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Commission Chairman Ron Allen
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Dear Commission Chairman Allen,

We all need to do the right thing here. Net metered customers are already paying to subsidize the grid. Why charge more? Solar installation is good for local business. I have several friends who are making additional income on their regular electrical contracting business. RMP should be encouraging additional rooftop.

I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rooftop solar fee of \$4.25 per month. Utah's solar owners are making critical investments in clean energy at a time when Rocky Mountain Power is not.

Because Rocky Mountain Power's energy mix predominantly 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 plug their solar panels into Rocky Mountain Power's grid, they offset some of that dirty energy with clean solar power.

Rooftop solar is also saving solar homeowners money. More rooftop solar means fewer investments in power plants and other expensive infrastructure, creating savings for all RMP customers.

Meanwhile, rooftop solar is actually benefiting RMP's bottom line. The latest analysis shows that homes with rooftop solar would help save over \$1.4 million dollars in avoided energy and transmission costs for the utility in one year, but RMP still wants solar customers to pay more.

I stand with the rooftop solar energy producers of Utah and ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty not be approved. Homeowners' personal investments in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health, environment, and economy.

Sincerely,

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