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Dear Utah Public Service Commission and Rocky Mountain Power (RMP),

On the surface, RMP has been a great supporter of solar generation by its customers. But now it seems that they want to penalize their customers who have already invested tens of thousands of dollars per home by instituting an additional fee for solar system generation.

I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rooftop solar fees at any amount.

I have made that substantial investment for installation of our net metering system on our home. Our system is not sufficiently large to completely provide for our usage. I still chose to go forward with the purchase and installation with the hope of offsetting my usage to a substantial amount, and making a contribution toward a better environment.

Unlike utilities in more consumer friendly states, e.g., California and Oregon, Rocky Mountain Power will not pay for any excess power I might generate over my consumption, but merely credit my billing for any power I generate.

Any excess power generated by rooftop solar customers is gray to RMP.

Consumers investing in rooftop systems help RMP save investment funds in power plants and other expensive infrastructure, creating savings for all RMP customers.

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, or any, solar penalty not be approved. My personal investment in a net-metering system clearly benefits Utah's health, environment, and economy.

Sincerely,

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