



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Keep solar an option for Utah

1 message

Cara Cook <moonmelting@icloud.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 6:14 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I am a citizen of Herriman, UT and also an employee of Solar City. I just heard there's an initiative fromv Rocky mountain power to significantly change the rate of net metering for solar customers. This makes zero sense for consumers who want to help provide clean energy for their communities. Please ensure we don't have a repeat of NV Energy here. Utah deserves better and choices in getting energy.

Thank you,
Cara Cook

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Net Metering

1 message

Jim Follett <follettjim@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Jim Follett <follettjim@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 6:46 PM

I am opposed to the change in net metering proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. For our air quality and our planet, please do more to promote the solar industry. This change will hinder- Jim Follett



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Clean and sustainable energy

1 message

Bruce bwc <brucewc7@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 7:51 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hey folks,

You all know Solar is good and coal is really really bad. So what's the deal? Are you going to be good and back Solar? Or are you with the wicked one who cometh and taketh away light? You are the **PUBLIC SERVICE** Commission! Not the Pacific Corporation service commission. Who do you think your kidding. Do the right thing. Stand up for The People and Serve them! That's your JOB, that's why we pay you! Clean Sustainable Energy generation is OUR future and it is right, true and good and you know it.

Be careful what choices you make. Chose the right and let the consequences follow .

Ye shall have your reward in heaven. God is watching you!

If you Love Jesus, feed his sheep, Tend his sheep. Don't let them continue to be polluted by coal burning etc.

Thank You!

Bruce W. Chapman

Bountiful, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar Power Rate Increase

1 message

Denney Fifield <denney@fifieldonline.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 10:09 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I find the actions of Rocky Mountain Power reprehensible, hypocritical and monopolistic when it comes to solar power . Every person who puts solar panels on there home is doing so in the effort to help with greenhouse emissions and to help save money on the soaring costs of power. Allowing Rocky Mountain Power to come in and increase rates on those who have or will add solar panels to their homes should not be allowed. Everyone of us is adding Power back on the grid, saving Rocky Mountain Power money by them not having to buy their power from other locations.

Of course, Rocky Mountain Power would have you believe they are near the breaking point, but why are they selling so much power to California?

Please don't allow them to increase rates when we are already helping them produce power for others.

Denney Fifield

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RMP Net-metering changes

1 message

Chris Crabtree <cscrabtree04@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 10:22 PM

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

To whom it may concern,

I am one of many that are employed in the solar industry. I also have one of many families who rely on the solar industry to put food on the table. For obvious reasons I would like to express my feelings about the net-metering changes proposed by Rocky Mountain Power.

This proposal would not only cost me my job but thousands of others as well. Plenty of people and families are now being supported by Solar, not only in Utah, but all of the states that RMP resides in. This would also obliterate the future of solar in Utah. Making this a larger step back than SB1 15.

Charging its customers for using free energy that they themselves paid for, sounds like something only a monopoly could pull off. Thousands of people in Utah would have to shut of they're system because the charges for solar use would cost more than a power bill. Then what about all of the folks who financed they're system? They will still have to pay on that, plus a power bill, when they're supposed to be getting free energy.

Utah has one of the fastest growing economies in the country. And they're demand for solar power has never been greater. Allowing RMP to go through with the proposal would be a giant leap in the wrong direction.

Regards, One solar installer



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I'm the 969th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Matt Styles <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:09 AM

Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-14949333-2016129-tjGkXq@moveon.org

To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Dear Public Service Commission,

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My additional comments are:

Utah has the worst air in the country, as a state we should be *clamoring* to get away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy!

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1 message

Cary Secretan <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

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My additional comments are:

No more monopolies

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1 message

Ana vaca <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

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My additional comments are:

Solar energy is a natural resource that's given to us naturally. So, why not simply use the resources Mother Earth has to offer and save her in the process?

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I'm the 936th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Dylan Patterson <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:09 AM

Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-17059308-2016129-m4Ws3P@moveon.org

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My additional comments are:

Please don't look backwards trying to save a monopoly when the future is so bright clean and smart. Incentivize the utilities to adapt and improve don't enable them by punishing those that are moving forward towards the future.

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I'm the 955th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Scott Nielsen <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:10 AM

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To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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My additional comments are:

Typical Warren Buffett to talk out of both sides of his mouth in attempting this.

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1 message

Chris Anderson <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

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My additional comments are:

We need to clean our air up in Utah. I support solar for that one reason.

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1 message

Michael Nelson <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

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Save Solar for Utah. Solar is in the best interest of the homeowner.

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1 message

Tessa Burningham <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

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My additional comments are:

Save the earth. Save solar. Save my job.

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1 message

Jason <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

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Jason
Salt lake city, UT

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

I'm the 956th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Connor Southworth <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:10 AM

Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-17059483-2016129-3krUoO@moveon.org

To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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My additional comments are:

Dear Rocky Mountain Power, who moved your cheese?

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I'm the 961st signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Guillermo perez <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:10 AM

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My additional comments are:

Taking away residential solar away from the community would be like taking there options away . Thats an extra bill people can get rid off in due time. Im getting ready to put solar on my house and im shocked to see this

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Guillermo perez
Salt lake city , UT

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

I'm the 974th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Jace Briggs <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:11 AM

Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-17059620-2016129-DWjVij@moveon.org

To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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My additional comments are:

We deserve the option of having affordable solar energy

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Jace Briggs
Saratoga springs, UT

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

I'm the 968th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

danny drysdale <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:11 AM

Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-17059566-2016129-Ug0Q_f@moveon.org

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My additional comments are:

let the free market decide!

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

I'm the 978th signer: "Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah"

1 message

Samantha quintanar <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:11 AM

Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-17059628-2016129-ijLRdE@moveon.org

To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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My additional comments are:

Keep solar affordable!

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Samantha quintanar

Slc, UT

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Michael Kay <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Reply-To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-17059691-2016129-t8eEb8@moveon.org
To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:11 AM

Dear Public Service Commission,

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My additional comments are:

Let the markets work themselves out!

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Michael Kay
Murray, UT

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

985 signers: Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah petition

1 message

Ryan Evans <petitions@moveon.org>
To: Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:11 AM

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Thank you.

—Ryan Evans

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Please stop Rocky Mountain Power!

1 message

Camron Brewer <camronbrewer@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:38 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please stop Rocky Mountain Power!! The state should not help them create a monopoly with solar!!



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Increase solar power options

1 message

Dayna McKee <dmckee3313@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 7:03 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I would like to see more options for clean energy in my community . Clean energy is the future. The proposed rate increase is unacceptable. Our power grid needs to be modernized for the future generations of our communities. Solar is one of many ways to begin that process.

Thank you.

Dayna McKee
Salt Lake City, UT

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP issue

1 message

Ryan Rock <rrock81@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 7:17 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am against RMP's recent proposal to increase fees on solar users. I just built a house and I want to install solar panels. Based on the proposed fees, I will no longer be considering that option. The potential benefits now outweigh the costs from a consumer point of view. I have built in daybreak, south Jordan Utah and my view is shared by many of my neighbors as well. We all want to go solar but it has to make sense for us financially .

Thank you,
Ryan Rock
[8017872597](tel:8017872597)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Kyle Stowell <stowellkyle@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Kyle Stowell <stowellkyle@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 8:12 AM

We all want a strong power company until it is ~~affordable~~ to go completely ~~of~~-grid. But there should be balance between protecting Rocky Mountain Power's profit and protecting the solar industry. If there are indeed infrastructure costs that are being subsidized by non-solar customers, then bills should be made up of an infrastructure maintenance charge and a charge for power used. That would then be truly fair for everyone.

I am asking the Public Service Commission to study this proposal for a longer period of time prior to making a decision.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP

1 message

Norman Kingsford <normo213@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 8:57 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I get that RMP is scared they will be going out of business because of SOLAR. But it's not fair or ethical to raise prices for solar customers.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Proposal

1 message

Stephanie Quick <stevie.quick@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 9:07 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To my Utah Public Service Commissioners,

I am writing to you in opposition to the recent proposal brought to the table by Rocky Mountain Power . This will not only hurt the residential solar industry in Utah, but it is wrong for the citizens of Utah. Their proposed rates are one of the most anti-consumer, anti solar, and anti-competitive policies that I've ever seen across the United States.

As the state with the worst air quality in the nation, we should be doing all that we can to help negate the effects that we have on the environment. Rocky Mountain Power is using their monopoly in the utility industry to try to take out any alternative forms of energy by charging unreasonable prices to people wanting to switch over to solar. Rocky Mountain Power is making it clear that they care more about their bottom line than they do about the community and the health of Utah residents. Shouldn't we be doing all we can to work towards a healthier tomorrow, than to stay stuck in the same rut that we've been in for decades?

Residential Solar is one of the fastest growing industries in Utah, establishing thousands of jobs and allowing Rocky Mountain Power to charge their ridiculous fees will cripple the solar industry and devastate the job market.

When a Nevada company enacted similar rates on their solar consumers, solar installation dropped by 99% in the first year. This caused major solar companies to close their doors causing thousands of lost jobs. Utah has such a wonderful market, it would be a shame if anything happened to that due to the greediness of Rocky Mountain Power.

As a resident of Utah, I'm calling on you to do everything that you can to oppose this act. Keep fair competition in Utah and don't give in to the most aggressive anti-competitive policies ever brought forth by a utility company in the United States.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Quick



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP proposal

1 message

Brandon Holmes <bholmes1125@yahoo.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 9:20 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

This is a very sad day.

Solar is but a consumer choice, and has provided thousands of jobs for Utahans and give us, the consumers, an option to our power. Normally, if you live in a specific area, you have NO CHOICE, but you have to use RMP and are at their dictates... this is called a MONOPOL Y. Name me one other product in your life that this happens.. that's like saying 'because you live in west Valley, you have to buy a honda'... that sounds sadistic and communistic.

Also, having been born and raised in Utah, the air quality is horrific and isn't getting better... solar is a way to try and scientifically prove that it's helping out beautiful state.

Also, solar generally saved consumers money on their electric bills, which will only be put BACK into the Utah economy to continue to boost consumer spending.

So the 4 main pain points solar his fix:

1. Thousands of Utah jobs. This is great for everyone.
2. Cleaner air. Everyone wants to breath cleaner air.
3. Consumer choice! We are a democratic republic with a free market system that demands choice. If this passes it is a poor show of favoritism and communism.
4. More money into utahs economy. This helps our state.

So, in summary, if I asked you these yes or no questions, how would you respond?

Are you in support of thousands of Utah jobs with that number continuing to increase?

Are you in support of cleaner air?

Are you in support of free enterprise and consumer choice?

Are you in support or stimulation and more consumer spending into Utah's economy?

If you answers Yes, to these 4 questions, then we must not allow RMP to pass this. Solar is the answer to all of these.

Your respectfully,
A very concerned Utahan,

Brandon Holmes
12016 S Genova Dr
Draper Ut, 84020

[801-243-9989](tel:801-243-9989)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP proposal.

1 message

Devan Kempe <dkempe18@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 9:21 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I would like to express my concern of the RMP proposal for charging homeowners that have solar or getting solar on their home.

I'm a firm believer that renewable energy is the way to go. RMP has been doing this for a 100 years and it's not that we don't need them anymore it's that things are changing. W heather you believe in climate change or not ANYONE can believe that CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY is the way to go.

Please please please don't screw solar up for Utah.

Thanks!

Devan



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket Number 14-035-1 14

1 message

Brit Brockbank <britbrockbank@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 9:35 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I wanted to send a letter opposing the Rocky Mountain surcharge on Solar Energy residents. This is another way of catering to the large corporations while leaving its citizens to fend for themselves. In other countries, the government protects its people but lately in this great country , it seems we are being left behind. Utah needs to be better!! This is a beautiful state and we are ruining it with air pollution. We should not be punishing those who are trying to make a difference. I am opposed to any rate hike or surcharge for solar users. Protect the people, not wealthy corporations! Work for the people - not for the lobbyists! We elected you into office! Protect us.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Powers Proposal

1 message

Harry Moors <hmoors77@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

It is maddening to think that with the pollution problems, fast growing population, and more and more businesses opening up along the Wasatch front; that Rocky Mountain Power is asking the Utah Public Service Commission to approve one of the most aggressive, anti-consumer, anti-competitive, and anti-solar proposals ever brought forth by a utility in the United States. Rocky Mountain Power is ignoring the full benefits and demonstrated cost-savings that they and all Utahns receive from residential solar. We need to encourage and expand clean energy, reduce our carbon footprint and help as many as we can to do the same. Not increase rates, punish those trying to be good environmental stewards, or give Rocky Mountain the power to force more and more of us to stay plugged into them!

Sincerely,
Harry J. Moors



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Stop Rocky Mountain Power - keep solar alive in utah

1 message

Rob Brown <rbrown@visionsolarcom>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:20 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Stop Rocky Mountain Power! Their new proposed legislation is bad for the people of Utah.

Bad for consumers – This is an unfair move by a monopoly to punish Utahns who are trying to save money via residential solar. The new rate changes will almost triple the amount of time it will take these consumers to break even on their solar investment.

Bad for air quality – This measure makes it clear that Rocky Mountain Power cares more about its own bottom line than it does for our community and the health of Utah residents. Utah has one of the worst air quality conditions in the country and solar is part of the solution.

Bad for business – This move is particularly dangerous because Utah is such a pro-business state and the residential solar industry has been one of the largest and strongest sources of job generation over the past 5 years. Given the impact this new rate increase will have on customers, the impact on solar jobs focused only on Utah customers will be devastating.

Thank you!

Robert Brown
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Why are you killing the solar industry in Utah?

1 message

Theron Watson <teedub52@yahoo.com>
 Reply-To: Theron Watson <teedub52@yahoo.com>
 To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:26 AM

I have followed the fate of other states like Arizona and Nevada, two states that are blessed with perfect sunlight conditions, two states where solar should flourish, and two states where solar is DEAD due to the same type of legislation that is being passed on behalf of Rocky Mountain Power. It appears that the same person that killed solar in Nevada is the same person called in to do the same in Utah. The general public has no idea what is going on and what it means, if they did, you would hear more outcry.

Rocky Mountain Power talks about all the customers it is losing, but it doesn't factor in the natural population growth that happens every year. By diverting some customers to solar, it reducing the need for adding additional infrastructure that costs RMP additional money. They do NOT care about the individual home owner they care about the bottom line. They support solar, as long as they own the solar farm that produces power so they can earn a profit by it.

The power company should serve the people within its area, not control them. If everyone starting changing out their lights to LED and Rocky Mountain Power sales go down, are they going to start attacking LED light manufactures. If everyone becomes for efficient and turns more lights off and uses less power, are they now going to raise rates to make up the loss of sales. This monopoly needs to be regulated to protect the people it serves, not push through job killing legislation that also directly effects the veterans of our community.

Jobs will be lost if RMP is given permission to kill solar. Solar related jobs have seen the some of the highest job sector increases in the country, why would we agree to kill this job market. People who have been trying to help RMP should be named and given the credit for killing jobs in our community. A LOT of jobs. This is not a hypothesis, you can look at Nevada and Arizona to see what happens to solar jobs when companies like Rocky Mountain Power gets their way. 90% or more of all solar jobs disappear. Right before the holidays Rocky Mountain Power is going to kill the hopes and dreams of thousands of people to allow RMP to be happy with not losing any power or control. Sorry 'small business owner', you are not as important as the needs of the giant monopoly called Rocky Mountain Power. That does NOT sound like the Utah I know and love.

Where are our government elected officials who are supposed to be protecting us from this type of action? Where is the news media who should care about the people they serve? Will someone stand up against this monopolistic monster called Rocky Mountain Power?

I get it, Rocky Mountain Power finally has competition, and all it can do is try to kill it. I think the Railroads felt the same way when Aviation evolved, or when Landline phones had to make way for cell phones. Maybe when Encyclopedias were replaced by the internet. I am not saying I want Rocky Mountain Power go out of business, I just want it to remember that they provide a service to a community, and to adapt with change. We can chose to be on the right side of change and keep Utah relevant in the solar industry, or we can allow our state to be controlled by a company that only cares about the bottom line. Right now people are amazed at the growth Utah is making by supporting renewable energy. That is why RMP is trying to kill it, they see that change is coming and they don't like it. They try to scare people by saying that the costs are so enormous that everyone else is going to see massive price increases if nothing happens. Total scare tactic, not true. They might lose a slight amount of revenue, maybe less that 1%, but by passing this legislation, you WILL kill the solar job market in Utah, and that WILL be taken personal by thousands.

If there was any kind of solar fee to help pay their fair share, then a moderate/limited increased connection fee could be acceptable, but not the 3-pronged attack that is specifically designed to kill solar anywhere they can get away from it. It should be given a proper timeline for public opinion and discussion and not rammed down like ObamaCare was back when it was forced upon the people. The federal government is giving a 30% tax credit to support solar. The State of Utah is offering up to a \$2,000 tax credit for residential customers to support solar. All Rocky Mountain Power needs to do is allow Net Metering like most every other state in the country, a very minimal cost to join in the support of solar with the Federal and State programs. But no, Rocky Mountain Power can't help our community, it can only think of themselves. If you care about the jobs you are killing, if you care about the veterans of our community, then you will vote to veto this request.

Please help stop the madness!

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Proposed RMP NEM change

1 message

Benjamin Reid <testpilot93@hotmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:35 AM

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

To whom it may concern within the Utah Public Service Commissioners ~~of~~,

I am e-mailing to voice my opinion that the proposed NEM structure and fee changes by RMP are detrimental to our economy and environment as a state. The proposed changes would make solar which is beneficial to our environment and economy due to the business it brings not as beneficial an option for us as consumers. I sincerely request that you work to hear the voice of my and my fellow citizens and strike down these proposed changes. The benefit of residential solar is too great to inhibit its growth.

Sincerely,

Mr. Benjamin Reid



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar Fees Unfair

1 message

Keith Wilson <keithwilson@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:36 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission:

This email is to let you know how I feel about the new proposed fees regarding solar installs within the state of Utah.

I feel it's anti-solar, anti-consumer, and anti-competitive, anti-environment, and should be stopped in it's tracks.

Please know that consumers want choice, they want to harness the energy of the sun, and reduce their carbon footprint. It feels like the business practices of Rocky Mountain Power will only hurt those who want choice, and reduce costs.

It's up to Rocky Mountain Power to Innovate their offerings, by maybe competing in the Solar market, but not building fees and fines so high that it will effectively eliminate any positive incentive to move forward with solar

The unintended consequence of this is that the economic boom currently felt by the solar explosion will simply implode, causing ALL companies to leave the state.

Please know this fee is unfair, and unamerican.

Thank you,
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Lets take a closer look

1 message

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Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:50 AM

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According to Rocky Mountain Power the utility conducted a study that found a typical Utah rooftop solar customer underpays their actual cost of service by about \$400 per year. This cost shift currently amounts to \$6.5 million each year to other residential customers and is forecast to grow to as much as \$78 million annually if the rate is not addressed, the utility says.

Lets take a diferent look at this comment from Rocky Mountain Power They state that the rooftop solar customer underpays by \$400 per year From reading this article, it seems like this underpayment is just lost revenue from diverting energy usage from RMP to solar They are losing revenue, this is true, but they are also not having to pay to provide the electricity This wisdom would mean that people who change out to LED lighting should also be charged a fee because they now consume less power than 'other' customers. I know people who keep lights on as much as possible, who don't use heating or cooling as much as they'd like, all for the sake of reducing their power consumption should also be given a rate increase. This isn't what is best for the people of Utah, so let's not start down this path.

Smoke and Mirrors...lets not be fooled by Rocky Mountain Power

In April, when the 'reset button' is pushed, and all the banked energy is deleted from a homeowners account who gets the benefit of this? Yep, Rocky Mountain Power The state and federal government, designed to be For The People, are offering meaningful incentives to grow renewable energy but the monopoly called Rocky Mountain Power wants to cut its support...why would we allow that to happen?

If RMP has a long term, gradual plan that can make sense to the public which it serves, then great, lets support such actions. But when it is clear that RMP is looking out itself, and not supporting the people of Utah, then lets take corrective action.

Thank you,

Theron Watson

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Solar energy

1 message

ellen wunderley <ellenwunderley@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:51 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Sir, Madam,

I was so impressed this summer to hear of your solar opportunity for residents of your state. Not only was it in the forefront of 21st energy and environmental planning, it was also a great way for ordinary citizens to tap into the future and perhaps save some money while doing so.

Now I hear the rate structures for solar energy will be changing so much that it is no longer an attractive option. I hope you will reconsider and remain a leader in a much needed advance.

Sincerely,

Ellen Wunderley

Sent from my iPad



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Solar panel extra charge by Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

CenturyLink Customer <d.b.mccrory@q.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM

To: psc@utah.gov, ivory@utah.gov, kimcoleman@le.utah.gov

Please vote against the rate increase requested by Rocky Mountain Power

1. state and federal incentives encourage green energy

2. Rocky Mountain Power encouraged Blue sky program, wind/solar. But when it affects their bottom line financially they are against it.

3. When residential customers pay to install solar panels they are punished by higher rate charge to connect to the electrical grid.

4. Are companies and the government entities paying the same charge?

Don McCrory

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Please Defend Utah's Solar Industry

1 message

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Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:04 AM

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

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

Gov. Gary Herbert

Utah Governor's Office

To: constituentservices@utah.gov

CC: psc@utah.gov

Dear Governor Herbert,

I am writing to ask you to oppose Rocky Mountain Power's recent request to the Public Service Commission to raise rates for homeowners who choose to install rooftop solar systems (Docket 14-035-114).

This year my family decided to invest in a rooftop solar system for our home in Salt Lake City. While my wife and I earn a fairly decent income with one child, I am paying school loans and we have a sizable mortgage. But we felt the investment in solar was important for many reasons. We deeply care about being self-reliant, having clean air and having a healthy environment. Our investment also contributed to the local economy and helped provide jobs for the solar industry. As I understand, the industry provides jobs for about 4,000 people and it is growing!

Indeed, having a Federal and State tax credit certainly helped make this investment affordable for us initially. But we would not have made the investment if the rate fees that Rocky Mountain Power is proposing existed. As I understand, the fees they are proposing would be among the highest by any utility around the nation on rooftop solar customers. If imposed, the fees would no doubt end the growth of the rooftop solar and devastate the solar industry in Utah. The same thing happened in Nevada earlier this year. There the Nevada Public Service Commission imposed outrageous fees just as the solar industry was taking off and immediately the industry collapsed, and many people lost the jobs.

What Rocky Mountain Power is now proposing is a very aggressive rate increase proposal with a very short deadline. The arguments they are making is that rooftop solar owners are "underpaying" cost service and adversely affecting non-solar customers under the current net metering arrangement. But in reality, the reverse may be true. As a whole, rooftop solar on homes and businesses are helping the power company to reduce long-term capital investment costs, avoid energy costs, and reduce environmental compliance costs. Also, when the power company recently examined the costs and benefits of rooftop solar, they only assessed the economic benefits and costs. But how do you put a value on clean air? How do you put a value on public health? We all know that solar power brings tremendous benefits to our community and planet, even if the power company deems these benefits "unquantifiable".

Utah prides itself as an economic development state. Our office has worked hard to cultivate growth

and it has paid of. If these fees are imposed one of the fastest growing industries in the state will be greatly harmed.

Please oppose these rate increases. Your leadership on this issue is critical. Thank you for your consideration,

Ross Chambless

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Veto Rocky Mt. Power bill

1 message

Lynne Wright <llwright4023@yahoo.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:13 AM

Reply-To: Lynne Wright <llwright4023@yahoo.com>

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

I just recently got solar panels put up on my house. I understand that Rocky Mountain Power wants to increase the rate they charge their customers that are or will be using solar energy. I am absolutely against this bill. We have been encouraged for many years to GO GREEN. We recycle our garbage which includes old phone books, plastic bottles, cans and any junk mail we get. We've planted a garden and have recently made a compost pile. I have worked hard to find and plant drought tolerant plants for my yard. We have set our thermostat lower in winter and higher in summer, which has been a real hard thing to do. We don't let the water just run and have concentrated on taking shorter showers. We turn off lights in rooms where there is no one in and don't use the incandescent bulbs. This past summer we started turning off our car when stuck in traffic that wasn't moving, at the bank and any place where we are just idling. As you can see we are trying to do what we can to GO GREEN and save the planet. Now we got solar, are we going to be penalized while we continue to help out our planet. I'm not alone in this several friends of ours are doing this together, we are all outraged by this bill. I could go on forever but I won't, I think you got the message. PLEASE VETO THIS BILL



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STOP THE NET METERING BILL ON SOLAR

1 message

joshkrogue@gmail.com <joshkrogue@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:21 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please do not allow RMP to charge solar home owner users more money. Everything about that is wrong.

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Lewis Wright <flwright4023@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Lewis Wright <flwright4023@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:24 AM

My wife and I recently installed solar panels so we could save money as we are both retired and on a limited budget. We have done several things in the past several years to try and do our part in saving energy and our earth. We know the importance of doing what we can even if just small things. I urge you strongly to VETO the bill that Rocky Mountain Power is trying to pass. This not only affects my wife and I but everyone who uses this power company. Do they think they are the only one losing money when people are trying to live more earth friendly? People now days are recycling and buying energy efficient appliances and vehicles. It is your responsibility now to VETO this bill for the people who voted you in office. You MUST listen to the people who this bill will affect. DO IT NOW VETO ROCKY MOUNTAINS BILL TO RAISE COST TO THOSE WHO ARE USING SOLAR.

My son sells for a solar company here in Utah County and he will be hurt financially if this bill were to go through. Thank you for listening.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar fees

1 message

Tad Thueson <tad.thueson@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:28 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

This is a very sad day.

Solar is but a consumer choice, and has provided thousands of jobs for Utahans and give us, the consumers, an option to our power. Normally, if you live in a specific area, you have NO CHOICE, but you have to use RMP and are at their dictates... this is called a MONOPOL Y. Name me one other product in your life that this happens.. that's like saying 'because you live in west Valley, you have to buy a honda'... that sounds sadistic and communistic.

Also, having been born and raised in Utah, the air quality is horrific and isn't getting better... solar is a way to try and scientifically prove that it's helping out beautiful state.

Also, solar generally saved consumers money on their electric bills, which will only be put BACK into the Utah economy to continue to boost consumer spending.

So the 4 main pain points solar his fix:

1. Thousands of Utah jobs. This is great for everyone.
2. Cleaner air. Everyone wants to breath cleaner air.
3. Consumer choice! We are a democratic republic with a free market system that demands choice. If this passes it is a poor show of favoritism and communism.
4. More money into utahs economy. This helps our state.

So, in summary, if I asked you these yes or no questions, how would you respond?

Are you in support of thousands of Utah jobs with that number continuing to increase?

Are you in support of cleaner air?

Are you in support of free enterprise and consumer choice?

Are you in support or stimulation and more consumer spending into Utah's economy?

If you answers Yes, to these 4 questions, then we must not allow RMP to pass this. Solar is the answer to all of these.

Your respectfully,
A very concerned Utahan,

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Solar

1 message

Vanessa Hodges <nessahodges@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:37 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

Rocky Mountain Power is proposing anti solar policy that will restrict my right as a consumer to make choices about my energy. This proposal needs to be stopped to allow UT to stay a solar friendly state.

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Residential Solar

1 message

Elaine Pitcher <pmpebp@icloud.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:50 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please protect the small home owners from the big business Rocky Mtn Power .
Their proposal is unacceptable.

Thanks

Paul and Elaine Pitcher



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

SAVE SOLAR IN UTAH!!!

1 message

Jessica Thompson <jessica.thompson@vivintsolar.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:53 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

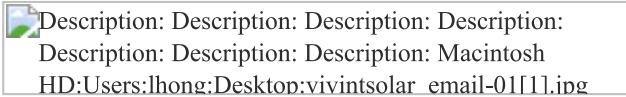
Don't let Rocky MTN Power destroy clean energy. SAVE SOLAR IN UTAH!

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Against Rocky Mountain Power's proposal regarding Net Energy Metering

1 message

Alex Allan <alex.allan.mgrr@statefarm.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:54 AM

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

To whom it may concern:

I currently live in a home with Solar power, and while I may be allowed to be “grandfathered”, this change Rocky Mountain is proposing regarding Net Energy Metering only discourages growth in our state. The new wave of the future is clean energy. We cannot dispute the need for job growth, clean energy and less monopolistic industries. We should not limit ourselves to the resources we have and discourage cleaner energy. This is a desperate attempt for more profit from Rocky Mountain Power. Utah needs more encouraging reasons to convert to solar, this proposal hurts Utah residents. Do not allow them to charge new or existing customers more money just because they’re not using energy at the rate of others without solar power.

Alex Allan, concerned citizen of South Jordan, Utah.
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Solar vs Rocky Mountain power

1 message

Robert Schmidt <n6rbv@me.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:58 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

As a tax payer I do not approve of Rocky Mountain Powers bid to charge extra to solar customers! W ould like to know also what they do with the extra power that is generated that we lose in March every year that we are not paid for

Monopolies are bad for business, customers and the state

Thank you
Robert Schmidt
Tooele, UT

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Brian Cooper

1 message

Brian Cooper <briancoopersales@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 11:59 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern:

This move by Rocky Mountain Power will hurt residential solar in our state and is just wrong for the citizens of Utah. Rocky Mountain Power's proposed new rates for solar energy customers is one of the most aggressive, anti-solar, anti-consumer, and anti-competitive policies ever brought forward by a utility in the United States.

I don't have to tell you, this proposed rate increase doesn't take into account the positive impact renewable energy has on Utah's cities and towns, especially along the Wasatch Front. Solar not only allows our customers to own their own power, it helps to reduce the impact of global warming, and perhaps most importantly here in Utah it helps reduce the level of pollution and inversion we deal with every winter and thus improves the quality of life for **ALL** Utahns.

The proposal is the most aggressive, anti-consumer and anti-solar proposal ever made by a utility in the United States.

Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increases will have a direct, negative impact on our community in three specific ways:

Bad for consumers - This is an unfair move by a monopoly to punish Utahns who are trying to save money via residential solar. The new rate changes will almost triple the amount of time it will take these consumers to break even on their solar investment.

Bad for air quality - This measure makes it clear that Rocky Mountain Power cares more about its own bottom line than it does for our community and the health of Utah residents. Utah has one of the worst air quality conditions in the country and solar is part of the solution.

Bad for business - This move is particularly dangerous because Utah is such a pro-business state and the residential solar industry has been one of the largest and strongest sources of job generation over the past 5 years. Given the impact this new rate increase will have on customers, the impact on solar jobs focused only on Utah customers will be devastating.

Included below is a fact sheet below that provides additional details if you are interested in learning more.

Please help us fight to preserve the rights of solar customers in Utah. Your support will make all the difference. Thank you.

Fact Sheet

Rocky Mountain Power is trying to dramatically increase the cost of electricity for Utahns who want to power their homes with solar energy. It has proposed new charges on consumers who choose to install solar that:

- Would be bad for business and will kill thousands of solar jobs in Utah
- Unfairly punishes consumers who are trying to save money by using less power;
- Would allow Rocky Mountain Power to take advantage of its monopoly by eliminating consumer choice, energy independence and a consumer's ability to do what they wish on their rooftops.

The proposal by Rocky Mountain Power is the most aggressive, anti-consumer, anti-competitive and anti-solar proposal ever made by a utility in the United States.

If these new fees go into effect, they will:

- Prevent Utah consumers from making the choice to use solar to reduce their reliance on Rocky Mountain Power and improve Utah's air quality
 - Eliminate thousands of jobs in Utah
 - Devastate the solar industry, which is one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in the state.
 - On average, new rooftop solar customers would pay a steep, unfair price:
 - More than \$31 per month in increased electrical bills
 - Nearly \$15,000 of additional costs over the life of the system (with standard escalation)
 - More than doubles the payback period of the homeowner's system, from around 13 years to nearly 30 years
- Rocky Mountain Power is abusing its power as an electrical monopoly:
- Its proposal would unfairly discriminate against homeowners who choose to reduce their purchases from Rocky Mountain Power.
 - It claims that there are cost shifts from residential solar customers to other residential customers, which has never been proven and is contrary to many cost benefit studies that have been conducted across the country. It doesn't account that Rocky Mountain Power gets the solar generated power in the middle of the day, which is peak demand time, and they get to sell that power at the highest block price per kw. Then at night, which is none peak, the solar customer takes back some of the credits it gave Rocky Mountain Power during the day. It also doesn't account for the thousands of dollars assessed as impact fees on every new construction within the State.
 - Rocky Mountain Power is only interested in returning profits to its shareholders maintaining its market monopoly and eliminating solar, which it views as a competitive threat.
- Solar provides cost savings and benefits to utilities:
 - A solar customer provides onsite consumption and energy generation to neighbors.
 - This eliminates the traditional costs of the utility and contributes to grid stability.
 - Misguided regulation hurts communities:
 - In Nevada, NV Energy, a sister company of Rocky Mountain Power, changed net metering* rules. As a result, in just 12 months:
 - Rooftop solar applications dropped by 99%
 - Major solar companies closed operations
 - Thousands of Nevadans lost jobs
 - Countless customer lawsuits filed

The adverse impacts of Rocky Mountain Power's proposal cannot be overstated. It will kill consumer choice, economic growth, the solar industry, and thousands of Utah jobs.

* Net energy metering allows a customer to sell excess electricity he or she generates to the utility and take back the energy at no additional charge in the evenings.

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Docket No. 14-035-114

1 message

Jennifer Dailey <j.dailey@mac.com>
To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:03 PM

To whom it may concern,

I write as a Utah citizen deeply concerned about two things: the air quality along the Wasatch Front, and the proposed subversion of appropriate, healthy market forces in Utah's energy industry. The hearing scheduled on November 17 to discuss a new rate structure for Rocky Mountain Power customers who may choose to install solar power panels in their homes is one that holds potential to catastrophically affect both of those concerns.

Rocky Mountain Power already has monopoly-like protection from the Utah government. Further granting them the ability to falsely inflate energy rates only continue to shield it from properly responding to technological advances and market forces that work to make our economy and our environment healthier. Robust market forces and disruptive technology are two concepts that are highly celebrated by Utah policy makers. Why would a rule-make body deny these important, beneficial forces that are clearly working toward the betterment of our fragile air quality? I find it to be an anathema that the Public Services Commission would consider a move that would decimate a growing, job-creating industry in our state, particularly when the outcome - more people with the ability to generate clean energy - is so clearly beneficial to the health and well-being of everyone in the state, even those who do not choose to invest in solar.

I would posit that it is incumbent on the Commission to solicit an objective report and consultation on how electricity fees for solar customers can be fairly restructured, and not leave it to the auspices of RMP, who clearly has a conflict of interest in proposing a rate-structure that is fair and equitable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Dailey, MBA
Salt Lake City, Utah



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Solar Energy

1 message

Michael Anderson <arqui.tectonics@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:08 PM

To: psc@utah.gov, ocs@utah.gov

Thad LeVar, David Clark and Jordan White,

Rocky Mountains Power proposed rate increases are detrimental to Utah and the environment that we live in. One only need to walk out the door during one of our many inversions in this valley to know that we need to be doing all we can to curb emissions in this state. One of the ways we can curb emissions in this state is by the use of green power such as solar and wind. Thus, to propose rate increase to determinate of solar, similar to what they did in Nevada, is not what we need as Utahn's. Please take a moment to explore are many beautiful canyons and the business that this beauty supports. We need to be on the side of the environment because it is why so many of us live here.

Thank You,

—

Michael Anderson, AIA, LEED AP

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I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed net metering changes. really

1 message

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Reply-To: Dennis Lanagan <scpo304@yahoo.com>

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

I recently had a solar panel system installed on my home in Clinton, Utah. Even though my power usage was on the low end I felt it would be good to do my part in cleaning our air. I read in the article in the Standard Examiner that RMP stated solar users use more energy at night, really? My knowledge most everyone uses more at night. What is not being stated is the cost of a solar system. Mine is a low end 4400 KW system but still costs over \$12,000.00. The tax credits lower one's tax owed but unless one can pay for the system upfront the standard loan is for 20 years at 5.99% This means a payment of about \$88.50 per month. Knowing that solar does not produce all the time, most households with a low end system will be paying more than the standard monthly charge until the system is paid off. According to RMP my yearly avg cost per month ends up being about \$45.00. RMP has been signing up non-solar users for their 20 Megawatt system so this increase seems to be targeting only private solar owners. If this is allowed, will kill any further expansion of solar power in this state.

Dennis Lanagan
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Proposal - NO!

1 message

Serene Parker <serenesings@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:21 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,

I recently learned about the proposal from Rocky Mountain Power to increase power rates for residents who choose solar power. I am absolutely against this proposal because it would be so bad for our community and economy . Ways that it would negatively effect Utahn's include:

1. It would also be unfair to Utahns who are trying to save money via residential solar power. The rate change would hurt many in the solar community .
2. This measure makes it clear that Rocky Mountain Power only care about its own bottom line than it does our health and community. Utah has one of the worst air quality conditions in the country and solar is a part of the solution.
3. This move is particularly dangerous because Utah is such a pro-business state and the residential solar industry has been one of the largest and strongest sources of job generation over the past 5 years. Given the impact this new rate increase will have on customers, the impact on solar jobs focused only on Utah customers would be devastating.

Utah's residents deserve the right to choose solar power without being punished for doing so. Please keep our community safe and say NO to the proposal from Rocky Mountain Power!

Thank you,

—

Serene Parker[435-574-8846](tel:435-574-8846)serenesings@gmail.com



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fwd: Proposed tax on solar

1 message

Kris Boswell <tamaracktruck@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kris Boswell <tamaracktruck@gmail.com>**Date:** November 16, 2016 at 11:23:17 AM PST**To:** psc@utah.gov**Subject:** Proposed tax on solar

Hello

I'm reaching out to express my opinion on the proposed tax by Rocky Mtn Power to solar users.

Personally I'm unhappy with the proposal and do not think this is fair! Taxing the people who are trying to go green and help the environment is a terribly bad way to get people to participate!

As a business owner I understand that something may have to change with Rocky Mtn Powers pricing to offset all the new solar users in the state but again discouraging green solutions is a short term and unfair solution to the issue. W ouldn't it make more sense to fairly raises the rates on all users and encourage green power generation? What does the future do in 100-200 years from now when the coal resources are depleted and the tax money has just went to Rocky Mtn Power who is a private and for profit business? Nevada just passed a similar law and there rooftop solar applications dropped by 98% AND hundreds in the solar industry are now unemployed. It was a bad proposal for everybody except the large casinos "for profit again" who's rates stayed the same. The average joe is out of work, people going green are now paying more and the future of the environment came second to the gains of a small percent of there population.

I'm pretty open and fair to new ideas. Until recently I purchased 3 blocks of Blue Sky Energy monthly from Rocky Mtn Power to help do my part as a resident of Utah but I'm also honest with myself and honestly this tax isn't to benefit the grid; it's so Rocky Mtn Power can continue without any new ideas. I feel like it's comparable to Obamacare; letting the companies write there own rules and expecting government to bail them out instead of changing there model to meet free market demands.

I have a new \$33,000 solar system with battery now and if you pass this I will just increase my system and shut my home completely off from the grid rather that support a monopoly.

Thanks so much for your time

Lifetime Utah resident
Kris Boswell

[435-896-3533](tel:435-896-3533)

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar energy

1 message

Ronda Jones <rondajones6204@hotmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:36 PM

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

Pacific Corp (Rocky mountain power) needs to be reined in. The only real competition they have is the desire for consumers to own their own solar panels. We need for all rebates to stay in place to allow the consumer additional time to get a personal solar system installed and to rein in. Please be the mouth of the consumers!



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Debbie Coffin <debbie.coffin@auricsolar.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:43 PM

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

I want to voice an opinion about Rocky Mountain Power and their intent to change the rate structure for solar customers in Utah. Rocky Mountain Power should not be allowed to change their rate structures for solar customers for harnessing the energy from the Sun to provide themselves and their families with clean energy. Not only are they providing themselves and their families with clean energy they are pushing clean energy back onto the grid for others to use. Solar customers are helping Utah clean the environment by using renewable resources. Solar customers should not be penalized for investing in free clean renewable energy we should be rewarded. We as solar customers are helping our environment by reducing the pollution in Utah and also providing clean energy to others as we overproduce. Buy over producing clean electricity we have been able to take some of the burden off of Rocky Mountain Power during daytime consumption. Rocky Mountain Powers attempts to charge solar customers a higher rate is the same as a child throwing a fit at the grocery store because they can't get the candy . Truth be told Rocky Mountain Power will always be needed to provide energy for consumers. But attacking solar customers stating they're not paying their fair share is absolutely preposterous and them trying to control and dominate the way we get our power. I believe that in definition is called a monopoly. You must stop Rocky Mountain Power adding charges to solar customers for harnessing clean free energy from the Sun. Solar customers pay thousands of dollars to upgrade their residential and commercial facilities to be part of the solution by cleaning the air we breathe. Again they should be praised not penalized.

Debbie Coffin



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar in Utah

1 message

jason deelstra <jason.deelstra@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:52 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I would like to express my concern around the Rocky Mountain Power solar proposal. It seems like this proposal is very detrimental to anyone that wants to use solar power for their home. I don't currently have solar but I would like to be able to in the future and this proposal would deter me from making that decision. If we look at our air quality in Utah we should be pushing more people to go solar and not regulating those that choose to do so. We should also care about the jobs in Utah that this would lose. I would be personally affected with this proposal and I know a lot of people that would feel the effects.

—

Jason Deelstra



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power proposed increase against solar customers

1 message

Leonard Vogel <lenrvogel@yahoo.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:53 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I wish to convey my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed increase of rates against solar customers. I have just had 20 solar panels installed. I am not not even hooked up to the grid yet and Rocky Mountain Power wants to triple my break even point. This is an unfair request made by our Power monopoly. Please deny their requests.

Len Vogel
Draper, Utah

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky mountain power over reach

1 message

Brooke Denkers <bdenkers@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Brooke Denkers <bdenkers@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:52 PM

I want to let you know that I am not in favor of a government regulated monopoly increasing the cost of citizens competing with them by installing Solar panels on their property. Please stop the over reach of Rocky mountain power in increasing the costs and killing solar expansion in Utah.

Thank you for support citizens over big business

-Brooke Denkers

bdenkers@yahoo.com



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 14-035-114 RMP Net Metering

1 message

Miranda Menzies <menzies.miranda@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the filing by Rocky Mountain Power for changes to the Net Metering tariffs and fee schedules. The proposed schedules for new renewables connections will decimate the Utah solar and renewables industry. Please schedule Public Hearings so that this issue can be fully discussed and the intended and unintended consequences identified and addressed.

As the owner of a current roof top solar house we have access to ACTUAL DATA that shows the benefits of solar, and allows us to understand the estimated bills that we would experience if we were subject to the demand charges under the proposed Schedule 5. RMP has asserted that the average net metering customers demand peaks at 1.6 KW. We believe this is incorrect based on the data we are collecting. We believe the actual maximum demand to be 4 to 7 KW for a house with electric appliances. This would rise to 11 to 14 KW for houses with an electric vehicle. Our zero emission geothermal HVAC system heats our house with heat energy stored in the ground, but recovered through an electric heat pump system. We have solar panels to drive this system.

Our house, which is approximately "net zero" on an annual basis for all heating and other energy uses, would go from a monthly electric bill of \$8.50 to a bill of \$30 to \$65 per month. This bill would increase to \$115 to \$145 / month if we purchased an electric car.

In other words this filing has the potential to shut down not just the roof top solar industry, but also the electric car transition for those houses with solar – the group most likely to buy electric vehicles. We NEED these vehicles to be purchased broadly to address the air quality concerns in the Salt Lake Valley.

Please reject this filing and schedule public hearings,

Sincerely,

Miranda Menzies

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar and RM Power

1 message

mark.chadwick@l-3com.com <mark.chadwick@l-3com.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:03 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please do not let Rocky Mountain Power have their ways. Fight for Solar incentives. Thank you-

Mark Chadwick, MBA, PMP ®

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Solar Net Metering Changes

1 message

Zach Randall <sagerandall3@icloud.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:04 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

Solar is giving consumers in Utah the ability to choose how they get their power . It promotes competition, clean energy , and THOUSANDS of great jobs here in Utah. Allowing a big Monopoly like Rocky Mountain power to take away all of that right would be a TERRIBLE thing for our state's economy and air quality.

Thanks,

Sage Randall
4150 w. Cottonwood Canyon Rd.
Morgan, Ut 84050.

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar rate increase proposal by Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Belinda Van fleet <belinda.vanfleet@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Belinda Van fleet <belinda.vanfleet@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:18 PM

Dear Sirs

As a citizen of Utah and consumer of solar power I would like to voice to you my concern with the proposed solar rate increase from Rocky Mountain. Clearly they are losing millions in revenue because consumers are opting for a more affordable and practical option and this means that they can no longer manipulate and monopolize the market at our expense and their financial gain. .

I say: NO, this is unacceptable and hope that you, as the voice and advocates for Utahns, will do what is needed to block this! Rocky Mountain needs to do whatever is needed to become competitive in the market - not try to dump the cost on the consumer!

Thank you for your time.

Belinda Van Fleet



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Request for involvement with Rocky Mountain Power 's proposed new rates for solar

1 message

Elizabeth Dalton <elizabethdalton17@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:25 PM

To: psc@utah.gov, ocs@utah.gov

We cannot allow Rocky Mountain Power 's proposed new rates for solar energy customers to be approved. It is one of the most aggressive, anti-solar, anti-consumer, and anti-competitive policies ever brought forward by a utility in the United States, and they will have a Monopoly if solar restrictions are placed.

I was born in Utah and have seen the decline in air quality , it isn't getting better . Solar is a proven way to help preserve the many incredible state & national parks here.

Also, solar generally saved consumers money on their electric bills while providing THOUSANDS of jobs in Utah, this will only continue to help our local (& national) economy .

We must not allow RMP to proceed with their proposal, thank you for your time.

Elizabeth Dalton
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North Ogden, UT 84414

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Please Save Solar in Utah

1 message

Jason Grimes <jason.grimes@auricsolar.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:35 PM

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

Please STOP Rocky Mountain Power from making the worst decision regarding Solar in Utah!! They are misrepresenting solar with their advertisements, help the people of Utah have a choice on how they get their power.

Jason H Grimes

Director of Design & Engineering

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114 Net Metering Policy Proposal

1 message

Ryan Perry <ryan.perry@auricsolar.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 1:47 PM

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

Attn: Public Service Commission

Thad LeVar

David Clark

Jordan A White

RE: Docket 14-035-114 Net Metering Policy Proposal

Dear Thad, David, & Jordan,

Rocky Mountain Power recently proposed a change to net metering policy. Please consider the following as you review their proposal. The first three paragraphs address each of the three fees proposed, and are followed by a brief description of the implications such a proposal would have if implemented.

First, The request included a provision to apply a demand charge to residential solar customers, but not to all residential customers. While demand charges are used on commercial power billing, most residential customers do not understand them and singling out net metering customers in this manner is both counterproductive, in that it would raise the cost of serving them (more customer service calls) and would deter Utah's individual investments in clean energy by making it difficult for net metering customers to understand their bill. Many utilities already shy away from demand charges due to the costs of educating customers to understand their power bills. The policy would effectively discriminate and isolate net metering customers by applying these barriers to entry to only net metering customers. Solar production, as is user energy consumption, is variable intermittent. Whether a customer has solar or not, they will experience spikes in demand and should be billed in a similar fashion. If RMP wishes to apply a demand charge, it needs to be applied in a non-discriminatory way, to all customers.

Second, The filing requested raising the basic cost of service connection fee to only net metering customers, claiming they constitute a different class of customers and should be treated differently. As the ongoing basic cost of service has not been established to differ between net metering and non-net metering customers, such a discriminatory policy is unfounded. Both require a connection to the utility. Net Metering customers do push some energy back onto the utility, which is used by the nearest load (i.e. the neighboring homes), reducing efficiency losses of long distance power transmission that would otherwise be born by transmitting that power from distant locations, and in doing so, are contributing to a more efficient overall system. Net Metering customers use less energy themselves, reducing their footprint, even if peak demands are only reduced to a minor degree. If anything they should be rewarded for their initiative and investment to move us forward. The request to treat NM customers differently by increasing their connection fee, but not those of non-net metering customers, is not only discriminatory, it would forestall the development of a more resilient, distributed generation energy system, while we are still in its infancy.

Third, The filing also proposed a reduction in the price paid for energy net metering customers push onto the distribution system. While I do recognize that RMP needs to make a profit to remain a viable business and serve its customers, by proposing to raise the connection fee to cover the differences in the fixed basic cost of service, even if not clearly justified, and then pay roughly 1/3 the retail price for energy delivered from the customer to the utility, they are effectively suggesting that the other 2/3 cost must be going to cover variable distribution costs and profit. This is further substantiated by their argument that they can, in fact, purchase electricity at such rates from commercial solar farms. This is true, but they neglect to mention that those farms are typically hundreds of miles away, nor do they offer any value to the net metering customer for delivering the energy locally, in relative close proximity to where it is needed. Energy delivered to the utility near major demand centers (i.e. the street on which the NM customer resides) is worth more than that which is delivered at a great distance. This is because of both distribution losses and the costs of constructing and maintaining such a distribution system. If a NM customer delivers their energy locally, they should be paid more for it, accordingly. Clearly RMP doesn't have a 66% profit margin. They bear costs by purchasing power from remote locations. Net metered energy flowing to the next house on the system has significantly lower transmission costs than that coming from hundreds of miles away. Please reject this unjustified premise that RMP is implying with their request that the energy be valued at such a low rate. Let's stick with something realistic that is based on a reasonable cost of service to transmit power to the neighboring facilities, not hundreds of miles away.

Your role as the public service commission is to serve the public's best interest, and I am not advocating for the tragedy of the commons, but consider what would happen if such a proposal were approved. First, we've already seen the public outcry similar initiatives in Nevada caused, resulting in thousands of jobs lost and many following lawsuits. It gave rise to such public discord that the state recently voted to deregulate their utility industry. RMP has taken note and chosen their words very carefully. They filed their proposal the day after elections, presumably to reduce media attention. I admit, this is a brilliant political move. But, given the track record, why would we expect Utah be any different if we repeated this action, and why would we even consider it? Rooftop solar investment will come to a crawl. Thousands of jobs will be lost. Development of a clean energy system will be forestalled. Air quality will continue to remain among the worst in the nation, where we could otherwise be pushing towards a cleaner, healthier future. Public health will continue to suffer from the effects of our addiction to coal. While many in the environmental activist groups were opposed to the recently approved STEP program, I applaud the direction it takes to encourage electric car adoption, but also acknowledge its failure to promote clean energy in a meaningful way. As I see it, it is primarily designed to help the utility sell more electricity due to the excessive amount of energy required for our transportation needs. Without simultaneously encouraging solar adoption, that energy will likely come from coal, due to the billions of dollars in sunk costs already invested in coal-centric infrastructure owned by PacifiCorp / Berkshire Hathaway and their partners - and we will see increased emissions from it. As a nation we put strong restrictions on dumping waste into rivers decades ago. Let's not encourage a combination of policies that condone dumping yet more waste into our atmosphere. I don't know about you, but I'd prefer breathe clean air just as much as I like to drink clean water. It is, after all, just a very thin river we all swim in and drink from.

As a society, why should we continue to waste money transmitting power hundreds of miles over an outdated, aging infrastructure, instead of developing a more robust system based on distributed generation? A distributed generation system is more robust, offering greater reliability and social security. We simply have to build it. Admittedly, energy storage technology is still a work in progress, but let's not miss this opportunity simply because the utility is unable to profit by individual investments cutting into their profits. This proposal is a setback to such forward looking development and should be respectfully declined as it is not the best interest of the public, yours or mine.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Ryan C. Perry   

Business Solutions Analyst

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Please stop Rocky Mountain from passing this horrible proposal

1 message

Erica Powell <ericapowell85@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:19 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,

I'm a single mom who just moved back to Utah where I'm from so I could be close to family and I work in the solar industry, currently for Solar City. I heard about this horrible proposal that Rocky Mountain power is trying to propose and if it passes it will force all of the solar companies out of Utah and I won't have a job. I'm so worried about this, I don't get any help from my son's father no child support or anything and so I need my job at Solar City! I'm begging you PLEASE do not pass this horrible proposal! It is by far the worst proposal then in any other state! It is unfair and unjust! Please keep

Solar in Utah! We need it for the future of our kids, and the environment! We have horrible air quality here in Utah and having tons of homes go solar will help with that! So please don't take jobs away from single moms like myself! Please do the right thing and keep solar here!

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Erica Powell
[801-792-5597](tel:801-792-5597)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP and solar

1 message

dj burton <djnbren@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: dj burton <djnbren@yahoo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:24 PM

I would just like to comment briefly on Rocky Mtn Power's proposed rate changes for net-metering customers. We have been looking into solar options and trying to decide what is best for our home and finances. If these proposed changes go through, it will make solar power unaffordable for most families.

Please don't allow Rocky Mtn Power to push these changes through so quickly without more study done on its effects and the needs of customers, both solar and regular. A change may be needed, but not one that would put solar companies and all their employees out of business in Utah, and that would punish those who would like to install solar. It appears to me that the power company is just trying to keep its monopoly as a power company.

Thank you for not approving this proposal.
~Brenda Burton
Layton, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Rate Change

1 message

Tyler Soukup <tyler.soukup@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:26 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

Please help Utah consumers and do your part to stop the Rocky Mountain Power monopoly . The proposal to put what is essentially a "sin tax" on solar is outrageous. It's rare for someone to find something that is so unequivocally bad for the environment and bad for business, but RMP has managed to do so. We as Utah consumers and residents have put our trust in you to do what is right and stand up against this policy that is a no-win situation. Thank you for doing what is right!

Sincerely,
Tyler Soukup
Salt Lake City Resident



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Against Rocky Mountain Power's Proposal

1 message

Brent Harper <brentlharper@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Brent Harper <brentlharper@yahoo.com>
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:27 PM

Public Service Commission,

I am strongly against Rocky Mountain Power's recent proposal to impose new rates and billing practices that would target solar energy customers. I believe the proposed changes would be incredibly detrimental to Utah's economy. The proposal is anti-solar, anti-environment, anti-employment, and anti-competitive. I believe Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to impose new rates and billing practices that target solar energy customers is extremely bad public policy for our state and the citizens and businesses of Utah.

Sincerely,
Brent Harper
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Sandy, UT 84092
[801-368-4005](tel:801-368-4005)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Stop Rocky Mountain power from getting their insane proposal

1 message

Vivint Gmail <vivintgirl@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:28 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,
I'm so concerned with what I've heard on the news about RMP (Rocky Mountain power) trying to increase their rates to solar companies which would force solar companies to leave Utah. Please do not pass this! This would be horrible for all the people working in the solar industry, it would put thousands of people out of work. Rocky Mountain power is a monopoly and already makes enough money! They need to stop being so greedy!
Solar is so good for the environment and we need it here now more than ever since our air is so horrible!
Please don't pass this! Stop RMP!

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Solar Fees

1 message

Katie Barnes <kbarnes@usmagnesium.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:29 PM

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

Good afternoon,

I'm emailing in regards to Rocky Mountain Power imposing extra fees for solar users. I feel these extra costs could generate unfair advantages in the marketplace and could discourage consumers from exploring energy options. Please do not allow this to pass, both for a fair market and a cleaner future. Thank you!

Regards,

Katie Barnes

Senior Operations Specialist



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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar

1 message

Colin Davis <cdavis@solcius.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:29 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I'm sure you're getting massive numbers of emails regarding the RMP requested changes to fees to solar customers. I work for a solar company and am getting solar on my home, so I'm a bit biased. But, the two main reasons I am so excited about my job and the chance to go solar are the environment and the financial considerations.

It is very disheartening to see and hear about the poor air quality in our valley. I am excited about the steps the state has taken to move towards cleaner energy but this change would be a step in the wrong direction.

The growth of jobs and companies has been great for the valley as well.

I recommend you reject the requested rate changes.

Thanks for taking the time to read my email .

Colin Davis



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Charging people with solar panels

1 message

Cheri Larsen <cherijlarsen@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:40 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please be sensible and don't pass the bill to increase fees for persons with solar panels. It is counterproductive and ridiculous.

Regards

Cher Larsen

Sandy, Utah

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solgen: RMP will receive a windfall in 6-9 months.

1 message

Tyler Pitcher <tyler@solgenrenewables.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:46 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commissioners,

I know RMP has been looking at a short fall of 6-7 million per year via cost to maintain Solar subscribers.

Our products aren't 100% renewable energy and produce electricity 24/7/365, we are half the cost of solar and produce 5 X the energy. With two of our large customers we will be producing more electricity than all the solar that is been installed in the last seven years combined. We are working with local hospitals, public transportation, and manufacturers in the Salt Lake area. Once we come on-line RMP will receive a windfall of income.

The reason I am reaching out, is because our systems are not susceptible too sunshine, clouds, and/or weather . When solar if off we are still up and running.

RMP will receive a \$20-25 million windfall once we are up and running because commercial demand goes down at night and residential will pick up. Residential prices are almost 30% higher than commercial rates.

Please vote NO on the changes RMP is asking for. We can have renewables and be cost effective for all involved.

Kind regards

TYLER PITCHER*Divisional Sales Manager*Cell: [801.879.4446](tel:801.879.4446)Office: [866.899.0559](tel:866.899.0559)tyler@solgenrenewables.comSolgenrenewables.com

The logo for Solgen features the word 'SOLGEN' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a stylized lightning bolt.

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

No Solar Fees

1 message

Brandy Powell <brandypll@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:44 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I am against the bill Rocky Mountain Power is trying to pass to make fees for customers going solar . We need clean energy and it's ridiculous of them trying to make it dif ficult for companies to bring clean energy to our state. Do the right thing and do not pass this law!!

Sincerely,
Brandy Powell
Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power rate increase proposal

1 message

Igsteinkopf@comcast.net <lgsteinkopf@comcast.net>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:10 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

During the recent elections, I kept hearing talk about how we need to clean the air in Utah. Even before the elections, that is a common criticism of Utah, especially the Wasatch Front. Having more citizens install residential solar energy systems is one of the fastest ways to get significant renewable energy sources in Utah. Allowing Rocky Mountain Power to raise their rates on residential solar customers and squeezing out residential solar energy is not the answer to cleaner air in Utah. It will also negatively impact Utah's economy by eliminating residential solar energy system jobs. Let's learn from Nevada's mistake, where 99% of the residential solar energy jobs were eliminated when Nevada passed their rate increases, which are less than what Rocky Mountain Power is proposing. Please help us have cleaner air and continued job growth in the residential solar energy segment, and allow citizens freedom of choice related to how they get their power

Sincerely,

Greg Steinkopf



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

14035514

1 message

T LE <tle305@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:11 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commissioner,

Rocky Mountain Power proposal to increase the cost for future home owners to install solar panels is bad for consumer , bad for our well being with regards to improving air quality and bad for our economic future which should focus on having Utah and our great country to lead the world in creating & utilizing renewable energy including solar power.

Thank you,
Trung Le



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Solar Rate

1 message

volvox65 <volvox65@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I have concerns regarding the proposed solar rates from RMP. Ultimately, this rate increase would bring solar to a halt in Utah. How could this not be seen as an attack on the countless jobs, the environment, and the economy of Utah?

More outrageous is the fact that you commissioned RMP to conduct the study on net metering. This is a direct violation of conflict of interest. You cannot base a decision of this magnitude on a study done from the very company with the most to profit. We have seen this in history. For example, the Manville asbestos factory was proven to have changed test results and studies for their profit. This in return led to what is described as "The greatest corporate murder in history". Killing countless people and causing massive health problems was worth the profit loss they would incur for telling the truth.

How much more likely would it be for Rocky Mountain Power to leave positives out of reports or be one sided as to the costs. How easy would it be for them to justify raised costs if a company like Manville Co. could justify killing thousands of people?

What does this tell our future generations of citizens? Are we this near sighted to let a profit stop our society from a cleaner brighter future? Do you see the irony in programs such as the Wattsmart incentives stating that reducing power usage reduces the amount of power plants and costs needed?

Lastly, states like Nevada that passed similar fees saw a reduction of 93% of solar contracts. Dropping from 1,311 to 90 solar applicants. The average solar home reduces 9,603 lbs of CO2 emissions every year. This is a difference of 11,725,263 lbs of CO2 that Nevada would have avoided. If this is the difference of one year of installations can you imagine the impact Nevada would have had if they continued at the same pace?

I implore you to broaden your scopes beyond your pocket books. Weigh the costs of our environment and economy to one monopolies pennies.

Sincerely,

Jeff Penrod
(435) 932-0033



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP 14-035-114

1 message

Martha rieser <jayerieser@earthlink.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:41 PM

Dear Commission,

I am fully opposed to PacifiCorp-RMPs "Advice No. !6-13, RMP 14-035-1114 which were filed November, 2015. This would change the rate structure for future solar customers, and possibly existing solar customers.

And, please deny Rocky Mountain Power (RMP)'s request for a fast track. This is too important of an issue to avoid the normal rate-making process for proposed changes.

This is a private, for profit company with executive directors and top staff that annually earn well over a million dollars a year.

This push to increase charges for peak energy use penalizes and will thereby deter future solar consumers is fiscally and environmentally shortsighted.

How much profit is a utility entitled to make?

How much executive compensation is too much?

Punitively raising rates for citizens who utilize environmentally friendlier energy sources further hampers community goals of cleaner energy sources for all power consumers. The assertion that it's current structure rewards those wealthy enough to prioritize solar, and punishes lower income is biased and baiting.

Citizens that generate solar energy will lower utility costs by reducing the need to purchase coal and build new hydro-electric dams. Big picture, raising rates for net metered customers will enable executives to earn bigger bonuses and Utah citizens to pay.

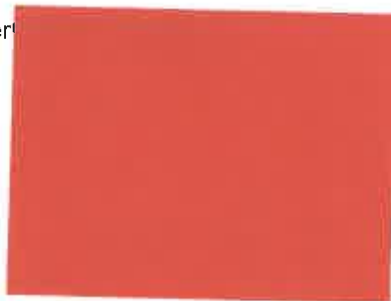
By our calculations it will be 10 years before we reach the "break-even" point in the expense of installing alternative energy source. RMP does not want to lose this revenue stream. I argue that citizens who invest in roof top solar are expressing a market choice, albeit a risky and expensive choice. RMP is attempting to recoup some of its lost income through an unnecessary punitive charge to its net metering customers.

RMP's stance that it is merely sharing the cost of maintenance among all utility users does not adequately take into account the cost benefits of solar power generated by roof top solar producers.

Please deny this attempt to increase rates for citizens who would invest in solar energy.

Sincerely,

Martha Jaye Rieser, RMP customer number



November 16, 2016 Facebook Message to Thad LeVar

Kandice Lynn Howard

Chat Conversation Start



You and Kandice Lynn Howard aren't connected on Facebook

PV Design Supervisor at Vivint Solar

12:40PM



We don't want Rocky Mountain Power restricting our right to choose green energy through Solar. Its important to the environment , to reduce immersion days in Utah, and help find power alternatives in Utah. I also work in Solar along with family and friends. It has been a good job over the years and brings more economy to Utah. Solar is too important in Utah to let electrical companies railroad us.

Chat Conversation End

Sent from Mobile

November 16, 2016 Facebook Message to Thad LeVar

AnthonyandBrett Allred

Chat Conversation Start



You and AnthonyandBrett Allred aren't connected on Facebook

Senior Sales Manager at Vivint Solar

11:38AM



Thad please do the right thing when it comes to RMP and Solar in Utah. Don't be bought by corporate interests.

November 16, 2016 Facebook Message Conversation with Thad LeVar

Jake Roberson

Chat Conversation Start



You're friends on Facebook

Went to Madera High

Lives in Fresno, California

12:45PM



Hey Thad, I'm not sure if you remember me or not but I went to the arkadelphia branch when I was growing up. I hope your doing well. The reason for my message is because I work for a company based out of Utah. You may have heard of them, Vivint. I provide solar options for people here in California. I recently heard about Rocky Mountain Power trying to hinder the use of residential solar. I don't know all the details to be honest but my higher-ups send out a company wide email with all the names and positions of people that could make or break the solar market in Utah. When I saw your name I thought, " Is that the same Thad LeVar I knew from church!?" We have been asked to sign petitions and communicate our concerns to those officials. I'm sure you cant do it alone but I hope that you can work on the side of renewable energy and bring others to see the benefits that it has. My future depends on the growth of solar and I just wanted to reach out and let you know how I felt about the matter and I hope you see how important clean energy is and that we shouldn't make it harder for people to have those benefits. The more we push for solar the bigger the impact we could have. Well, thanks for taking the time to read all of this and like I said I don't know all of the details involved but I just know that I believe in solar and the difference it could make for the world. Thank you Jake Roberson

Jake, of course I remember you. I hope you and your family are doing well in California. While I can't respond specifically to your comments about our docket, they will be posted to our website, psc.utah.gov, under Electric Docket 14-035-114. Thanks for writing!



That's ok. I will be sure to visit the website. Thanks again for taking the time to read my message. Take care.

Chat Conversation End

Sent from Messenger

From: Chance Allred <hit-reply@linkedin.com>
Date: November 16, 2016 at 1:46:30 PM MST
To: Jordan White <jordywhite@gmail.com>
Subject: Rocky Mountain Power Proposal
Reply-To: Chance Allred <a45642bf-b95e-4ddb-8f49-dd469015ec9@reply.linkedin.com>

Thank you for your service, I wanted to reach out and express my concern for the new Rocky Mountain Power proposal and ask for your support to Veto it. After reading it, it's worse than what Nevada Energy implemented which completely decimated solar in Nevada and was bad for the state, the economy and leaders there lost support and influence of their people for allowing such a bad decision to be pushed through so quickly. It feels like RMP is pushing this through in a timeframe that seems unreasonable to judge cost benefits with a fair and balanced look at cost benefits that should be shared by solar and non solar customers on the Grid. I'm grateful we have Leaders to protect against Monopolistic tactics that could kill a competing energy source and the facts RMP has proposed I see as grossly inaccurate. If you can I would like to talk to you and give my perspective. Chance Allred cel phone [801-787-6119](tel:801-787-6119)

[Reply](#)[Not interested](#)[View Chance's LinkedIn profile](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar proposal

1 message

maria soriano <maria_soriano63@msn.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:27 PM

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

To whom it might concern:

My name is Maria M. Soriano resident of Sandy Utah and I am oppose to Rocky Mountain Solar increase.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

The PSC should reject RMP's proposal on both procedural and substantive grounds

1 message

Jim Jensen <jim.jensen@live.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:36 PM

Rocky Mountain Power filed a rate change for new solar customers with the Utah Public Service Commission.

The legislature took up the issue of net metering in 2014. As part of SB208, the legislature, as signed into law by Governor Herbert, instructed the PSC to conduct a cost benefit study to analyze the impacts of net metering on the utility and ratepayers. This study has not been conducted. RMP's proposal completely ignores any of the internal and external benefits provided by distributed solar. The PSC must conduct a robust and independent study that looks at the costs, but also all of the internal and external benefits provided by residential solar.

The PSC should follow the instruction of SB208.

Jim Jensen

10666 N Jerling Drive

Highland, UT 84003



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power Fee Proposal

1 message

gmail <jsvietor@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:41 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

As a supporter of clean energy, I am dismayed at the new Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) solar fee proposal. Residential solar is a valuable addition to the Utah energy mix and it should be supported, not discouraged. RMP's proposed fees will make solar uneconomical for most homeowners and will severely hamper, if not kill, an industry that creates thousands of jobs. As a solar home owner I am in agreement that I need to pay my fair share to support the grid. But the fee must be fair. Not onerous as these newly proposed fees most definitely are.

Please stand up for the right of Utah homeowners to produce their own energy in a clean and efficient manner. It's good for the environment and good for the Utah economy

Thank you,

Justin Vietor
3607 E Supernal Circle
Cottonwood Heights UT 84121



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Proposed Rocky Mountain Power changes to Net Energy Metering (NEM) (Docket# 14-035-114)

1 message

Olaf van Yperen <ovanyperen@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:51 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing this email to express my disapproval of Rocky Mountain Power's proposed changes to the Net Energy Metering tariff.

The proposed changes, while being portrayed as a means to 'normalize' the 'cost' of residential rooftop solar across all rate payers, will in fact discourage any home owner of investing in residential solar.

As an example of how these changes would reach this effect, rather than normalizing cost across rate payers, can be found in Nevada where similar changes to the NEM policies were adopted after the Nevada PSC voted for a very similar rate change proposal from NV Energy. The result of this adoption was a near complete halt of investment in rooftop solar.

It is understandable that a company as Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp will want to maintain their monopoly position, however, this does not serve the consumer in the best way. The core of our American Capitalistic system revolves around the freedom of choice and competition.

In addition to this, the addition of distributed generation to the Electricity Grid has been proven to reduce cost for the grid maintainer as loads are more distributed and balanced.

My final argument to oppose this change, is that it most certainly will terminate the vibrant and growing Solar Industry in Utah, employing thousands. This industry not only employs Utahns but contributes to cleaning up what is probably one of the worst air climate situations in the country.

It seems that PacifiCorp and Rocky Mountain Power care more about a short-term profit than the well-being of the people of our state. Please vote against this proposed rate change.

Respectfully,

Olaf van Yperen

Director of Business Development for Sunlight Financial

Owner of 7.28kW Solar System

Park City, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

I Oppose Rocky Mountain Power's Proposal

1 message

Milo Quiroz <quiroz83@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:51 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposal that attempts to increase cost for residential owners. It does not support renewable energy initiatives and certainly does not align with clean air efforts that Utah, Salt Lake County in specific, desperately needs.

Thank you,

Ismael Quiroz, MPA
4461 W. Clarks Hill Dr
South Jordan, UT 84009



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mtn Power proposal

1 message

Kirk White <goforahike@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:56 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

PSC,

Please consider carefully the Rocky Mtn proposal before the PSC to increase rates to Solar Residential customers. This is a critical part of my retirement planning, to have a solar system on my home, and these proposed costs would severely hurt my family.

Also it would discourage future neighbors to become clean, and self reliant by installing their own solar systems, if the break even cost is made too burdensome.

We want clean air and reliable power in Utah and RMP will likely get plenty of economic relief from the new Presidents Coal friendly moves, so don't let RMP cry about being not able to pay shareholders, as the lower coist to burn coal in their plats will easily help them make profitable energy for years to come.

Thanks you!

...Kirk White

American Fork, UT

goforahike@gmail.com



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar power

1 message

Thomas Barlow <thomasbarlow.14@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:21 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I'm sending this email in regards to Rocky Mountain Power trying to charge people for having rooftop Solar Power. People should not be penalized for having roof top solar power. If Rocky Mountain power were to add any additional charges to rooftop solar customers the charges shouldn't be strictly on solar Customer's it should be changed to all RMP

Customer's because if it is only to solar Customer's then it would be penalizing people for going solar which is RMP monopolizing the utility power here in Utah.

Please don't allow RMP to monopolize utility power.

Thank you,

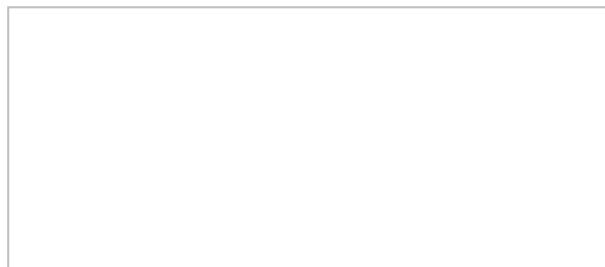
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Save solar power in Utah

1 message

Lori Powell <Lori.Powell@imail.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:58 PM

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

Please vote against Rocky Mountain Power's proposal that removes all incentive for solar power adoption. This cannot be allowed to pass. Our bad air days go year-round now, and the fewer people using coal-powered energy the better it is for everyone. Keep solar a viable and affordable solution for Utah citizens. Please!

Lori Powell

Lori J. Powell, RN, BSN, RCIS, CEPS

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Rocky Mountain Power rooftop solar boondoggle.

1 message

Walter A Nicholes <walter_nicholes@msn.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:04 PM

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

I have been giving much thought to the claim, on the part of Rocky Mountain Power, that solar panel users are costing them money, and that these costs are being born by other electrical users. This doesn't make sense to me.

Suppose that I just stop using power for several hours every day. Perhaps I got to work, and turn off all the lights and furnace and water heater and so forth. I will be using basically the same amount of power as my neighbor who has solar panels and is using this "green" power-from-the sun source. We are both sparing the atmosphere, we are both cutting our carbon footprint. In fact the only difference is that my neighbor makes, in some cases, a little extra power that feeds back into the electrical grid, which decreases the power that must be generated by Rocky Mountain Power, furthering the goals that the state set for them back when the net-metering agreement was created.

So now I see as the only rational explanation of costs of the solar power program as:

- 1) The actual net meters cost more than the customer is being charged for their installation. Reasonable – but easily addressed by charging a one time cost up front for the meters and installation. (These meters don't need to be leased, and even if they were, the cost amortized over the life of the meter would certainly be pennies a month.)
- 2) It costs more to "read" the net meters. Nope, this one doesn't hold water at all. The same equipment is used to read these as other meters, and two numbers being gathered at each reading instead of one doesn't cost more for automated equipment, and scarcely more for manual reading.
- 3) It costs more to process the results of the read. Really? This is a computer program that crunches thousands of bills a second, and one calculation or two calculations does not make the computer processing more costly. And the same can be said for the electronic statements, and for that matter, the printed statements.
- 4) There is a cost associated with feeding power back into the grid. Ok, this might be, but already Rocky Mountain Power is sharing the larger power grid with many other producers of power, and they have to do the same phase and voltage matching as is done by the users of solar panels, and this matching is done by the inverters of the DC to AC power, and costs Rocky Mountain power NOTHING. If they think that there is a cost associated with this phase matching let them be more detailed about what that cost is, and why it hasn't already been addressed in the arrangements that now exist. Perhaps they have produced electronic mumbo jumbo for the Public Utilities Commission, but I haven't seen it and I don't believe that it exists. They certainly can't claim power loss due to hysteresis in the transformers, because what my neighbor produces extra is certainly used by me before it gets to the transformer.
- 5) Finally, and this is the only one that makes sense: The growth of their physical plant is slowing slightly and they are alarmed that their long-range plans for revenue and construction will be slowed as more and more solar panel users come on line. In other words, they are concerned that the customer base is not using ENOUGH electricity! And this in the face of their program to have people let them shut off the air conditioners in the summer to lessen electricity usage during peak times. Anyone can see that from the perspective of the environmentalists, this is exactly what we are trying to do! And Rocky Mountain Power wants to INCREASE the cost of doing it.

I must say that their program for offering me solar generated power at a much higher price than their fossil-fuel based power is meant to give me an opportunity to feel green at my own expense. But their costs for generating solar power should be no higher than those of my forward-looking neighbor

So I am asking you to call their bluff: Ask them to release, publicly, the data that they claim shows that Residential Solar Power adds a cost to them that must be borne by the non-solar power users. Let's get it out in the open and see if they are, in a very real sense, just blowing smoke.

Cordially,

11/16/2016

State of Utah Mail - Rocky Mountain Power rooftop solar boondoggle.

Walt Nicholes,

A grandfathered rooftop solar user

777 West Sunny Lane

Orem, UT 84058



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Concern over new solar restrictions

1 message

Michael Monteleone <michaelmonteleone1@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:04 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I just want to make my voice heard it's extremely concerning that given all of the international energy issues we face we would be restricting ourselves locally from Solar. It doesn't make sense no matter where you sit on the aisle energy independence is something this country should be striving for affecting Solar in a negative way doesn't make sense..

Regards,

Michael Monteleone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar

1 message

Jan Hurley <jannee1957@yahoo.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:08 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Don't pass the law to charge more for solar. We need to start using renewable sources for energy to keep our air clean.

Stop being so greedy !

Thanks

Jan Hurley

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rooftop solar customers rate increase

1 message

Jeff Lonn <jefflonn@hotmail.com>
 To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:18 PM

Dear PSC:

You should deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to increase residential solar producers' rates for electricity. Rooftop solar benefits all Utahns by decreasing air pollution, lessening the land disturbed by fossil fuel production, lowering the CO2 emissions that lead to global warming, eliminating the need to construct costly new power plants (therefore lowering future electric bills), and providing good paying jobs in renewable energy. Electricity is a public utility and should be treated as such, managed and regulated for the public's good rather than for Rocky Mountain Power's profits.

RMP requests that the monthly service fee should be increased \$15/month for solar producers in order to cover the costs of maintaining the grid. If this is really the cost of grid maintenance, shouldn't all customers pay this, not just solar producers? Likewise, if solar users are going to be charged more for electricity used during peak demand times, shouldn't everybody? And then shouldn't solar producers be paid more for any electricity they produce during those times?

Why would you penalize residential solar producers for using less electricity? It's analogous to charging more to customers who install energy efficient appliances because they are using less. Or charging owners of small cars or hybrid vehicles more at the gas pump because they use less gas. Aren't we supposed to be encouraging conservation, not discouraging it? The federal and state government (of which you are a part) agree: they offer tax incentives to those that install solar systems.

States like Nevada have sided with the power companies, shutting down the solar industry that benefits everyone. Does Utah want the same reputation of siding with big business at the expense of everyone else?

The PSC's job is to represent the public's interests, not RMPs. Allowing these increases to take effect is nothing short of criminal.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lonn

11/16/2016

State of Utah Mail - Rooftop solar customers rate increase

Park City

Sent from [Outlook](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Please Reject RMP Rate Schedule Increase

1 message

Matt Lloyd <mattclie@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:22 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

Thank you for your time to read my request. The PSC should reject RMP's proposal on both procedural and substantive grounds. The study by RMP is biased, and does not fully consider the costs vs benefits (both financial and environmental) that their net energy meter (NEM) customers bring.

Further, expanded/independent studies need to be done before such a strong proposal is considered. In short, this proposal by RMP is a parallel to the NV state proposal which has brought such negative ramifications to the growing alternative energy market. Utah has a need to diversify its energy production and assist in reducing local air pollution.

I am not affiliated with any solar company. As a Utah resident, I implore you to consider the repercussions that passing the RMP proposal will bring to Utah's vision of clean air, economic growth, and further monopolizing of the electric market.

Please reject and don't regret. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

-Matt Lloyd



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP Proposal

1 message

Sherman Dangerfield <shermdanger@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:31 PM

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

I am strongly opposed to this proposal!

Impact To Our Community

Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increases will have a direct, negative impact on our community in three specific ways:

Bad for consumers – This is an unfair move by a monopoly to punish Utahns who are trying to save money via residential solar. The new rate changes will almost triple the amount of time it will take these consumers to break even on their solar investment.

Bad for air quality – This measure makes it clear that Rocky Mountain Power cares more about its own bottom line than it does for our community and the health of Utah residents. Utah has one of the worst air quality conditions in the country and solar is part of the solution.

Bad for business – This move is particularly dangerous because Utah is such a pro-business state and the residential solar industry has been one of the largest and strongest sources of job generation over the past 5 years. Given the impact this new rate increase will have on customers, the impact on solar jobs focused only on Utah customers will be devastating.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Stop Rocky Mountain Power from increasing fees on solar customers

1 message

Anna Hinze <annabellhinze@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:37 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi please do not let the law pass that solar customers fees will be increased, thank you!

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power - Residential Solar

1 message

Jeffrey Ellsworth <jeffreyellsworth@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 4:47 PM

To: ocs@utah.gov, psc@utah.gov

Hello,

My name is Jeff Ellsworth, and I'm writing as a concerned "green" citizen with feedback on Rocky Mountain Power's current net metering program, new proposal, and residential solar in general.

Simply put, the new proposal is not fair, and will only encourage customers to head one of two directions: not install solar at all, because the money and rate of return doesn't work, or go off grid, disconnecting as soon as possible from power utilities altogether, which is becoming quite affordable thanks to advancements in battery technology.

Not all solar installations are alike.

Having any minimum connection fee immediately creates a disproportionate percentage of total system size and kWh use. I am extremely efficient and use less power than the majority of residential homes throughout Utah. For this reason, my solar system is also quite small: less than half the average size. Yet a new minimum connection fee for net metering customers penalizes me substantially more than someone with a system two or three times the size of mine.

This makes absolutely no sense. It creates incentive in the wrong places, resulting in the wrong outcomes. Basically, someone who goes to great lengths to be ultra green through energy efficiency is being charged more (percentage, when you do the math on the minimum connection fee), but if they had a huge wasteful house, and they therefore had a huge 15+kw system, then they'd be paying less.

Finally, **why can't they just do something simple**, like buy the power at a lower rate from residential solar customers, as we're using our roof space to become solar generators? Rocky Mountain power claims in their article about the new rates, " Residential net metering customers now receive bill savings worth about 10.5 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity they produce even though the energy company could purchase the same amount of electricity from large solar farms for about 3 to 4 cents." (from: <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/nr/nr2016/proposed-net-metering-changes.html>) YET THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Just buy the solar power from solar producing customers for a fair rate! This encourages homes to use less, but install more! If I could receive a small check from Rocky Mountain Power at the end of the year, because I only used 300kwh of power, but generated 750kwh, then of course I'd use all my roof space and over generate, instead of what's been happening for the past five years where people only install systems to cover 80% to 99% of their power need. Currently, installing a larger system is just plain stupid. Why can't we fix this? Don't we want more people installing solar, and even better, installing more than they need?

How is this proposal helping the environment? How is it helping renewable energy?

It's not. It hasn't been thought out and in the end is meant to make Rocky Mountain Power more money, and discourage Residential Solar installations.

Please make the right decision and forward this message to the correct individuals. Tell me what else I can do to help Salt Lake decrease pollution and increase in renewable energy use. If there's someone else I should send this to, please let me know.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Jeff Ellsworth

