of action on improving our poor air quality. This regressive proposal should be shown the contempt it deserves.

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I strongly agree with all of the above and could not have said it better myself.

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