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Dear members of the PSC,

I am writing in opposition to the solar tariff that is being proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. As a customer who has recently installed solar panels with a net meter, this added expense is a burden not previously anticipated. Currently, the monthly taxes and fees associated with my account is \$7.99 so adding an extra \$4.25/month is an increase of 53% for basic service charges for the solar customer. While I understand that that use of solar energy reduces the income generated by RMP from an individual customer, I don't think that we should bear the cost to the corporation of that income loss. Each solar power customer has already put a large amount of money into the up front costs of installing a solar array (in part for the benefit of decreasing their monthly bills). The return on monetary investment for those of us who installed a solar array is not going to happen for many years into the future. The benefits to the power grid and natural resource utilization are immediate. Our solar installation lessens the demand on the grid and therefore benefits RMP significantly. Additional fees will be seen as a deterrent for those people considering future solar installations. I strongly oppose RMP punishing solar customers for improving the capacity of the overburdened electrical grid when each of us has done this at great personal expense with an eye toward improving resource utilization immediately while hoping to recoup our costs in the distant future.

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