



Mr. Ron Allen, Chairman  
Utah Public Service Commission  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114  
Submitted electronically to [PSC@Utah.gov](mailto:PSC@Utah.gov)  
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July 17,

Dear Chairman Allen:

As the Chair of the Sugar House Community Council, I am writing to ask for your careful consideration and stewardship of rooftop solar power in Utah.

Our Council believes that rooftop solar power provides clear benefits to Utahns. Rooftop solar reduces the need for expensive power at or near times of peak demand; reduces the need to transmit power over long distances using expensive transmission infrastructure; and delays the need to build new and expensive power plants.

Utah's rooftop solar industry is also experiencing rapid growth as more and more Wasatch Front residents look to install solar panels and produce power for themselves and their neighbors.

While these benefits are clear and easy to conceptualize, their precise monetary value to the utility and to other utility power customers is not.

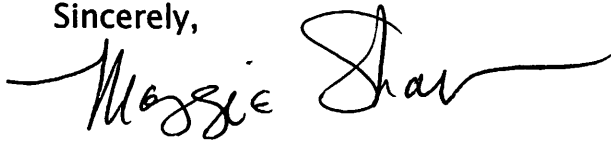
Fortunately, a bill passed by the Utah State Legislature this year, SB 208 Public Utility Modifications, allows the opportunity for thorough examination of the monetary benefits of rooftop solar. It directs the Utah Public Service Commission to "determine ... whether the benefits of the net metering program will exceed the costs."

The proposed residential net metering fee currently before you is based only on the utility's perceived costs of rooftop solar power and not the benefits.

Our Community Council asks that you please fully evaluate the benefits of rooftop solar power in a different proceeding. Only after careful consideration of both the costs and benefits of rooftop solar can a fair and reasonable determination on this issue be made.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maggie Shaw, Chair

Attached: Sugar House Community Council Resolution

**Resolution passed unanimously at the July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 meeting of the Sugar House Community Council**

The Sugar House Community Council supports residents who install solar panels on their homes and participate in net metering programs. We oppose efforts that would impose additional fees on current rooftop solar owners and will discourage others from installing solar panels on their homes. We request that the Utah Public Service Commission determine the full benefits of solar power to the utility and other utility customers as directed in state statute.