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#### Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net Metering Program Docket Number: 14-035-114

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Kevin Heaton <kgheaton@wintools.com> Reply-To: kgheaton@wintools.com To: psc@utah.gov Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 2:19 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing in support of solar energy. We installed solar panels in September of 2013. Our system is sized to provide between 50% and 75% of our power needs. We expect our breakeven point, cost wise, to be sometime after 2021, if we live that long.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the hearing to share my point of view. Some of us have to work during the day to pay for things such as electricity.

I have read and agree with the many comments in support of continuing Net Metering and will not repeat those arguments here. There are, however, a few points that have not been brought up and should also be considered.

When my solar panels are producing the maximum amount of power and, due to our conservation efforts, we are generating excess power, that power is being passed on to our neighbors who do not have a solar system. Due to the tiered rate structure, power that we generate may be going to our neighbors and they may be charged the at the highest rate tier of 14+ cents per KHW. At night when our system is not producing power we purchase it at the lowest rate tier. I suggest that Rocky Mountain Power is already benefiting by selling our power at a higher rate that they pay us.

My parents pay a little extra on their power bill for the Blue Sky initiative. We are signed up for the Cool Keeper program. We have received rebates for LED lighting and Energy Star appliances. The money for these initiatives come from one or more small charges on our electric bills. It has been determined that these programs benefit all rate payers. I suggest that solar energy also benefits all rate payers. Could not these existing Customer Efficiency Services be extended to offset additional costs, if any, of allowing Net Metering?

Our solar system has a 25 year warranty and is designed to last at least 40 years. This investment will provide Rocky Mountain Power and society benefit long after I am gone. The long term benefits of solar should be considered along with the short term infrastructure costs.

If, in the end, it is decided to change the rate structure due to Net Metering customers please consider that some Net Metering customers generate little excess power and others generate more. A single surcharge, such as proposed in 2014, is not fair. Our system was offline for two weeks during the winter because it was covered in snow. During such periods any Net Metering fee would result in double charges. The solution to this is to adjust the minimum monthly fee and to reduce the cost per KWH.

I am a firm believer that solar power benefits all rate payers and should not be penalized.

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