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To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposal by Rocky Mountain Power to penalize Solar net-metering customers. My husband and I installed solar power because we are committed to reducing our use of non-renewable resources and to making a smaller impact on the world our children and grandchildren will inherit. Our solar installation was supported and encouraged by government incentives at the state and federal levels, and we also opened our home for years afterward so that interested people could observe our system and learn about its functioning. Investing in solar helps to move our culture towards greater sustainability – better air and water quality, and a longer-lasting future. Moreover, during much of the year, we generate more power than we can use, and that excess power feeds into the grid for Rocky Mountain Power. We generate power and feed it into the system, and for this, we are not compensated by Rocky Mountain Power.

If Rocky Mountain Power were asking for fee increases to support their investment in renewable sources, cleaner technologies, or a move towards a sustainable energy future, I would feel different. But they are not doing so – rather, they are asking for more money because demand for fossil-fuel generated power is going down. This move offends me, both in terms of environmental principles, and in terms of economic ones. Approving such a rate increase may dissuade people from going to solar power, and will convey a disregard for conservation and sustainability on the part of Utah's government.

Best,

Monisha Pasupathi

Note: this email is written as a private citizen and in no way represents the opinion of the University of Utah.