



Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket Number: 13-035-184

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission:

I wrote earlier in the year about **Docket Number: 13-035-184**. My wish is that you deny the request of Rocky Mountain Power regarding rooftop solar.

The rate hike will do harm to the environment which many of us have voluntarily placed solar PV on our roofs with the Net Metering to help clean the air, reduce our carbon footprint, and help in decentralizing demand during peak periods of electricity consumption.

My spouse and I are first adopters with our first array of panels costing \$3.25 per watt plus shipping just for the panels. Now that the cost of PV panels has come down below \$1 per watt, we see panic by RMP and other electric utilities around the country. Rather than build a new business model to accommodate this trend, RMP would rather (and lazily) stick to the old ways of doing things.

If there really are only currently about 2000 Grid Tied systems in the RMP customer base, and one took a conservative approach to calculate the revenue increase, RMP would receive at best a yearly windfall of about \$120,000. Is there really a large problem here that RMP has to take this approach at this time?

I believe that this docket request should be denied or that it be tabled for further review and study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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