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Don't let monopoly utilities put a tax on the sun. If Rocky Mountain Power wants to eliminate energy choice in Utah, it should not be allowed to push an unfair tax on solar customers. This tactic is anti-competitive and will put a stop to the public's right to control their electricity bills by generating clean energy.

Utah has very little rooftop solar today, but has great potential to be a solar leader. If RMP gets its way, this potential will never be realized. The Beehive State ranks 7th in the United States for solar resource, but only 30th for solar jobs and 31st for solar homes.

My suggestion: When solar customers hook up to the power grid, charge a one-time \$25-\$75 fee. When solar customers have excess power, it feeds into "the grid". I understand RMP pays customers for this excess power. Deduct a small fee from this compensation. This way, only solar power users who use the grid will pay any fees. Customers with stand-alone solar systems which do not connect to the grid should neither pay RMP nor receive compensation from RMP.

Thank you for considering my concern and suggestion.

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