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Fwd: deny Rocky Mountain Power's rate structure proposal

1 message

Jamie Dalton <jdalton@utah.gov>

Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:56 PM

To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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From: **Jessi Brunson** <jessibru@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:36 PM

Subject: deny Rocky Mountain Power's rate structure proposal

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

Dear Jaimie Dalton,

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to change its rate structure, with the intent to eventually charge solar customers more money. This proposal is likely to significantly slow (if not halt) Utah's solar industry. It will make it less economically feasible for customers to use rooftop solar because it will take longer for customers to reach the break-even point where they gain back the value of their initial investment. Utah should encourage its residents to become more energy-independent and sustainable. Rocky Mountain Power's proposal is exactly what we should NOT do. It is important that the Commission deny this request by Friday.

Thank you!

-Jessi Brunson

318 Allen Drive

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Jamie Dalton

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Solar power

1 message

taburningham@gmail.com <taburningham@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 10:23 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

In the interest of overall self sufficiency and the desperate need we have for cleaner air, I am OPPOSED to any limitations on solar power here in Utah. I understand that Rocky Mountain power is lobbying to increase rates for customers who use solar power. Solar power benefits EVERYONE. So those who can afford to pay for it should not be penalized! In the event of an emergency, they will be in a position to help others who have no power. There are so many benefits. Please don't let RMP place obstacles to this awesome direction we ALL need to be moving. Thank you.

Amber Burningham

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Sent from my iPad

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Fwd: Solar Power

1 message

Natalie Simpson <nhsphoto@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:15 AM

Hi there.

I want to voice my opinion that solar power is important. I am opposed to limitations on the production of solar power. We need more of this in our state, pollution is already a huge problem. We want clean air.

I'm opposed to the increase in meter fees by Rocky Mountain Power for those who are trying to fix a problem by installing and using solar power.

Natalie Simpson



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Please retain solar net metering as it stands today

1 message

Erin Bean <erinmoorebean@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 6:57 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I urge you to deny RMP's request to alter its net metering fees for customers who generate solar power.

It is in our state's best interest to remove ourselves from dependency upon coal and natural gas electricity generation. When our neighbors generate electricity using solar panels, they help diversify our energy grid and provide more resiliency to us all as energy consumers.

Please allow individuals who invest in solar to receive net metering agreements that recognize the benefit those solar panels provide to the community.

Thanks,
Erin Bean

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Erin Bean
[801-244-6389](tel:801-244-6389) (cell)

Sent from Gmail Mobile

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Solar

1 message

Katie Young <kjallred@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:19 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am apposed to any limitations put on solar power or incentives for increasing solar power in Utah. Solar power is important to Utahns and Utah's air quality. Please make your position clear that solar power is integral to Utah's power portfolio.

Thank you,

Katie Young

Holladay, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Don't kill residential solar

1 message

Shane Martin <bmwslm@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:26 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement



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Rocky mtn power

1 message

Jessica Bowman <jess_bowman@icloud.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:46 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement.

Sent from my iPhone



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Rocky Mountain Power request denial

1 message

Francesca Moore <francesca.c.moore@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 8:25 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement.

Sincerely,
Francesca Moore

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar power is important to me

1 message

Tin Angel Cafe <thetinangel@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 8:33 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am writing encourage you to do whatever is in your ability to make solar power easier and cheaper for all Utahns to access. Please start by not allowing Rocky Mpuntain Power to harge solar customers any higher rates. The air pollution reduction is critical to our kids and our health. Thank you for your time.



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Deny Rocky Mountain Power's request re: net metering agreement

1 message

Sandra <ardnasmoo@hotmail.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 8:47 AM

Please deny the request from RMP to change the net metering agreement with solar customers.

Thank you,

Sandra Moore

1406 East Claybourne Avenue

SLC, UT



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Please deny RMP's net metering change

1 message

Erin Bean <erin@12spokes.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:39 AM

To: Psc@utah.gov

Solar power is good for all utahns. It gives us cleaner air and an indefinite energy source. It insulates our community from energy price spikes and beownouts during peak usage. Those benefits to our citizens will be lessened if RMP changes its net metering requirements. Please take time today to deny RMP's request to change its net metering agreement.

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Erin Bean

[801-244-6389](tel:801-244-6389) (cell)

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Rocky Power NetMetering Request

1 message

Emina Alibegović <eminaalibegovic@rowlandhall.org>
To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:02 AM

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement. I am one of the customers who will be grandfathered in for the old rates, but I feel strongly that this is the wrong move. We need to make sure that we support clean energy and possible new industry jobs. The solar power is on the boom, and Utah is set up well to cash in on its natural resources. People are wanting to contribute to the preservation of our environment and to be more energy independent. More people with wants for solar power means more job for installers and people who maintain them. Higher rates will decrease demand taking the valuable industry and jobs from our state.

Best,
Emina Alibegovic
Salt Lake City, UT

**PublicService Commission** <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain Power's net metering

1 message

Trey Bean <trey@treybean.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:21 AM

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

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement. This agreement would make solar prohibitively expensive for most residential customers. Rooftop solar is an important part of our community; each rooftop solar customer pushes electricity to their neighbors during times of peak output, and this helps keep our community safe from brownouts and helps Rocky Mountain Power prevent the need to invest in expensive new generation facilities in the future. Please do not take away the incentive for Utah consumers to generate electricity that benefits us all.

Trey Bean



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RMP

1 message

Wendy Hunter <whunter@nuskin.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:24 AM

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement.

Utah NEEDS solar energy to continue to be a financially reasonable alternative.

Thank you!

Wendy A Hunter

Springville, Utah



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Rocky Mountain Power Net-Metering Plan

1 message

dylan brunjes <dylanbrunjes@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:17 PM

To: Psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am concerned about the hike in net-metering rate increase. As a home-owner I invested a substantial amount in our residential solar. Putting a dampening effect on residential solar power at a time when we are facing clean air problems along the wasatch front seems counter-productive. Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed net-metering rate hike.

Thank you,
Dylan Brunjes
[801-870-8335](tel:801-870-8335)



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Rocky Mountain Power Proposed Rate Increase for Rooftop Solar Customers

1 message

Chris Baschuk <baschuk@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:41 PM

December 9th, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

Rocky Mountain Power wants to raise rates on new rooftop solar customers who connect their systems after December 9th, 2016. This greatly reduces the incentive to transition to cleaner energy and greater self reliance. Customers with rooftop solar are not allowed to disconnect from the grid even if they have a battery system large enough to properly power their home. They are forced to be connected to and purchase energy from the grid.

RMP is just trying to pad their bottom line. They claim in this document that those who choose to install rooftop solar are unfairly shifting the cost of maintaining the grid to non-rooftop solar customers. In my opinion the logic in this statement is false. Rooftop solar customers are charged the same monthly minimum connection fee that non-rooftop solar customers are charged. This charge is in place to maintain the grid no matter the amount of power that you use. All customers then pay RMP the same rate for energy used from the grid based on how much they use. I see nothing unfair with this arrangement.

If RMP feels the need to increase rates, then they should do it for all customers. This is ECON 101 law of supply and demand logic. Rooftop solar customers are already paying extra to maintain the grid in the way that net metering is designed. When a rooftop solar customer generates more energy than the household consumes, RMP credits that customer for the Kwh produced. This credit is at a rate less than what RMP then sells those same Kwhs to other customers connected to the grid. If a rooftop solar customer generates more energy than they use over the course of a year, RMP does not roll over any excess credits or pay the homeowner for the excess energy, they just keep it. Thus rooftop solar customers are providing some free power to the grid.

One final thought. If this proposal goes forward, I feel very strongly that it is unfair for the changes to be applied to new net metering customers who connect after December 9th. As someone who recently went through the fiscal analysis and ultimate decision to install rooftop solar back in August, I can attest that it can take months to go through the permitting and installation process before a system is commissioned and connected to the grid. In my case my net meter was finally installed last week. It took RMP 1 month to come out and install my net meter after my solar panels had been installed and passed permit inspection.

My parents decided to go with solar in September and they just received word that the city had issued them their permit last week. There is no way that their system will be commissioned by December 9th.

If RMP wants to impose this new rate structure it should only apply to customers who sign contracts with solar companies and file for permits after December 9th. Anyone who is currently in the process should be grandfathered in because they made the financial decision based on the information they had at the time they signed their contracts. It is unfair to impose a rate hike on them that could potentially make rooftop solar a financial burden instead of a benefit.

Sincerely,

Chris Baschuk

12/12/2016

State of Utah Mail - Rocky Mountain Power Proposed Rate Increase for Rooftop Solar Customers

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Centerville, UT 84014

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rocky Mountain charges to Solar Customers

1 message

bilihunt@comcast.net <bilihunt@comcast.net>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 3:50 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am a concerned customer of Rocky Mountain Power.

I do not own solar panels. I only purchased power from Rocky Mountain. If the current net-metering rate design continues, people like me who do not have solar (because I cannot justify the cost, especially if I don't live in my house for another 20 years) will see their rates steadily increase as more people move to solar unless the rate design is changed. This is the case because, as I understand it, solar customers currently get a 90% credit back on their costs they pay to Rocky Mountain, but their real cost of usage on the grid is closer to 60%. So who pays the 30% difference, us, the non-solar customers. This amount has not been significant to now because of the small number of solar customers, but as the number of solar customers grow, the subsidy will become significant. Rocky Mountain's proposal should help correct this problem.

I believe that if people use the grid, which solar customers do, they should pay their fair share of the costs. Solar customers are already getting a tax credit, subsidized again by tax payers who do not have solar. I believe that solar customers should pay for what they want, and should not be reliant on handouts from non-solar customers.

I commend Rocky Mountain for their efforts to reduce the subsidies made to solar customers at the expense of other customers. I hope that the Public Service Commission and those in the state's political bodies will support Rocky Mountain in these efforts.



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Rocky Mountain Power and Home Solar

1 message

pedalpushe <pedalpushe@aol.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 4:21 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

If RMP'S propasal to increase grid connection fees for attachment of home solar users is approved it will kill the rooftop solar industry in Utah by making it financially unfeasible for individual home owners to go solar -about 75% of RMP'S solar comes from coal which is destroying air quality and the environment at an ever increasing rate -renewable non-toxic energy such as solar is the answer to the future -please do not approve RMP'S props ed rate increases -keep solar affordable

Jackii Pellett
Sandy, Ut

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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Solar energy

1 message

Leslie Jones <lesliejones85@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 4:36 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to change its net metering agreement.

It is the Public Service Commission's role to "protect efficient, reliable, reasonably-priced utility service for customers, and to maintain financially healthy utility companies."

The proposed changes to the net metering agreement would undermine the efficiency and reliability of electricity for all Utahns, and it does not help ensure reasonable energy prices for consumers in Utah.

Thanks,
Leslie Maughan
A Utah Resident