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## **Integrity in Utilities**

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To The Public Service Commission:

This message intends to alert all on the Commission to the disingenuous actions by Rocky Mountain Power in its effort to add fees (penalty) to all conscientious citizens who have sought at great expense on their own to install solar panels. Initially, Rocky Mountain Power had established good credibility by making Blue Sky grants available in order to reduce the energy we need for the health of the planet. First Unitarian Church received a Blue Sky grant and (1) added an additional \$50,000 to exercise full capacity of solar panels and (2) worked with neighborhood groups and members of the congregation to increase solar usage in private homes.

Is there no integrity in Rocky Mountain Power? After the pretense of aligning itself with those who strive for energy sustainability, the utility has now undermined all community efforts by trying to add fees solely for those who have taken action to reduce energy use. We were falsely led to believe that Rocky Mountain Power supported reduced energy consumption. Regardless of their hypocrisy, I hope that the Commission prevents utility companies from misleading their customers. RMP must be denied the right to add \$4.95 per month to every solar panel household.

I have been a religious leader in this community for more than 25 years. The outcry of injustice at Rocky Mountain Power's slight of hand has reached a decibel level never heard before. I urge you to insist that sound moral practice be maintained throughout the utilities' business dealings with the public.

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