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Subject: Rooftop Solar surcharge

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Ms. Wilson:

I am writing to comment on Rocky Mountain Power's proposed surcharge to private owners of rooftop solar systems that use net metering to export excess electricity generated by their equipment to the local grid.

These systems provide some benefits for the entire community, not just the rooftop system owner:

1. Potential to lower purchased power by Rocky Mountain at summer peak
2. Potential to postpone construction of new generation

I am aware that solar does not preclude the need for most rooftop solar systems to have 100% backup from RMP's generating facilities for use at night and during periods of low solar influx. However, it seems that the benefits may well outweigh the costs to interconnect these rooftop systems.

I urge the Commission to investigate the true cost/benefit of these systems and reject RMP's proposed fee until the investigation is complete.

I am a Mechanical Engineer that has worked in the Electric Utility business for 34 years at dozens of coal and gas-fired generating facilities all over the US

Sincerely,

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