



Docket # 13-035-184

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To: PSC Commissioners Allen, Clark, and LeVar
From: Bob and Kim Carson, Utah residents and solar owners
Re: Docket # 13-035-184

We are writing in opposition to the proposed implementation of a \$4.65 monthly fee for residential rooftop solar owners. It is an unfair fee that will provide a disincentive to homeowners to provide themselves and others with a healthier, economically sound source of energy. Our major concerns are:

1. The study of both the costs and the benefits is required by law, and there has not been a comprehensive study of the benefits of solar. RMP has stated that the main benefit is lower energy costs, and these customers are realizing a savings. Most solar owners are also doing it to provide a cleaner, healthier form of energy for their families and neighbors, and creating greater independence from fossil fuels. The benefits of cleaner air and water, and clean energy business development, among other benefits, have not been taken into consideration. Dave Eskelson of RMP stated on 7/28/14 that RMP would be willing to participate in a deeper cost/benefit analysis. Allow that to take place, as the law requires.
2. To add a fee for rooftop solar while Utah's solar industry is in its infancy will harm Utah's growing solar market and prevent investment in an extraordinary energy resource.
3. There is a very strong net metering law in place at this point, that has been given an A rating. This fee will only serve to obstruct future solar development.
4. This fee would raise an insignificant amount of revenue for RMP, yet it will be a real burden

for many families who made a sacrifice to install the solar system in the first place.

5. A diversified energy portfolio is a good thing for all Utahns.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

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