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Public Service Commission

3 messages

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 8:29 AM

To: gwiderburg@utah.gov

November 28, 2016

Cain, Tyler

You have been assigned to reply to the following issue:

Constituent: Trela, Patty**Constituent Address:**Patty Trela
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Request (Closed): Subject: Rocky Mtn Power and solar energy Please stop Rocky Mountain Power from increasing fees for those of use who have solar panels. It unfairly punishes us who are trying to save money by using less power. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly and is trying to take away our consumer choice. We are also trying to help the environment to make this a better State to live in. Thank you.

Thank you.

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 8:30 AM

To: gwiderburg@utah.gov

November 28, 2016

Cain, Tyler

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Constituent: Jacobson, Jared**Constituent Address:**Jared Jacobson
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Subject: Public Service Commission

Request (Closed): Subject: Rocky Mountain Power net metering tariff Governor Herbert, Today, Friday, 26 November 2016, as a current photovoltaic net metering customer, we received a letter from Rocky Mountain Power informing us of the proposed rate change for future net metering customers. It tells us that the proposed change "will be subject to the Utah Public Service Commission's public processes." The letter is dated three days before the end of the public comment period, but arrived four days after the end of the comment period. This is ridiculous, and smacks of gaming the system. It looks like Rocky Mountain Power is trying to prevent public comment on the proposed change by interested individuals. The 488-page proposal was submitted November 9th. The comment period went through November 21st, giving the people of the state of Utah less than two weeks to read their massive report and respond to it. Then they inform interested parties in a way that ensures that their comments will not be received within the allocated comment period. This history shows no attempt at and no interest in giving the people of this state the ability to review their proposal. Given that the company is a monopoly in those areas where the company provides power, and given that we, the people of Utah, will bear the costs of their proposal if it is enacted, the review and comment period should be extended. Thank you, Jared and Kim Jacobson 972 W. Fox Hollow Dr. North Salt Lake, Utah 84054

Thank you.

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 2:41 PM

To: gwiderburg@utah.gov

November 28, 2016

Wall, Tiffeni

You have been assigned to reply to the following issue:

Constituent: Romney, Phil

Constituent Address:

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Home #:

Office #:

Subject: Public Service Commission

Request (Closed): Subject: Rocky Mountain Power Attempt to Increase Rates for Rooftop Solar Customers Following is the text of an email that I sent to the Public Service Commission this afternoon. I'm writing to voice my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) recent filing of Advice No. 16-13 to change the rooftop solar rate structure effective next month. My concerns are several, among which are the following: • The timing and fast track nature of RMP's request are suspect. Important changes such as this should be subject to thorough scrutiny and should allow ample opportunity for public input. Any action that attempts to circumvent the normal rate-making process, as RMP's proposal does, should be soundly rejected by the Commission. • RMP's proposal fails to adequately consider the many benefits of rooftop

solar, among which are: reducing the need to build expensive new generation capacity and transmission infrastructure and reducing the environmental, public health and economic impacts of fossil fuel consumption. • RMP's proposed rate increase will destabilize the burgeoning solar industry in Utah, resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs and economic loss to the state. In order for homeowners to be willing to make the significant investment in rooftop solar, there needs to be some predictability regarding future rates. I speak from personal experience. I have been investigating an investment in rooftop solar for the last three months and was very close to making the decision to invest when I learned of RMP's proposal. Now I'm seriously reconsidering my decision because I have no confidence in what future power rates will be and, thus, what the payback period will be. I can imagine that many others are having similar reservations. If approved, RMP's rate increases will effectively eliminate future investments in rooftop solar and significantly harm Utah's rapidly growing solar industry. I respectfully urge the Commission to reject RMP's current rate change request. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for considering my request and similar requests of other interested and concerned citizens. Respectfully, Phil Romney South Jordan, UT philromney@msn.com 425-941-6058

Thank you.

Constituent Services.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Proposed Rooftop Solar Rate Increase

1 message

Elaine Becker <becker_elaine@yahoo.com>

Fri, Nov 25, 2016 at 7:55 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Safety Commission:

Earlier this year my husband and I invested in rooftop solar panels. We did so believing that we were not only making a wise investment, but also with the belief that we were doing our part to reduce the demand on the power grid and, importantly, making a contribution to easing air pollution. It is with considerable dismay that we see the rooftop solar rate increase proposal being advanced by Rocky Mountain Power Company.

Even though we understand that, as existing solar users, this proposal does not affect our rates, we believe that our reason for going solar remains valid and that it would be a serious mistake to change the solar rate structure for future users without an independent assessment of all costs and benefits.

Considering the long term consequences for our state's utilities and environment, it would be a dereliction of your public trust if you were simply to consider this issue based on a proposal made by a private utility. The industry's principle interest is that which will bring it the greatest financial return. The Public Service Commission, on the other hand, must balance what is fair for the public and industry. You owe it to the citizens of Utah to independently conduct a comprehensive study of the future of rooftop solar, both its costs and benefits. A study that relies on independently gathered data, considers all factors, including the environmental impact, and provides the perspective of all affected stakeholders. This is bigger than Rocky Mountain Power Company and its customers. I urge you to give this issue the attention it deserves. Put off any decision until an independent study is completed. Take the time to do the right thing, not just what the industry has requested.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Elaine Becker



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

save solar

1 message

Ted Smith <ted.smith@vivintsolar.com>

Fri, Nov 25, 2016 at 9:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Ted Smith • Regional Director

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar

1 message

Denny Thurman <denny.Thurman@vistagechaircom>

Fri, Nov 25, 2016 at 9:45 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I understand the need for the grid, and that there is a cost to support it. I would like you to hold of f on the solar fee proposed so that the right cost can be calculated transparently . This will create trust.

Dennis Thurman
Sandy, UT

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Monopolies in Utah

1 message

Daniel Taylor <dannytay92@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 25, 2016 at 11:35 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I'm sick of this Rocky Mountain Power monopoly and their most recent attempt to essentially penalize those using solar. Please don't let another monopoly slow down innovation that's benefitting society as a whole.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: Greater oversight of Rocky Mountain Power: split 'em up, shut down their attempts, encourage market entry by all the innovators in this state.

Tell us how we can stand up to them.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

17,763 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>

Sat, Nov 26, 2016 at 12:22 AM

Dear Public Service Commission,

I started a petition to you titled [Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah](#). So far, the petition has 17,763 total signers.

You can post a response for us to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here: http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-115677-custom-75514-20261125-FHMj1b

The petition states:

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Thank you.

–Ryan Evans

If you have any other questions, please email petitions@moveon.org.

The links to download the petition as a PDF and to respond to all of your constituents will remain available for the next 14 days.

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mt. Power's latest proposal

1 message

Teresa H Clawson <teresa.clawson@utah.edu>

Sat, Nov 26, 2016 at 4:41 PM

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

Utah Public Service Commission:

Thank you for your work in helping consumers.

I currently have a net-metering agreement with Rocky Mt. Power for my rooftop solar system. I understand that my agreement with them will not change, and it shouldn't. I signed an agreement with them and I'm keeping my end of the agreement. I am concerned, however, about the latest proposal Rocky Mt. Power has submitted which will affect future net metering customers. Rocky Mt. Power claims their proposal "properly balances the interests of all customers." I disagree.

I get angry when I see Rocky Mt. Power pretend to promote solar power initiatives. I resent their constant efforts to nip the growth of rooftop solar systems. I get angry when I read their two-faced propaganda sent with my power bill about how I should be conserving energy at home. All I feel underneath their actions is that they miss and want my money. This heavy-handed, complicated tariff they are proposing will hurt the growth of the solar industry and consumers who wish to invest in solar power generation.

Solar energy production has finally come within the reach of the middle class. Solar energy installation companies add to our local tax base. The growth of this industry provides jobs to many people. The air pollution problem we experience along the Wasatch Front is real and people are concerned about it. Solar-generated power is clean and helps to ease the problem of dirty air we all breathe. Going solar helps people to make an investment in their home and reap savings in their household budgets.

What's not to like?

Rocky Mt. Power has a huge monopoly on power production in this area. It is true my excess power goes on their grid. One would think that they would be thrilled that they don't have to build more expensive power generation plants—their customers are building little power plants and at their own expense. The way I see it, the customer benefits, and so does Rocky Mt. Power.

What's not to like?

The only answer I can think of to "what's not to like" is that Rocky Mt. Power sees a dip in their revenue and increasing dips in their revenue projections. I don't feel bad about that. In a world that needs to make changes, people who invest in rooftop solar are taking a chance—making an investment—and solving many problems on their own. It is this kind of grassroots effort we should be promoting and protecting. These sorts of grassroots efforts are what's needed in society.

to solve massive problems we are having. We can't rely on big corporations or government to solve some of these problems. We need to take the initiative as much as possible ourselves.

Please don't allow Rocky Mt. Power to impose this noxious and unfair tariff on people. In a changing world, Rocky Mt. Power needs to figure out how to change itself without hurting the growth of the solar industry and its customers. I believe Rocky Mt. Power is capable and has the resources to make needed changes on its own without this onerous proposal.

Thank you again for your time.

Teresa Clawson

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SLC, UT 84109



Regarding Docket No. 14-035- 114.

1 message

Ben Kalm <bkalm1@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 4:19 AM

Reply-To: Ben Kalm <bkalm1@yahoo.com>

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

Cc: "jennvigor@yahoo.com" <jennvigor@yahoo.com>

Dear Public Service Commision,

I am writing to you to provide my comments regarding Rocky Mountain Power's request to modify future Net-Metering Agreements. For the record, I have already signed a contract for installation of a 9.9 kW system in late December/early January with a signed Net Metering agreement under schedule 135. I recognize that the complexities inherent in distributed energy make yours a difficult decision, but I feel that Rocky Mountain Power is requesting too much at this time. I have reviewed the documents provided by Rocky Mountain Power and I feel there are significant deficiencies that must be addressed.

- 1) The documents from Rocky Mountain Power do not make any attempt at determining the benefits of improved public health (less need for polluting power plants) and environmental effects (less generation of greenhouse gases and toxic pollutants) related to increasing use of distributed energy systems.
- 2) Rocky Mountain Power has performed a solar study in the southwest part of the Salt Lake Valley that is not necessarily generalizable to all solar net metered locations. The location they have chosen (Bingham #1) is near the Oquirrh Mountains which creates a decrease in the capacity for power production during the later afternoon/evening hours when peak demand is at its highest. Locations on the eastern side of the valley have a greater insolation during peak hours and this has not been taken into account.
- 3) Rocky Mountain Power has used as an argument that government incentives have reduced the cost of solar installations and that the current Net Metering system is not necessary to continue incentivizing solar installations. They have not taken into account that the State of Utah is actively considering eliminating its incentive and that the United States federal incentive is set to expire in 2019. There is certainly doubt (particularly with the House, Senate, and Executive branch being controlled by Republicans) that the federal incentive will be renewed past 2019.
- 4) Even with the current incentives from the federal and state government, solar installations are still quite expensive and out of reach for many people. While I was fortunate to be able to obtain my contract with a company at a discount through the University of Utah, most people are not able to do this. The system cost for my installation is ~\$31,000 at a discount. For a similar system from a different company my system would have cost \$45,000. I am currently projecting that my system will break even in ~12 years. If I had not had the opportunity for a discounted system, the break even point would not have occurred for ~18-20 years. This amount of time is a scary prospect for most people given the potential for job loss, medical expenditures, or other unforeseen complications making the payment of a loan difficult. If not for the discount provided through the University of Utah, even as a physician I would not have been able to obtain my system at this time.
 - a) With an average monthly electricity bill of ~\$144 currently, the new schedule proposed by Rocky Mountain Power would be expected to result in a roughly 50% reduction to ~\$70 per month on top of my payments for the solar installation (instead of \$6-10 per month). This would add ~\$19,000 over 25 years assuming no further increases in costs (an unlikely assumption). With this increase it would take me ~20 years to break even on my discounted system. If I had to pay the normal price for a solar installation I would be unable to pay off the system prior to the end of expected life of my roof (another 20-25 years).
- 5) Rocky Mountain Power is not taking into account the significant variations in placement of solar panels. I am actively choosing to place almost all of my panels on a west facing roof and I am avoiding panels on the east facing roof. I actively opted to do this based on attempting to generate maximal power during the periods of peak demand on Rocky Mountain Power's grid. However, by doing this, I will have increased periods of time during the mornings when I will not have significant sunlight on my panels. Rocky Mountain Power's suggested demand charge is vague about when it will be applied and seems like they can choose the highest kW demand that they want. This may actually have the effect of keeping people from placing their panels primarily on the west side of a residence where they are of most use to the utility.
- 6) Rocky Mountain Power is not taking into account the continued improvements in photovoltaic panels including improvements in temperature coefficients. I am purchasing panels that have a temperature coefficient of 0.38%/C which is improved from

0.41%/C from the prior model year . This results in higher efficiency even at higher temperatures resulting in better power output during the summer months. As panel manufacturers continue to make improvements in technology , the increased power generated in April/May due to the temperature effect will dissipate and the higher insolation during June/July/August will be a greater determinant of power output.

7) Rocky Mountain Power is ignoring the rapid development of battery technology . While I am unable to purchase batteries for my system currently, as prices for batteries continue to fall I hope to be able to purchase batteries in the future and I fully expect more solar installations to begin using battery technology (see Empower modular batteries). As systems begin using battery storage, the flow of energy onto the commercial grid will decrease dramatically . With current advances in battery technology, this is likely to develop over the next 5-10 years (long before the dire predictions of Rocky Mountain Power about cost shifting to non-solar customers). However , if the solar industry is stunted, the development of home battery systems will also be delayed resulting in long term costs to the overall grid. Also, customers who install battery technology will also inevitably have need for power during peak periods and will still be charged the demand charge, unfairly adding more costs to them over all other customers.

It seems true that the costs of providing Net Metering service to customers currently are more than the economic benefit that Rocky Mountain Power obtains from purchasing local power with decreased need for long distance distribution lines (although Rocky Mountain Power has provided little to no data about cost savings from decreased long distance transmission, instead concentrating on the potential increase in need for local infrastructure). However , it is also true that multiple models indicate that the United States needs to have ~15-25% of power generation occur through distributed energy generation such as rooftop solar in order to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals. We are still far below such numbers and doing anything to jeopardize continued uptake is ill-advised at this time. While a modification of the Net Metering Agreement may be appropriate to improve the balance of costs, Rocky Mountain Power's proposal goes far past that which is appropriate and would instead serve to demolish a fast growing Utah industry that is contributing significantly to the growth of Utah's economy and the well being of all of Utah's citizens.

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's current proposal or at least amend the proposal such that the demand charge is significantly reduced. This will allow this vital new industry to continue to grow and improve the lives of everyone, including those who do not have rooftop solar .

Thank you for your time,
Benjamin Kalm
Holladay, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar Rate Increase

1 message

Drew Tubbs <drew.tubbs@outlook.com>

Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 10:50 AM

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

Please do not allow Rocky Mountain Power to increase rates for Solar Systems.

Drew Tubbs
[801-514-0820](tel:801-514-0820)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP Solar Rate Increase

1 message

Yvette Mallon <yvettemallon@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 3:35 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Sirs,

I tried to find a place to respond directly to the rate increase proposal but couldn't find one. I hope this e-mail gets to the proper person to be considered in the decision making process.

We currently are responsible for 1 Net Meter and 2 regular Meters on our single family property. I know the changes won't effect us but I would still like to have my opinion heard.

We recently had rooftop solar installed for a multitude of reasons!!! one of the biggest was to save money since we are on a fixed income. The second biggest was to help reduce our carbon footprint. I understand that we use less power from the grid and that cuts into RMPs budget, but it is no reason for them to punish us with higher rates. If we had installed a gas furnace and a wood burning stove and reduced our electrical usage by 90% would they still be charging extra for what electricity we did use, I don't think so. I understand they have to purchase the meters and install them, so charge a small fee for that. As for the maintenance of the lines to provide us power, it shouldn't matter if they are providing us 1000 kwh to a tiny shack or 10,000 kwh to a mansion, it still costs the same to get it to us. We currently pay a small monthly fee, I assumed this was for maintenance and overhead costs. Besides they can use the electricity we produce and give them for FREE from our solar panels, to resell to make money to maintain our lines. If they aren't making money they can stop building solar plants and encourage more people to install rooftop solar so they can collect more FREE energy. They wouldn't even have to maintain the equipment, the home owner would do that. Please don't let them punish those of use who are trying to do our part. Just because they have a monopoly on electricity shouldn't mean they can push us around. Make them adjust their budget and salaries to adjust to what the people need for a change instead of trying to justify another rate increase, we can't afford another one!!

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,
Yvette Mallon



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar power change by Pacific power

1 message

Richard B Hadley <rhadley44@msn.com>

Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 7:49 PM

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

We installed solar panels on our home this year and just received the information from Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) that new customers will be required to pay higher fees and additional costs. I think their justification was flawed. If I produce power that I don't use the power goes out on the grid and RMP sales it to other customers. In Mar of each year the Net meter is zeroed out and any excess power I have generated is written off and I start over for the next year. The company receives all the excess power for free that has been sold to other customers. We also pay a minimal fee in order to be hooked up to the grid. They want more money to maintain the grid but in the twelve years we have lived here we have only seen a power representative once and that was to put a sticker on a transmitter box.

We installed the solar panels to cut down on the amount of coal generating plants and to help clean up the environment. If we are going to clean up the air in our valley we will need to install more solar panels and hybrid/electric cars.

In my opinion if we start making it harder or more expensive for people to install solar so the power company can make higher profits we are headed in the wrong direction.

As their advertisement states RMP is installing millions of solar panels one for every person in Utah. Renewable energy is what we all need to support, not make it less attractive to new customers. For every person that installs solar there is less and less reason for RMP to expand of use coal plants.

Richard Hadley



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mt. Power Rate Change Request

1 message

Leslie Miller <lesliepw@xmission.com>

Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 9:07 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to state my objection to Rocky Mountain Power 's request to the PSC for a rule and rate change for existing and future residential solar customers.

I am opposed because the increase in rates will act as a disincentive for alternative sources of energy that are desperately needed to balance our over dependency on traditional electric power sources.

Solar usage should be encouraged by utility companies and the government agencies that should act in the public interest. The increase in solar use makes a collective contribution to public health and should be incentivized not criticized. It is the way of the future.

Please don't allow Rocky Mountain Power to obstruct the development of residential solar power with additional expenses and rules that hamper private citizens' efforts to be responsible, global citizens.

Tank you for your consideration,

Leslie Miller
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Midway, Utah 84049



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar Power

1 message

Kathy Hutton <katanday7@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 9:28 PM

Reply-To: Kathy Hutton <katanday7@yahoo.com>

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

To Rocky Mountain Power: I thought monopolies were illegal in our country. Shame on you! You are not acting in the best interest of the people. I highly protest what you are doing to solar customers. You are putting people out of work!



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

18,047 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>

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Thank you.

—Ryan Evans

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RMP's proposed changes for roof-top solar

1 message

Zachary Hildebrand <zhildebr@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 10:23 AM

Reply-To: zhildebr@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello. I'm a resident of Salt Lake City with an existing roof-top solar system.

I've been watching RMP (and Berkshire Hathaway's other utility companies) as they try and find a way to maximize profits by targeting small subsets of their customer base.

I understand that RMP is a for-profit company, but fail to understand how they're allowed to impose specific rate changes to a subset of their customers. (And, I use the word customer lightly, since I don't have any other option to use RMP as my electricity provider. I wonder - isn't that what a monopoly is?)

If RMP is losing money, they should impose rate changes to everyone. How is it fair for RMP to charge someone MORE for 1kwh than someone else, just because they have a panel on their roof? How can they 'buy' 1kwh for less than they would from any other commercial provider? Doesn't seem fair

As far as 'line fees' go, there's a fair way to charge for this -- compute a per-kwh number for each kwh transferred. That way, a home that only pulls down power is charged for every kwh they use of the 'line'. And, a home that pulls & pushes power is charged for every kwh they both pull & push use of the 'line'.

RMP is unfairly targeting power consumers who are trying to HELP the community. RMP is already 'buying' the unused solar kwh's at a lower price than they charge customers for it -- what else do they need?

Zachary
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Citizen Opinion of Roof Top Solar Tax Credits and Utah Public Service Commission

1 message

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 12:37 PM

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Please find the attached letter voicing my concerns with recent activity displayed by Rocky Mountain Power , the Utah Public Service Commission, and Utah legislature's comment. Feel free to contact me. My personal contact information is in the letter.

Thank you,

Scott Laird
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Solar charge rocky mtn. power

1 message

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 2:01 PM

Please do not let Rocky Mountain Power charge more for net metering customers. This is a benefit to all customers because of less need for electrical grid infrastructure and a cleaner environment. Lets do the right thing and not line shareholder pockets.

Ralph Ferrara

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Dear Sir/Ma'am;

I am writing to voice my opinion on the proposed Rocky Mountain Power rate increase for solar customers. I am discouraged to see that Rocky Mountain Power is proposing this increase. As solar is becoming a better option for many homeowners, we see a monopolizing corporation flexing their muscle. I wholeheartedly disagree with Rocky Mountains argument.

When I built my house five years ago, I paid for utility hookups without a promise of how much electricity I would use. The only rules were if I didn't use any electricity, I would still pay a nominal monthly fee for the privilege of being hooked to the grid. Also, if I went over a certain amount, I would pay according to several set tier structures. If I chose to use less or invest in some LED lights and gas appliances, I would use less energy and thus pay less. No argument from the power company there. No complaint of the power company "subsidizing" me at all, in fact they encouraged me to use less electricity through various ways.

I am preparing to invest and install solar on my house that helps reduce my kilowatt usage from the power company. Much like using energy efficient appliances, lights, etc. So, now as solar enters the market, why is there now a problem in doing what Rocky Mountain once encouraged me to do?

We as consumers are told by Rocky Mountain to use less and sign up for systems that controls usage at peak times for the good of the grid, to avoid stress on the grid and reduce brownouts. So, now as Solar consumers take matters in their own hands and help this situation and employ others to achieve exactly what they have asked us to do.....now it's a problem.

I have researched solar for some time and know what would best for me and my personal situation. I would like to shield myself from paying for top tier electricity costs, simple as that. Unfortunately, Rocky Mountain wants to penalize me for this and make me pay more for the lower usage. From their standpoint it is actually quite brilliant as it now forces consumers who want solar to now overdesign their systems. As consumers who overproduce throughout the year create a credit that disappears every March 31 per Rocky Mountains current rules. Effectively this is a subsidy to the power company instead of the other way around as they claim.

This Proposal quite frankly stinks of greed and untruths. I implore you to deny Rocky Mountain Powers proposal. Study it for another year if you will, make them show solid proof that they are being harmed and not the consumer. Stand up for us, be our voice!

Sincerely, 

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increase in rates for solar panel customers

1 message

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I oppose Net Metering Rate Changes [Docket No. 14-035-114](#). Please deny Schedule 136 and its related Schedule 5 tarif.

Use of solar panels provides an efficient way to convert energy from the sun into electricity. Solar electricity generation is one of the few low-carbon energy technologies with the potential to grow to large scale. Several benefits are immediately obvious. The sun provides unlimited energy that has been used for millions of years to produce green plants. Sunlight is free. With the advent of modern physics, chemistry, and engineering during the past century, clever individuals have discovered how to convert sunlight into electricity using readily available chemical elements. In the past few years, this discovery has been commercialized and is now the basis for a rapidly growing global enterprise has the promise over the next few decades of providing electricity to a wide variety of users ranging from homeowners to large businesses at competitive rates. Today, it is estimated by the Solar Energy Industries Association that the U.S. solar industry employs 174,000 Americans and pumps nearly \$18 billion per year into our economy.

Advantages of solar energy for electricity production are many. Solar panels can be used for small installations such as homes or for large buildings. A solar inverter is used to convert direct current output into alternating current for use by the energy off-taker. Most installations are tied to regulated electric utility industries, but it is possible to make the operation independent by using rechargeable batteries. The system is simple with no need for extensive transmission lines from commercial coal, natural gas, or nuclear electric power generating plants to the user. Secondary effects encountered with the use of coal, natural gas, or radionuclides to power these plants, such as environmental pollution and negative human health issues are eliminated. This is a tremendous benefit, especially in developing countries, since waste generated in mining, processing, and using these resources is dangerous and expensive to treat, if treated at all.

Use of green technologies, such as solar panels, is increasing on a global scale. Western Europe, China, and India are prime movers in this effort. The population of India is over one billion. Of these, about 300 million do not have access to electricity. This number is equal to the population of the United States. India has embarked on a program of installing solar panels on rooftops and setting up massive solar parks. This effort is expected to catapult India to the forefront of the global effort to bring electricity to all. An immediate benefit is the decreased need to build electric power generating plants to provide this electricity.

Some experts predict that by 2050 a major fraction of the world's power should come from solar sources. However, getting to this point will require real and dedicated cooperation among stakeholders including users; providers; local State, and National legislators and policymakers; and utilities. Many important and controversial issues need to be considered and workable solutions found.

The long-term potential of solar power to meet a significant portion of global electricity demand is assured. It is imperative that stakeholders work together to identify and solve problems. Individuals in the U.S. should be leading this field, not putting impediments in its path.

Esther L. Kannapel