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## Solar Tax

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To: PSC@utah.gov

Dear members of the Utah Public Service Commission,

As you are having a public hearing on July 29, which we cannot attend, my wife and I would like you to understand our thoughts regarding the matter of a sales tax on rooftop solar panel customers - suggested by Rocky Mountain Power.

We see at least 4 reasons for not sanctioning this tax:

- 1) This idea came from ALEC, not from Utah, and ALEC has a vested interest in fossil fuels. Please refer to [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/27/opinion/sunday/the-koch-attack-on-solar-energy.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/27/opinion/sunday/the-koch-attack-on-solar-energy.html?_r=0).
- 2) There is an overwhelming consensus among the small-government Republicans in Utah that we should not charge taxes for every little thing.
- 3) We, like many others who are retired or are looking forward to retirement with a modest fixed income, would like to be able to better afford the power we need to survive. For this reason, we invested in a few solar panels on our roof to defray the ever rising cost of electricity.
- 4) We believe that we are lightening the load on the demand for present day fossil fuel-driven energy by creating and using clean energy.

Please consider these and other valid reasons for not catering to the request by RMP and ALEC for more taxes.

Sincerely,

Mark and Lynn Zaritsky  
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