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RMP's Solar penalty

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Dear Commissioner,

We Utahns want to do the right thing and doing so shouldn't come with a penalty. RMP & PSC should be rewarding homeowners for adopting solar roof panels. We need to encourage this practice if we want cleaner air. RMP seems to be discouraging this practice. RMP says one thing and then does another. They ask us all to invest in BLUE SKY. Yet, they don't use the wind turbine generated electricity until they have used up their allotted amount of coal for the day. RMP keeps moving the goal posts too. They started out using encouraging techniques with small minimum bills with power buy backs for those generating enough power to reverse their meters. With the new proposals, they are gradually taking away the incentives. The power RMP doesn't sell to Utahns gets sold downstream to Nevada and Californians where they make more money as their rates are higher. By moving the goal posts, people who were early adapters and who had to spend more for the technology may never realize a ROI. It also makes people currently considering adopting a solar roof system realize that whatever they sign up for today might not be there in the next month or two. People DO NOT LIKE UNCERTAINTY! They want to see their investment paying off in the not to distant future. They want to see cleaner air with less carbon pollution. RMP needs to be a good corporate citizen. RMP and our federal and state governments need to incentivize good clean renewable sources of energy and not penalize those individuals who are often making huge sacrifices to make our planet a better place to live.

Sincerely,

The Brooks Family (Tom, Carrie, Clifton, Erica, and Jessica)

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