



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Say no to Rocky Mountain Power's solar proposal

1 message

Elizabeth Berke <lizberke@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 4:28 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I urge the Utah Public Service Commission to say no to Rocky Mountain Power's solar proposal. This proposal bolsters the power company at the expense of private homeowners who paid to add solar to their homes. This proposal would weaken solar in Utah, cause environmental damage, and take choice away from Utah homeowners, giving it instead to a major corporation.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Berke
(Logan, Utah)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Vance Layton <vlayton500@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 4:19 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please reject the proposal by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to increase rates for solar power users. As RMP continues to increase their rates it is getting more and more difficult for working families to keep up. Solar power is an affordable solution and needs to be preserved. I believe if RMP is allowed to punish solar power users it will cause solar companies to lose business and eventually be forced to leave the state. I believe this happened when RMP was allowed to raise rates in Nevada.

I do not have solar panels on my home yet but I am in the process of doing so and if this passes I will definitely have to re-evaluate whether or not I want to invest in solar energy.

Please support working families and economic growth by not allowing RMP to go ahead with this outrageous proposal.

Sincerely,

Vance Layton

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Fwd: Public Service Commission

1 message

Gary Widerburg <gwiderburg@utah.gov>
To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 4:10 PM

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From: <constituentservices@utah.gov>
Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 4:00 PM
Subject: Public Service Commission
To: gwiderburg@utah.gov

November 14, 2016

Cain, Tyler

You have been assigned to reply to the following issue:

Constituent: Martinez, Michael**Constituent Address:**
Michael Martinez

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Constituent Email: mjmartinez3939@gmail.com**Mobile #:****Home #:****Office #:****Subject:** Public Service Commission

Request (Closed): Dear Governor Herbert, On November 9th, Rocky Mountain Power filed a request before the Public Service Commission to raise rates on rooftop systems. The fees are among the highest proposed by any utility around the nation on rooftop solar customers. If imposed, the fees would effectively end the growth of the rooftop solar and devastate the solar industry in Utah. The solar industry provides almost 4000 jobs in the state and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. All of which will be negatively affected if these fees are put into place. You only have to look toward Nevada to see the effect. Their commission imposed outrageous fees on owners and overnight hundreds of solar industry jobs were lost. Utah prides itself as a economic development state. Your office has worked hard to cultivate growth and it has paid off. If these fees are imposed one of the fastest growing industries in the state will be greatly harmed. While I know you don't make the decision directly. If you were to publicly come out against these fees it would send a strong message to the commission not to harm Utah's economy when considering these fees. Thank you for your time.

Gary -- to be added to the docket. Thank you!

Constituent Services.

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State of Utah Mail - Fwd: Public Service Commission

Gary Widerburg
Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of Utah
801-530-6713



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Rate Changes.

1 message

Richard Bitton <richardbitton@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 3:54 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

This is coming from someone who puts bread on the table for his family through the solar industry here in Utah. Please do not allow the changes to the net metering rate structure that Rocky Mountain Power is seeking. This would be the death of renewable energy (and the 1000's of jobs it has created), here in Utah. Solar in Utah is finally making sense as an investment that helps keep money here (in the pockets of Utah residents). Even negotiating with Rocky Mountain on their proposal would take a huge hit to our industry here in Utah.

Please do not accept or move forward with their set proposal.

Kind Regards,

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Richard Bitton | Advisor

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket item 14-035-114

1 message

Craig Provost <cprovost@att.net>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 2:37 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Jen Dailey-Provost <jldprovost@gmail.com>, Dale Provost <dsprovost@gmail.com>

PSC board members,

My wife and I moved to Utah a few years ago and bought an old house with 3 wood burning fireplaces. We totally renovated the old house, putting insulation in outer walls and ceilings as well as taking out all the old fireplaces and putting in 2 new efficient gas log fireplaces. We also were encouraged by the state and federal government rebates and invested in solar panels for our home. We were planning on saving money in the long term and helping this beautiful state to decrease the pollution in our air beginning immediately.

Now, less than two years after our investment, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is proposing a disastrous rate hike which will totally negate our savings investment in solar panels and basically punish us for the investment that was encouraged by our state and federal governments through their rebates.

Please consider another study funded and carried out by an independent source before taking the RMP study at face value. There are significant other factors which I am positive RMP did not consider in their study.

Sincerely,

Craig J Provost, Ph.D.

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Salt Lake City

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket number 14-035-114 net metering

1 message

douglasdrolett@comcast.net <douglasdrolett@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 2:30 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello: In January of 2016 we installed a 4.3 kWp roof top solar system on our house here in SLC. We completed our application for net metering with RMP and submitted it in late January 2016. Our system did not go on line live until April 20th of 2016. We have been extremely pleased with our system and the performance. We own one electric vehicle (Chevy Volt) that at this time is averaging 242 MPG equivalency using the energy from our solar panels.

While I understand RMP and their feeling of despair it is important to note that other than the one day their service guys were at our house installing the net meter and maybe the 4 hours required to complete paperwork in their offices we have not asked RMP to do a thing. All we are doing is putting nearly twice the energy we consume back into their grid.

Yes we are compensated for this excess in credits against future use but is that not the point? Clean energy being created by the sun. No pollution and actually no cost as the panels and everything in our system (other than the actual net meter) are our financial responsibility. Please tell me why we should after investing over \$20K to have this system installed be made to look bad to our friends and neighbors by the smear campaign that RMP is asking you to uphold.

Clean energy is here NOW. Clean energy works NOW. Do not allow RMP to perpetrate these myths and effectively put a death curse on the roof top solar business here in Utah. We need the tax incentives and we need the ROI to be decent as it is now in order for more Utah folks to make the move to clean energy. Docket number 14-035-114 simply is not the right direction for us to take. Please consider our air and our quality of life now and in the future and work with RMP and all of us concerned solar users to reach a fair and reasonable alternative solution.

Thank you and please include me in any communication if possible regarding this matter.

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP Solar adjustment request

1 message

Clint Jeffs <cjeffs@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 2:17 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am not sure if there is an official public comment forum or mechanism but I wanted to weigh in on the current request being submitted by Rocky Mountain Power in reference to solar installations and Net Metering.

Fundamentally I understand what is being requested and why it is being requested but the way it is being structured I think is wrong. The perception leads to negative connotation of solar and appears to be a way to penalize people who want to pursue solar.

The idea of a need for a one-time application fee to cover administrative costs, assuming these costs are costs associated with setting up the customer's net meter and finalizing the switchover makes sense.

The part I have reservations about is the proposal for an increase of the Basic Charge to \$15 for solar customers. There shouldn't be a difference in the "basic charge" for solar and non-solar users. If RMP was able to conduct a study and come to a conclusion that basic charges for a connection needs to be \$15 then every customer should pay \$15 for a basic charge.

Usage rates and fees should be just that, usage rates and fees and should be the same for everyone as well. If a homeowner chooses to provide for mechanisms to lower their overall energy consumption (in this case off setting it with production) then they should not be penalized for using less. The energy solar users are producing is produced during peak demands helping everyone.

Thanks

Clint



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain power rate changes

1 message

Leslie Phillips <lesphil1976@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 1:05 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my outrage at the proposed rate changes related to residential solar power. I feel like these changes are going to set back what we should be encouraging; namely the generation of clean power in our state. I was horrified when I read this quote in the Tribune a few days ago;

"Evans said he believed that under the proposed rate structure, net-metering customers could end up paying more for electricity than they would if they continued purchasing all their power from Rocky Mountain Power. For Rocky Mountain Power to propose such a rate structure effectively eliminates competition and prevents Utahns from improving their air quality and achieving independence in generating power, he said."
This is, if nothing else, a slap in the face to the free market. If something makes sense for our environment, our economy, and our citizens we should be embracing it not suppressing it for the sake of one company.

I hope you will take the many downsides of these unfair rate changes into account when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Leslie Phillips
1170 E Blaine Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah
84105



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Please say NO to Rocky Mountain Power's attack on Solar.

1 message

Jay Perry <jayperry88@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 12:21 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Daisy Blake <dblake@gephardttdaily.com>, Jann Haworth <JHaworth@theleonardo.org>, Jennifer Nielsen <pumpkins213@hotmail.com>, Alex Johnstone <alexander.h.johnstone@gmail.com>, liberty blake <libertyjblake@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen over the recent Salt Lake Tribune and KSL articles regarding RMP's rate schedule change request for Solar customers. I am **opposed**.

RMP's argument is that non-Solar customers are footing the bill for Solar customers right now. That's not true. **The reality is that RMP is passing their own financial losses on to everybody else.** They are trying to sell it to the good citizens of Utah by telling us we are footing the bill. Let them take a loss! Let them compete in the marketplace. Don't let RMP take what isn't theirs.

If RMP destroys incentive for Solar, which is clearly in their best interest, the rest of us lose.

Look outside. It is almost 70 degrees in the middle of November and we can't see across the valley. We need to fix this problem NOW before it's too late. Let citizens decide for themselves what kind of energy future we want. Please do the right thing.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

All the best,

Jay Perry



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Brujeria39 <Brujeria39@yahoo.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 12:02 PM

We need to deny the rate hike proposed by rocky mountain power on solar panels.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain solar power proposition

1 message

Casey Rock <casey.m.rock@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 11:32 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern:

I would like to indicate my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's plan to charge solar households more through their new rate calculation proposal. Now, more than ever, we need to encourage the use of renewable energy sources – which we cannot do if they are continually made more and more expensive.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,
Casey Rock



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Cindy Hyde <cindyhyde8@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 11:26 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

This is a comment in reference to the solar panels and those who have installed them. I think RMP is right to increase their rates during peak hours. I don't think I should have to carry the load of accessible power for them when they need it. We have a power source, they can use it if they would like. In choosing an alternate, or a supplement to that power is their choice. But, I should not have to pay more for my power because of their choice. By staying with RMP for all of my power, I should, if anything have a lower bill and not a higher bill because I choose not to have solar panels. You are welcome to use my comments and count my vote, but please do not use my name. Thank you



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Fwd: Public Service Commission

1 message

Gary Widerburg <gwiderburg@utah.gov>
To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 11:19 AM

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From: <constituentservices@utah.gov>
Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 11:12 AM
Subject: Public Service Commission
To: gwiderburg@utah.gov

November 14, 2016

Cain, Tyler

You have been assigned to reply to the following issue:

Constituent: Fugere, Ronald**Constituent Address:**

Ronald Fugere
1090 East Loch Lomond Way
Salt Lake City UT 84117

Constituent Email: rrfugere@gmail.com**Mobile #:****Home #:****Office #:****Subject:** Public Service Commission

Request (Closed): Subject: Rocky Mountain Power fee hike for rooftop solar homeowners To Whom it May Concern, I am totally against the proposed fee hike requested from Rocky Mountain Power for rooftop solar customers. The fee hike is nothing more than punishment for the rooftop solar homeowner having the good sense to take their energy needs into their own hands. This is just a veiled heavy handed attempt of a rate increase by a utility monopoly to their captured customer base. Rocky Mountain Power says that the rooftop solar homeowner isn't paying their fair share of receiving service from the utility. Hogwash! They pay their fair share by paying their power bill submitted to them by Rocky Mountain Power. That is their fair share! This rate hike request is like me paying more for gas at the pump because I had the good sense to purchase a Hybrid vehicle instead of a giant gas only SUV. Please don't punish the people that have optioned for clean renewable energy. I am NOT a rooftop solar homeowner, just a concerned one.

Gary -- another to be added to the docket. Thank you!

Tyler Cain
Constituent Services.

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Gary Widerburg

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Solar Panel Rate Hikes

1 message

Paul Breck <pbreck2@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 11:05 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern.

I wish to express my concern with regards to the Monopoly Company, Rocky Mountain Power with regards to rate hikes for solar panel owners proposed to start in December 2016. The bottom line is that I do not feel that the rate increase is fair. Though I am not a solar panel company owner, I know that a rate hike will cause irreparable damage to Utah's Solar Industry. Even worse, I know it will not be fair to those consumers who already purchased a Solar System. We recently bought solar panels and they were just installed on October 30, 2016. They are not even on the NET meter yet. Under the current rates and NET metering it would take 10 years to pay for the panels and our system would cover nearly all our electric use if the current design works. We bought these panels with the tax break incentives for both federal and state income tax relief. We also know that Salt Lake County has a huge problem with inversions and air quality, so we thought it best to support a greener environment by using less coal powered energy. Giving in to Rocky Mountain Power and allowing the rate increases will cause significant harm to all Utahans' and especially those that currently own Solar Panel Systems.

I am asking for you to not approve the rate changes for solar panel owners. If this rate hike is approved I will work with my legislator and the governor's office to create new legislation that helps protects consumers like myself and my neighbors as well as a very large and profitable industry that competes directly with the Monopoly Company of Rocky Mountain Power.

Paul Breck. 801-362-1687



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fwd: Public Service Commission

1 message

Gary Widerburg <gwiderburg@utah.gov>
To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 10:03 AM

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From: <constituentservices@utah.gov>
Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:59 AM
Subject: Public Service Commission
To: gwiderburg@utah.gov

November 14, 2016

Cain, Tyler

You have been assigned to reply to the following issue:

Constituent: Booth, Randy**Constituent Address:**

Randy Booth
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South Jordan UT 84009

Constituent Email: rcbnobother@yahoo.com**Mobile #:****Home #:****Office #:** (801) 712-3703**Subject:** Public Service Commission

Request (Closed): Subject: Rocky Mt Power proposed rate changes for solar energy I just read about Rocky Mountain Power's request for new rates/charges to residential customers with solar energy systems. I don't like it, but I understand their point about administration costs. I think the \$15 per month is too high. However, if they are allowed to charge a monthly administration/customer service/access-to-system fee, they should be required to pay those residential customers for any energy production over their usage at the same rate they charge residential customers. Now, excess production is accumulated as a reserve for months of higher usage and any remaining balance is just eliminated at the end of the energy year, March 31st. They get the energy and sell it. The producers get nothing for that excess. With a payback to the rooftop producers, Rocky Mountain Power would be promoting additional production from the rooftop systems, instead of discouraging it.

Gary -- to be added to the docket. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Tyler Cain
Constituent Services.

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Gary Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

hwildflower@gmail.com <hwildflower@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:36 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Please deny Rocky Mountain Powers request for a rate hike to solar power. Utah needs clean energy options. Allowing them to unfairly hike rates for people choosing clean energy makes it look like you are working for the establishment your supposed to supervise. Protect us from fossil fuel dependency. Thank you.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP Rate Change for solar

1 message

Rocky Olsen <rocky@the-olsens.us>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:33 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I love utah, having recently moved back from living 10 years in other states. The deep rooted belief in rugged individualism and self reliance. Unless you are faced with a well funded monopoly and their lobbying group.

In Illinois I could every month shop around from various power providers and choose the cheapest rate. The free market was in full effect and the consumers benefitted. Here I'm shocked by RMP's death grip on consumers and the governments compliancy.

Alternative energy (wind, solar, etc) is the ultimate expression of self reliance. RMP's attempt further destroy an individuals ability to produce their own power is disgusting. Do not approve this rate change.

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/4565812-155/rocky-mountain-power-asking-to-change>



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on New Rate Schedule

1 message

Gmail <jeremyg.jones@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:32 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am writing to express my opposition to the new proposed rate schedule proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. If this messages needs to be directed elsewhere, please let me know. I am happy to speak about this issue further.

While I am sympathetic to RMP's arguments that rooftop solar customers are in their own class (and that they effectively receive a subsidy from other customers and/or RMP), I believe the new net-metered proposal is bad policy.

Allowing RMP to charge application fees and service charges to solar customers stands to disincentivize adoption of renewable power. Allowing RMP to calculate net-metering rates based off of a single-hours' peak usage in any given month is also completely unfair. Charges should be averaged in some equitable fashion, not viewed in the most disadvantageous manner possible simply because it's solar.

The proposed rate structure threatens to completely remove the economic incentives to install rooftop solar and/or make it very difficult for those who install solar to recover their investment. I appreciate that RMP has solar-generated power available for purchase, but they're clearly not meeting market demand, and protecting a utility/monopoly from this type of competition is the exact opposite of a free market incentive. RMP would be better off innovating and delivering on the type of power requested by the market, not trying to protect itself at the expense of consumers, energy independence, and the environment.

Nevada has adopted a similar utility-level cost barrier and saw its rooftop solar industry disappear overnight. That's a loss of jobs, a loss of market innovation, and a loss of renewable energy in a desert state, much like ours.

Even if the current rate structure is viewed as a pure subsidy, it's one that has a positive impact. Solar energy is free to capture (save the initial capital investment relative to panels and grid tie-in), renewable, and cleaner than traditional sources. It's also resulted in a large cottage industry for sales and installation. Those are positive market impacts that should be encouraged, not walled off.

A discussion about the fair allocation of costs needs to consider the costs to the utility, but also to the public. If citizens are willing to step in and privately fund the creation of rooftop solar infrastructure, that investment should be recognized by the commission. If RMP is not meeting a market demand (either by failing to invest in solar or failing to deliver solar at a competitive rate), then that should be considered relative to what would be fair for RMP. Some changes to the rate structure may make sense, but to be truly fair, those need to be addressed among all stakeholders. RMP has as vested interest in protecting itself and its way of doing business, and it's proposed rate structure needs to be viewed skeptically. This proposal should not be adopted by the commission.

-Jeremy Jones, RMP customer and Salt Lake County resident.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Regarding 14-035114

1 message

Erika Polley <erikapolley@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Erika Polley <erikapolley@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:10 AM

This email is regarding docket 14-035114.

I am emailing to express my opposition to the proposed bill to increase costs to customers with solar panels. It is not fair to be charging them more because of their decision to be more environmentally responsible and investing in solar panels.

Sincerely,
Erika Polley



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

I'm against RMP's proposal to raise fees for net metering customers on solar

1 message

David Ripplinger <dcrippinger@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 8:50 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen to state that I am fully against Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to raise fees for net metering customers on solar.

It's obvious why RMP wants to do this. They are threatened by the growth of the solar industry and their only concern is their own profit. They argue it is a fair treatment. But it will snuff out competition, allowing them to monopolize. A similar change happened in Nevada, and it did in fact bring the solar industry there to a halt.

If we don't nurture the growth of solar power, we will be remembered as a state that instead of helping fight global warming, pollution, and monopolies, contributed to these things in one of the most backward thinking ways possible.

(And if you don't even believe global warming is a serious thing, then please remember this is not a political thing, it is one of the most scientifically backed truths to have ever gotten strong opposition from non-scientists. I'm a conservative in most regards, but I also earned a degree in Physics, so I know to listen to the vast majority of scientists instead of corrupt extremists and ignoramuses like Newt Gingrich and Sean Hannity.)

David



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

My name is Aaron Hoehne, I am an electrician for 1 Solar of Utah and very concerned about the proposal from RMR! This is far from fair to the customers, employees and business owners of solar in Utah and needs to be shut down! Or at least revised to something that is fair and will not completely shut down solar in Utah and cost me and so many our jobs! Thanks for your consideration and support!

1 message

Aaron Hoehne <aehoehne34@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 7:37 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rooftop solar

1 message

Brian Jester <bsjester246@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 6:44 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Good morning.

My name is Brian. I currently am working as a solar installer. I'm hoping my email makes it to the right person. If rocky mountain power increases its rates I fear nobody will buy systems and my job gets taken from me. This happened in Arizona to where 99% of the market was gone. Thank you for shutting down rocky mountain power and keeping me employed!

Ssgt Brian jester
USAF Reserve



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar-net meter fees

1 message

Mick Garrison <mickgarrison@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 6:19 AM

To: "Psc@utah.gov" <Psc@utah.gov>

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Michael Garrison. I live in Farmington Utah and I work for One Solar in Woodscross. I am writing to show my support of rooftop solar and ask that these new net metering fees proposed by Rocky Mtn Power be denied. If the net metering agreement does need to be adjusted then that's one thing but what they are asking for will completely crush solar in Utah. Which includes my job. Rocky Mountain Power claims they are just looking out for non solar users but please don't be fooled. They are only concerned with one thing. Money. They don't want anyone competing with their monopoly. Their claims are biased. Their math is flawed. They want to ensure everyone is locked in to lease power from them for a lifetime.

Solar creates so many jobs! If this is not considered then that is a terrible shame. In addition to helping our economy solar also allows homeowners to produce their own energy and it is such a clean source of power. Of course RMP doesn't want any competition. They'll argue they just want things to be fair but making Warren Buffett more rich at the expense of Utah's economy is not fair. Lets learn from the disaster with net metering in Nevada.

This proposal needs to be shut down so we can all continue to discuss, research, and negotiate. Please don't let them just push us all out. They claim solar users need to pay their fare share? Thats fine. They should pay on energy they use! Energy they pull from the grid. Not be punished for adding to the grid. RMP claims they "pay" too high of a rate to solar users as per the net metering agreement. That they could buy it from a solar farm for a 3rd of the price. Umm... They don't pay anything. They give customers credits. They are just mad that they can't collect that money anymore. Well too bad! That's the reality of progression and competition. Im sure all the phone companies wanted everyone to be stuck using their grid and would have loved to have shut down cell towers. Solar technology is here and it is a major benefit to our economy. Lets come up with a fair number for solar users to pay for grid use and maintenance. But this is not it! Thank you for your time. Have a great day!

Michael Garrison
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket # 14-035-114 A letter of protest for the proposed changes to solar panel customers

1 message

FAITH GARTRELL <faithg2@comcast.net>

Sun, Nov 13, 2016 at 1:02 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To the Public Services Commission:

This is to protest the proposed formula for "net metering" of energy production from rooftop solar panel users. This complicated formula punishes those of us who produce clean power sending excess back to the grid. The effect of this rate increase will be to discourage clean energy production and conservation, increase the production of harmful air pollutants, and quash the solar industry along with its considerable associated employment opportunities.

The privileged and wealthy can buy clean water and protect themselves from unsightly development, but filthy air effects all of us and our children. One look out the window at the increasing valley smog tells us that any attempt to decrease air pollution is "the right thing to do" and should be encouraged. You are on the wrong side of history!

H. Faith Gartrell
Salt Lake City, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Do not approve the Rocky Mountain Power ratehike.

1 message

Heather Smith <hjwildflower@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 13, 2016 at 7:39 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please promote clean energy. We can't breath.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

solar power

1 message

Caroline Jansson <swedishwakeboarder@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Caroline Jansson <swedishwakeboarder@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sun, Nov 13, 2016 at 2:43 AM

To whom it may concern,

I was quite displeased to hear about Rocky Mountain Power's proposed levying of fees upon future solar customers. As a current solar customer, I understand that I will be unaffected, however, as an environmentalist and advocate for free markets, this proposal is irresponsible. Solar energy provides a wonderful means to decrease our carbon footprints, a particularly important benefit in the Salt Lake Valley given our poor quality of our air. By allowing this proposal to succeed, we would be allowing a regulated monopoly to promote strong disincentives to future customers of solar power and reduce the opportunity for real change in the quality of the air within the valley that my children breathe every day. Alternative energy is clearly the future of our planet's powering and attempts to thwart its adoption are selfish and short sighted. The reasoning behind the proposal is clearly a false justification for Rocky Mountain Power to increase their profits and the expense of Utahs' health.

Please do not take this proposal lightly,
Caroline



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power's proposed net metering changes are terrible

1 message

Noah Syroid <nasyroid@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 6:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

If you haven't already, I HIGHLY recommend you read Jim Steenburgh's blog post <http://wasatchweatherweenies.blogspot.com/2016/11/rocky-mountain-power-is-scared.html>. Jim does a tremendous job assessing RMP's latest proposal for net metering. It is clear that RMP has not conducted an independent audit for their proposed changes. Additionally, they also are clearly ignoring all of the subsidies they receive for fossil fuels, which contribute adversely to our air pollution crisis.

In summary, I am **strongly opposed** to RMP's proposed net metering changes.

Sincerely,

Noah Syroid
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fwd: The Shoe Has Fallen--In a Big Way.

1 message

Dan <danielrb@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 5:19 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Commissioners LeVar, Clark, and White,

We hope you can be helpful with this new, very serious concern for us and for other home and small solar power investors.

We had solar panels installed on the roof of our Orem home in August 2015 and were looking to break even in about 12 years.

It now appears that we may never break even.

What Buffett & Nevada Power did (with help of the Nevada PUC) to destroy home and small solar in Nevada, Buffett and Rocky Mountain Power are now set to do in Utah.

You're probably already aware of this announcement by Rocky Mountain Power of

"a proposed three-prong rate increase for any new solar customers after Dec. 9"--also "a one-time application fee of \$60 to cover administrative costs and a \$15 fixed monthly rate charge for other costs like customer service and meters."

"In addition, the utility company is proposing to charge \$9.02 per kilowatt for peak period demand and 3.81 cents per kilowatt-hour for the amount of energy used — new rate structures that the utility company says more accurately capture costs and benefits associated with rooftop solar customers."

As a Vivint spokesman states: "rate changes imposed in Nevada killed rooftop solar installations — dropping them by 99 percent — and led major solar companies to leave the state." and "This is substantially more onerous..."

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865665906/Rocky-Mountain-Power-seeks-fee-hikes-for-new-solar-customers.html?pg=all>

Here's a glimpse into the Nevada demise of home solar. "In 2013 Nevada Power was bought by Warren Buffet and he expressed his continued support for renewable energy. In early part of 2015 it became aware that the residential cap would be breached in a very short time. Nevada legislature was heavily lobbied by NVPOWER to not increase the caps. So they Nevada legislature did nothing and stated they would leave this up to the PUC. The PUC 3 members are all appointed by the governor and the chairman of the PUC name is David Noble who is also reported to be against solar panels and is only supportive of geothermal production.

"The PUC Not only just rejected the cap increase they also enacted a new rate structure for net metering by slashing over five years the price paid for excess power generated. They also implemented a 15 minute demand fee during peak time. New a grid use rate that increases over 5 years as well. Surprising everyone the 17,000 existing solar residential users weren't even grandfathered as is normal when changes take place. None of these changes PUC enacted were proposed by NVPower. While the 17,000 solar users had entered a agreement with the solar companies they also had to sign contract with NVPower and has been made null and void by the PUC.

"Nevada has on average 289 sunny days that is ideal for renewable energy production. The Solar industries had employed 6,000 highly skilled well paid jobs. The Solary companies spent millions in infrastructure, warehousing training and 3 appointed PUC members has gone above and beyond to destroy a Industry that would have help diversify Nevada economics and tax base."

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2016/1/9/1467703/-Nevada-s-PUC-has-just-killed-residential-solar>

11/14/2016

State of Utah Mail - Fwd: The Shoe Has Fallen--In a Big Way.

Is there anything that we little people can do to block or ameliorate the end of small solar in Utah? We hope that the governor, legislature, and Utah Public Service Commission will push back against Rocky Mountain Power in favor of a more balanced view and a more fair result than the one proposed.

Hoping that Buffett and Rocky Mountain Power will not have a free hand to destroy our renewable energy investment and that of so many other Utahns, past and would-be future.

Please let us know your thoughts.

Thank You! Dan Bartholomew



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Solar

1 message

Tyler Cruickshank <tcrucks@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 4:17 PM

Reply-To: tcrucks@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello.

This is an email in support of denying PacifiCorp's (Rocky Mountain Power) proposed solar net-metering rate increase. The proposal is found in Docket Number: 14-035-114, Schedule 136 and is related to Schedule 5 tariff.

Bottom Line:

This proposal really makes no logical sense from any perspective outside of RMP's profit preservation perspective. Residential solar requires no land disturbance, is available at reasonable cost, has no environmental/climate impact outside of the manufacturing process, produces "free" energy, storage options are realistic and rapidly advancing, and it provides a real economic stimulus in the form of significant monthly savings in homeowners pockets. Would we (Utah) rather have homeowner power savings serve as a economic stimulus for Utah or have the money go to RMP (PacifiCorp in Portland, OR)? There is very little argument for this rate increase beyond preserving PacifiCorp and RMP profit.

Background:

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has a singular interest in preserving profit for the corporation. We see this first in their Blue Sky Program. Instead of operating based on a renewable energy rate schedule they operate on a "block" basis. Money from block purchases does not fully purchase renewable energy for the residential customer. 27% of the block fee goes to RMP administrative and marketing costs (along with a bit of education). A large portion of the remaining 73% of the block fee goes towards solar power install grants to what are called "community projects". These projects include Associated General Contractors of Utah, the McGillis School, Hogle Zoo, NOLS in Lander WY, Planned Parenthood, churches, US Ski and Snowboard Association, UTA, Westminster College and many more. The residential customer is funding solar power for private and public organizations and these projects serve as marketing tools for RMP. Furthermore, it is a method to offer "options" to customers without significantly changing their portfolio mix.

Most recently, RMP has built their first solar farm and is selling power to residents produced from this farm. RMP strongly prefers residents to buy power from their facilities or purchase programs because they can take a profit off the top and passes virtually no savings on to subscribers. RMP solar farms are surely a good thing because the power is from a renewable source, however, they require the land purchase and conversion as well as the infrastructure. Homeowner solar does not require land conversion nor does it require infrastructure purchased by RMP. It simply requires a roof that is otherwise serving little purpose. This is the main reason why RMP is frantically trying to deter homeowners from installing solar - because the possibility of all homeowners installing solar would (effectively creating a robust distributed power generating system) very significantly reduce profit and influence of RMP.

Thank you.

Tyler Cruickshank
Salt Lake City, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar Rate readjustment bill by Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Adam Fletcher <adamsfletcher21@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 3:03 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

My name is Adam Fletcher,

I would like to voice my discontent about the Rocky Mountain Power's move to raise rates on Utahns interested in developing solar power. It is not fair to raise the rates on anyone who is not using power in order to accommodate for those who do. That is the exact opposite of what all economics shows. When demand goes down prices go down in an open market.

This is an awful attempt for the Power company to try and force it's monopoly on those who are investing in alternative power sources. I understand that there is a reason we have only one power company, it would be unreasonable to have several or even dozens of competing wires, pipes, and lines running to every house, thus the need for a unified power grid. However, the solar power doesn't infringe on their ability to regulate the transport of power nor does it stop them from selling power to others without the solar panels. If we are to be truly fair the power company should raise their own rates on everyone for the power they are using rather than increasing the power cost on those who use less. If the issue is really just in maintaining the price of power then we will see a natural market response. They will raise their prices to continue to meet demand and profits, and people that are using it will pay for it, or they will raise them and drive people into a competing industry, nameiy renewable energy.

I think that is is responsible for any commission, but especially our Public Service Commission to entertain this bill. You are purposefully entitling a company to maintain a monopoly that is slowly failing do to alternative energy. Do not follow the Federal Governments example of too big to fail. Let things play out the way the market plays them out, monopolies will be replaced by other alternatives. Although the cost is truly very high for solar, and ineffective at night, without subsidies that shouldn't allow Rocky Mountain to cut off other access because it is dipping into their pockets. That is wrong, and I think if we sit and think about it we can all agree on that.

I want to make sure that my voice has been heard. I would appreciate any additional information about public councils, events, or discussions so I may take part in this decision that affects all Utahns, not just the ones with Solar power. Please let me know that my email has been received promptly so that I may not have to use other channels as well. I will write letters and come in person if need be and speak with whomever is designated to hear the public voice about our public services. I urge you to deny this bill for the sake of our economic freedoms and for the freedom to pursue a cleaner, safer Utah for ourselves and our progeny.

Sincerely,

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Your immediate response is appreciated as is your diligent examination into the morality and ethical precedents that may be set by this bill.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Opposition to RMP Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Scott Jones <scottjones@cesolar.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 2:07 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission, et al.,

Please take time to read the following commentary. I am employed by the solar industry and believe my voice offers a uniquely qualified perspective into Rocky Mountain Power's Docket No. 14-035-114.

As a North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Photovoltaic Technical Sales Professional, I have personally deployed hundreds of residential and small commercial solar photovoltaic systems in Utah. We have rooftop solar on our office buildings and on our homes. Solar is my livelihood - how I feed my three young children and support my family.

Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate tariff is punitive, overtly complex, and tacitly designed to eliminate competition. The tariff deliberately dissuades the installation of average-sized and larger-sized PV systems. Analysis of RMP's "Bill Savings from Proposed Schedule 5 Rates" clearly shows the point of diminishing returns occurs at zero solar panels installed. Indeed, as the ratio of solar energy generation increases, the return on investment dramatically worsens. This eliminates free market choice. Furthermore, complicated demand charges have no place in the residential arena. RMP is not playing fair.

Having personally consulted thousands of homeowners, I can attest that most are motivated to install solar for both environmental *and* financial reasons. RMP's proposed rate tariff renders this investment non-viable. This measure will kill solar in Utah along with its enormous contribution to our local economy.

Finally, and of huge importance, Rocky Mountain Power has instructed the Public Service Commission, "as a matter of law", to limit consideration of the costs and benefits of net metering to 'actual' and 'quantifiable' (meaning purely economic) while omitting the environmental and health benefits associated with clean solar energy. According to RMP, these benefits are considered "unquantifiable" and subject to "reasonable verification". This request is an affront to our intelligence and should be considered as such.

Please exercise authority over Rocky Mountain Power and reject this punitive rate change. Utah deserves better.

Respectfully,

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away from fossils

1 message

Charlotte Gant <charlotteg577@me.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 12:52 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

The time for fossil fuels is long past.

I would like to see every effort to go in that direction encouraged and supported in all reasonable ways by government.

This is a transition whose time has been delayed by greed. (I don't think that needs elaboration.)

Charlotte Gant
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket Number: 14-035-114

1 message

Jeremiah Abel <jerabelinc@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 12:43 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Theron Watson <theron@myblueskysolar.com>, tyson@myblueskysolar.com, Theron Watson <teedub52@yahoo.com>, Tyson Watson <tysonpwami@yahoo.com>

RE: Docket Number: 14-035-114

To whom it may concern,

I absolutely oppose this initiative and would ask that the PSC look at the effects of all customers and not a single class or customer type.

If a rate increase is needed, fine, but to single out a select group is also known as prejudice and simply not the right way to go about this.

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Please forward this to the proper person for review and to make sure my acknowledgment of this docket is known prior to the hearing date.

Thank you,

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Jeremiah Abel

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket Number: 14-035-114

1 message

Jeremiah Abel <jabel@skytasolar.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 12:42 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Tyler Erickson <tyler@skytasolar.com>, Jake Butler <jbutler@skytasolar.com>, Matt Wilson <mwilson@skytasolar.com>, Rick Fleming <rick@skytasolar.com>, Christian Davenport <chrisd@skytasolar.com>, Camille Erickson <camille@skytasolar.com>, Jon Trung Nguyen <Jon@skytasolar.com>, Logan Bennion <logan@skytasolar.com>

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Thank you,

Jeremiah Abel
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no fee hike for Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Ron Fugere <rrfugere@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 12, 2016 at 11:39 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

I am totally against the proposed fee hike requested from Rocky Mountain Power for rooftop solar customers. The fee hike is nothing more than punishment for the rooftop solar homeowner having the good sense to take their energy needs into their own hands. This is just a veiled heavy handed attempt of a rate increase by a utility monopoly to their captured customer base.

Rocky Mountain Power says that the rooftop solar homeowner isn't paying their fair share of receiving service from the utility. Hogwash! They pay their fair share by paying their power bill submitted to them by Rocky Mountain Power. That is their fair share! This rate hike request is like me paying more for gas at the pump because I had the good sense to purchase a Hybrid vehicle instead of a giant gas only SUV.

Please don't punish the people that have optioned for clean renewable energy.

I am NOT a rooftop solar homeowner, just a concerned one.

Best Regards,

Ron Fugere

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power's negotiations.

1 message

Joseph Russo <joseph.russo.writer@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 4:27 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hey, I read in the Salt Lake Tribute that you are considering Rocky Mountain Power's rate restructuring. (found here: <http://www.sltrib.com/home/4565812-155/rocky-mountain-power-asking-to-change>) From what I was given to understand in the article, this would raise the bill of solar users by selectively billing them for their peak power use instead of power use over time.

I would highly encourage you to consider the impacts that such a rate restructuring would have on the emerging solar economy. Utah is a great place for solar power, with abundant sunny days throughout the year, and its adoption demonstrates to the world that we are technologically at the forefront of our country.

If you allow the rate hike, you are essentially allowing one company to determine what's best for all. I can't come up with a good reason to do that.

I currently live in an apartment with no agency over my power options, but I am currently on the market to buy a house. My goal, once I have made that purchase a solar power installation. It is not only likely to be cost effective, it is also good for the air, and the earth. I would encourage the commission to back modern technology.

Thank you,
Joseph F Russo



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 14-035-114

1 message

Jake Smith <yackoboo@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Jake Smith <yackoboo@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 2:24 PM

Dear Commissioner,

Please consider moving back the proposed 12/9/16 implementation deadline of this aggressive new net metering proposal. It is unfair of Rocky Mountain Power to have announced these proposed changes on 11/9/16, only one short month away from the 12/9/16 Grandfathering deadline.

In mid-October 2016 I entered into a contract to have rooftop solar installed on my home. The steps of this installation take 2-3 months to complete. I agreed to enter into this contract after fair due diligence based on the information that RMP made available to me at that date. Now, I find that RMP's new net metering agreement proposal makes the economics of small system rooftop solar impractical for me as an average homeowner.

In other words, I feel victimized by the 12/9/16 deadline because my system may not be fully completed and live by that date. I would not have entered into this contract for rooftop solar had I known of these proposed changes to the net metering agreement, but it is too late for me to back out of my contract now. I have already spent thousands of non-refundable dollars.

If it is decided to grant RMP some degree of Net Metering Agreement changes, please consider moving the implementation deadline at least far enough into the future to allow for homeowners to be informed of the change before making their decision of whether to integrate rooftop solar. In my opinion a 3-6 month window would be more appropriate to allow the general public to weigh the modified economics of this issue.

Additionally, RMP's core defense is that "net metering customers underpay their costs to maintain the energy grid infrastructure". It is worth noting that my monthly power bill demonstrates that RMP's other energy efficiency rebate programs are intentionally funded via a charge to all RMP customers. i.e. RMP's policy on this matter is that energy efficiency upgrade incentives are made available to me, and they are subsidized by everyone, including homeowners who have taken no steps to make such upgrades. This billing policy seems to undermine RMP's defense that the current net metering agreement is an abuse because "it shifts costs".

Lastly, I acknowledge the reality that everyone connected to the grid should participate to a degree in RMP's maintenance costs; however, I find the three prong rate increase to be overly oppressive. Please strive to find a happy medium that will not completely squelch this environmentally important movement by the drivers of our great state's economy (you and I).

Thank you for your consideration,
Jake Smith



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Public comment on Docket No. 14-035-114 Investigation of the Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net Metering Program

1 message

Steve Simms <marcelo2@comcast.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 9:21 AM

Dear Commissioners,

The proposal by Rocky Mountain Power regarding solar meter is excessive. I do not have solar panels, but solar users should not be charged for their fuel. Nonsolar users have fuel costs. The analysis by RMP is lopsided, and it is a stunt to position this issue as solar users being subsidized by nonsolar users.

The PSC does have the responsibility to consider all the costs and benefits of solar, not just the direct costs to users. Solar reduces air pollution, a major issue on the Wasatch Front, and it is an industry that should not be crippled by a power monopoly like RMP (as happened in Nevada).

While solar users should contribute to the grid, the RMP proposal for fee changes would be much left if a full accounting were done. Again, that IS the responsibility of the PSC, contrary to what one of your members told the press.

Thank you,

Steven Simms
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Salt Lake City, UT 84105



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Net metering? seems to mean punishing the conscientious citizen - please be better than that

1 message

Marissa Palmer <rissann12@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 9:18 AM

To: cindy.crane@rockymountainpower.net, cindy.crane@pacificorp.com, psc@utah.gov

Rocky Mountain Power,

I'm having a hard time understanding your new net metering program. I'm not a solar panel owner, not sure that we will be, but from what I can see of this net metering program we definitely won't if it's instated. I've always looked up to Rocky Mountain Power as a company that tries to improve the world through conversation. Some would say that trying to get people to conserve is hurting your business and maybe that's what's going on with this net metering deal - you're losing too much money - I don't know. But to me, it really looks like you've made a 180 turn from helping the conscientious consumer to punishing them. Please restore my faith in this company and reconsider or explain yourselves better. I think if someone is trying to do something to improve the world around them the way should not be barred unless you have more money than brains. If you're willing to do this to one set of people, when will you do something similar to me? Be the great watt smart, educating company you've been in the past. Please.

A Concerned Citizen

Marissa Palmer



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power solar customer rate hike

1 message

Emily Cannon <happypinkflower@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Emily Cannon <happypinkflower@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 9:00 AM

To the members of our PSC,

I am writing to ask you not to approve the rate structures proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. As a resident of Cache Valley, I am familiar with the need to moderate business needs, consumer needs and the general public good. We have a self-sustaining recycling program and a rate-free bus system which, in addition to reducing pollution, supports businesses and consumer by providing transportation. We know that appropriate, non-predatory solutions can be found.

The RMP rate hike proposes to make solar customers "pay their fair share," citing an annual subsidy. However, this difference would be paid directly to RMP, which is not where the subsidy comes from. Additionally, the extra amount charged is directly correlated to the amount of energy needed at a peak time of month, so that solar user bills are calculated in a way that will be difficult to understand and penalize the people most who make the least difference to RMP. If there is a real need to provide even financial support, let them establish a tiered basic access fee (commercial/residential/etc.) and then reduce their usage fees accordingly.

The very short time frame in which they wish to have this increase approved seems suspicious. Please don't allow the power of a monopoly to hurt small consumers trying to do what is best for us and our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Cannon



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

roof top solar

1 message

Judi Morris <jumorris@wsd.net>

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 8:10 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

About two years ago Rocky Mountain Solar started sending us a letter EVERY month saying we were using more energy than our neighbors and we needed to conserve energy. We had long felt a desire to help our environment by using solar energy, so we decided to install a \$23,000 system on our roof. Rather than being happy that we have cut our Rocky Mountain energy usage, they continue to try and penalize us for doing good. I should have known that Rocky Mtn. Power really doesn't really want us to use less energy as it cuts into their profits. If they want to increase the initial cost of a net metering system for new customers by a couple of hundred dollars, fine, but don't keep penalizing those who are trying to help the environment. It is obvious that Rocky Mtn. Power doesn't really want people to conserve energy; if people do conserve, the power company will just continue raising rates. Perhaps electricity should be non-profit since it is so essential to our lives. Had I known the power company would continue trying to get even more money out of us, I would never have installed my solar system. \$23,000 buys a lot of monthly power bills.

Judi Morris

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Deny Rocky Mountain Power's New Net-Metering Plan

1 message

Jacob Green <jakeag@byulaw.net>

Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:01 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's newest plan to assess additional fees and costs on net-metering customers. This is an impermissible attempt by RMP to short-circuit the process for changing its rates. This action must be done through a general rate case. Moreover, this new policy is bad for Utah as it will stifle free-market competition, and exacerbate our already dangerous pollution problems.

Best,

Jacob Green
South Jordan, Utah