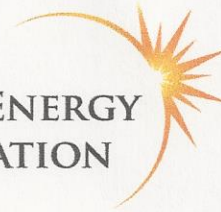


UTAH
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Comments in response to Docket 13-135-184

Submitted on behalf of the below solar industry businesses

Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attn:

Commissioners, Ron Allen, David Clark, Thad LeVar, and Executive Staff Director Becky Wilson

July 25, 2014

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Solar Industry of Utah, which represents over 50 businesses and nearly 1,000 jobs, we are writing to request that the Utah Public Service Commission decline Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to add a new \$4.65 fee for residential solar customers. The proposed fee does not reflect the benefits that rooftop solar brings to Utah, and poses a significant threat to Utah solar businesses, jobs, and livelihoods. We ask that you do not approve a fee that will harm Utah's growing solar market and unfairly prevent investment in a much needed, nonpolluting energy resource.

Rooftop solar remains a significant investment for Utahns. Homeowners must consider a variety of factors when choosing to invest in solar, and the opportunity to reduce monthly energy costs is a primary component of that decision. A new monthly fee will discourage homeowners from installing solar because it would impact their ability to reduce their monthly electricity bills and extend the payback period for their investment.

Furthermore, Utahns want and need energy choices. Rooftop solar provides local governments, businesses and citizens with a vehicle for personal choice; an added fee on rooftop solar threatens personal choice and stifles the growth of new markets for the sake of monopoly profits.

Thank you for considering our comments. We are grateful to have the opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Bishop', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elias Bishop

Utah Solar Energy Association, on behalf of the undersigned Solar Industry businesses:

Access Solar Limited, Alpenglow Solar, AMD Architecture, DwellTek Solar Energy Solutions, Garbett Homes, Gardner Engineering, Hunt Electric, Legend Solar, JC Electric Company, Intermountain Wind and Solar, Progressive Power Solutions, Solartek Solutions, Splitrock Solar, SPower, Synergy Power, TRA Snow and Sun, Wasatch Solar, Utah Solar & Alternative Energy, Johnson Powers Energy Company

