

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

1 message

Karen Thomas <kcthomas@me.com> To: psc@utah.gov Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 5:28 PM

To whom it may concern:

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

I think that this will hinder the growth of the solar industry in Utah and the use of dirty energy instead of solar will be detrimental to the health of all Utahns.

Sincerely,

Karen C Thomas Resident of Salt Lake County



Fwd:

1 message

Jamie Dalton <jdalton@utah.gov>
To: PublicService Commission c@utah.gov>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 6:05 PM

——— Forwarded message ———

From: William Ingalls < wvingalls@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:55 PM

Subject:

To: jdalton@utah.gov

Dear Jamie Dalton,

Please refer this email to all other parties on the Public Service Commission who will be deciding by Friday whether to allow Rocky Mountain Power to change its rate structure. I am strongly opposed to this measure, as it seems certain to hamstring Utah's fledgling solar industry. It will make it less economically feasible for customers to use rooftop solar, because the break-even point where the customer gains back the value of their initial investment in solar will be lengthened. If we as a state and a nation wish to become more energy-independent, then this is exactly what we should NOT do. It is important that the Commission deny this request by Friday.

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Sincerely, Tom Elder Vernal, UT tomelder@easilink.com Jamie Dalton
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20,575 signers: Save Solar for Utah - Affordable Solar Power in Jeopardy in Utah petition

1 message

 Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 6:12 AM

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Thank you.

-Ryan Evans

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Representation

1 message

Dave Randall <sdrandos98@hotmail.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 8:00 AM

I need your help. I do not have the opportunity to negotiate with RMP individually with my rates, the basic charge for just being connected to their grid, or if I don't buy enough of their power a minimum charge that is assessed to me.

I am not asking that RMP lose money on what it costs them to produce or provide power. That cost should be carried by those they provide, but ALL of us should help with that cost, not just adding tariffs to solar customers because aren't using enough of their product. Could you imagine if you got charged a tariff on your milk because you only bought 1 gallon rather than 3? In fact, RMP is trying to cover both ends because we get charged more money if we use more power.

If the costs to maintain the grid is not being covered, then please have RMP show what that costs is so that we can help to make sure that we have power, but don't let them lump all their costs in to the price of a kwh. Everyone should pay for what they use and not have to pay for not using.

Let us all pay for what we use, a kwh is a khw and the maintenance of the infrastructure is the cost of the infrastructure. Please don't let RMP show these numbers as the same thing.

Thanks for you time, I recognize this is not an easy thing, but we both know that RMP will not stop with this tariff, it is already higher than what they originally proposed last year and will continue to spread to current customers just as the power companies have been allowed to do in other states. Perhaps a independent analysis of the true costs associated with solar is warranted.

Respectfully,

David Randall

79 Harper Way

South Weber, UT



Thank you! Go Solar

1 message

GALEN <galenstarr@comcast.net> To: psc@utah.gov

Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 8:13 AM

Thank you for denying RMPs plan to increase rates for solar customers. Solar is the right thing to do for all America's and should be incoraged and subsidized. The long term effects will far far outweigh the initial costs up front. What is clean air worth to us.

Thank you Galen Schuck Sandy,UT



No Solar Power Rate Increase - Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Hugh A. Hurlow hugh.a.hurlow@gmail.com To: Public Service Commission psc@utah.gov Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 8:56 AM

Please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to increase fees and rates for home-installed solar power.

Population and energy use in Utah will continue to increase, therefore solar power will not compete with other energy sources and RMP's economic issues with solar power, if real, will not worsen.

Keeping rates low could make Utah a proud national leader in solar power generation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Hugh A. Hurlow



RMP's proposals for increased fees for residential solar customers

1 message

June S Taylor < jtaylor1@ucair.med.utah.edu>

Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: King Brian <bri> sriansking@le.utah.gov>

I do not find RMP's arguments for their increased fees to be persuasive. I think the PSC should not act precipitately on RMP's proposals, but require more study and evidence from RMP that their fee increases are appropriate. RMP appears to be all too inclined to discourage residential solar installations; whereas I think it is in the public interest to have residential solar because it contributes a distributed backup source of electrical power, in the event of failure of the electrical network (e.g., earthquakes, and the far more frequent storm/wind damage to electrical lines).

Thank you for your attention. June S Taylor 1785 Princeton Avenue Salt Lake City UT 84108



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Solar

1 message

David Carlson <carlsonpie@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 12:01 PM

Dear Public Service Commission:

I'm writing to ask you to please vote "NO" on Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate change for grid-tied solar users.

Why? Because their "study" is slanted and inaccurate. The imagined subsidy that they say non-solar customers are paying is non-existent. It's analogous to saying people who use less water, or less gas are being subsidized because they pay less taxes for gas or water. Saying these lower users should pay more doesn't make any sense at all and it's the same with electricity. The study also completely ignores the benefits of distributed generation. Distributed generation stabilizes the grid and lowers voltage drop. Solar also adds the most to the system exactly when demand is the greatest. The greater the presence of this distributed generation, the greater the benefit. In other words, we should be doing all we can to promote rooftop solar.

Next, the proposal completely ignores the great benefit solar users GIVE to the community-lower emissions. More and more urban users are pairing a new rooftop PV system with an electric car. These folks are saving the health of all of us and should be recognized as visionaries and our benefactors. And again, the greater the proliferation of this practice, the greater the benefit. Promote rooftop solar!

Lower emissions lead to cleaner air. Cleaner air leads to less pollution related illness and death-lower medical expenses.

If the system were really fair, a carbon tax would show the true cost of polluting our planet and the benefit of all renewable energy practices.

Thank you for your consideration.

David L Carlson 1840 S Lake St SLC UT. 84105



Solar power incentives

1 message

CenturyLink Customer <gavco123@q.com> To: psc@utah.gov Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 9:45 AM

To the members of the Utah Public Service Commission,

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my opposition to any reduction of incentives, surcharges, tax, tariff, fees, or other disincentives on currant or future users of our most abundant renewable energy source, solar power. PacificCorp/ Rocky Mountain Power seem to be doing what ever they can to slow the growth of solar power usage and this is understandable, they have shareholders, and shareholders demand to see sustained profits and greater dividends. As more and more RMP customers turn to solar power to fill their energy needs, demand for fossil fuel energy will be diminished, that's not a ground breaking theory to anyone. Niether is the fact that if RMP doesn't get their requested tariff on solar users, they will be coming to the PSC for a rate increase to cover the loss. As a rate payer I'm not happy that I'll be forced to pay more, but therein lies one more incentive to go to an alternative energy source. We all know that we cannot sustain the earths atmosphere by continuing to use fossil fuel to produce energy. As a customer and user of the power that PacificCorp/ RMP produces I'm right on the cusp of solar power investment affordability, add any fees taxes or tariffs and that puts it totally out of the realm of possibility, unless our household income is substantially increased. If we are EVER going to reduce our carbon footprint we should all be shouting from the roof tops for even more incentives for the investment in solar power.

Thank You Tom Gavnik 2852 E. Pamela Dr Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121 801-733-4153 gavco123@q,com



Rocky Mountain Power Solar Rates

1 message

Parker Jones cparkerjonesdesign@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 2:40 PM

Hello Utah PSC Folks,

Just want to add my voice in opposition to fast-tracking Rocky Mountain Power to shift the current solar rate. We have a serious air-quality problem in Salt Lake City, and actions that hinder our movement towards renewables hurt our residents, children, and ultimately the viability of Salt Lake as a recreation destination for the US & beyond.

Thanks for considering, Parker Jones



Solar energy

1 message

Eric Dorsey <ericdorsey784@hotmail.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 3:35 PM

Why are we allowing rocky mountain power to put restrictions on solar energy? Salt lake city has some of the worst air quality in the nation during winter and is the major reason my family and I are planning a ski trip somewhere else this winter. That has got to be some of the most backward thinking I have seen and really shows the government is putting rocky mountains interests ahead of its own residents. Please reconsider or we will not plan another ski trip to Utah which is a shame cause this is the first year on almost a decade we have not gone to Utah.

Eric Dorsey



Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Aaron Searle <searle.aaron@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 3:51 PM

As a citizen of Utah, I do not support or agree with any of the proposed changes by Rocky Mountain Power to reduce the Solar incentives. That is a terrible idea, and should not be considered in any fashion.

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Solar energy proposal

1 message

Jonathan Burton <jwburton08@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 5:15 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please do not vote on regressive legislation. Renewable energy needs to be the future, especially to meet the air quality needs of our beautiful city. Please move forward and continue to incentive the public who switch to renewable energy.

Jonathan Burton Orem, Utah



Important current solar rate.

1 message

Caleb R <mcmunchies1@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Hello fellow Utahns;

I do not support the measure to fast-track Rocky Mountain power to shift the current solar rate. In a matter of fact it is immoral, disgusting, and despicable that this is even a consideration. This will give a corporation power over the people and Utah has bad air quality as is, please don't make us suffer at hands of injustice.

Thank you, Caleb Rahimzadeh a concerned citizen.



Rocky Mountain Power and Solar

1 message

Robert Erickson <r7erickson@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 8:43 PM

Hello,

I would like to voice my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power changing how solar power is used from people's rooftops. Roof top solar is a wonderful free market solution to keep competition for energy in Utah. Otherwise it is a virtual monopoly in Utah for residents to get power.

Solar power also helps to reduce the pollution in the air and helps Utah have less red air days.

Please do not let Rocky Mountain Power become a monopoly and let the people of Utah find a free market solution to our air pollution problem.

Rob Erickson Farmington Utah 801-860-4836



Rocky Mountain Power Solar

1 message

Casey Londer < londerc@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 3:01 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

The air quality in Utah is dangerous in the winter. Some of the worse in the country. The measure to fast-track RMP to shift the current solar rate will lower the incentives for solar customers. This will likely deter a large percentage of homeoners and commercial establishments from obtaining solar. I do not support this measure. Let's focus on safe clean air for our children and encouraging solar customers should be the highest priority. Bending to a for-profit monopoly's wishes instead of steps to clean up the air in our valley would be tragic.

Thank you,

Casey Londer



Fwd: Public Service Commission vote on solar Friday

1 message

Carol Revelt crevelt@utah.gov>
To: PublicService Commission c@utah.gov>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 6:54 AM

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From: Tom Elder <tomelder@easilink.com>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 10:06 AM

Subject: Public Service Commission vote on solar Friday

To: crevelt@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

Please refer this email to all those parties on the Public Service Commission who will be deciding by Friday whether to allow Rocky Mountain Power to change its rate structure. I am strongly opposed to this measure, as it seems certain to hamstring Utah's fledgling solar industry. It will make it less economically feasible for customers to use rooftop solar, because the break-even point where the customer gains back the value of their initial investment in solar will be lengthened. If we as a state and a nation wish to become more energy-independent, then this is exactly what we should NOT do. It is important that the Commission deny this request by Friday. Utah is in a fair position to become the Silicon Valley of solar. Please don't let this ill-considered proposal prevent that.

Sincerely,
Tom Elder
Vernal, UT
tomelder@easilink.com



Fwd: Rocky Mountain Power's attempt to punish rooftop solar

1 message

Carol Revelt < crevelt@utah.gov>

To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 6:58 AM

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From: Michael Carnes <michael@michaelcarnes.net>

Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 5:27 PM

Subject: Rocky Mountain Power's attempt to punish rooftop solar

To: crevelt@utah.gov

Hello Ms. Revelt,

Having recently placed rooftop solar on my house, you can bet I've got an interest in RMP's attempt to shut it down. It's clearly punitive. Any access fees or fees for grid maintenance should be (at most) shared among all ratepayers. Instead RMP is targeting rooftop solar, claiming we're somehow not doing our share. If that were true, they'd be equally angry at people who install insulation or turn out the lights when then leave the room. No, they really just want to shut down the solar industry.

By most estimates, I'll be 80 years old when my investment pays off. My wife and I did this mainly because it's the right thing to do. By placing our money where our ethics are, perhaps we can help the industry to realize efficiencies that bring solar within the range of more modest incomes. There are far more potential jobs in this industry than there ever were in coal—decent jobs with good pay and greater safety. Coal will die—the rest of the world is moving in that direction—so the transparent efforts of RMP will only prolong the changeover—placing Utah last when it could be first.

Rocky Mountain Power has a direct interest in coal mining and appears ready to do anything to protect their monopoly and their profits. They have many influential friends in Utah government, so it will take some courage to stand up to them. I hope the PSC has that kind of courage. Just think about it the next time you're choking in a coal-powered inversion.

Best regards, Michael Carnes Cottonwood Heights



Fwd: Solar Subsidies

1 message

Carol Revelt crevelt@utah.gov

To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 7:27 AM

Forwarded message ——

From: Del Clawson <delclawson@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Dec 1, 2016 at 9:56 PM

Subject: Solar Subsidies To: crevelt@utah.gov

There is a very vocal minority of solar advocates fighting Rocky Mountain's proposed rate increase for solar net-metering customers. While solar is desirable as a clean energy, it is important that net-metering policies and rates be fair to all customer and not give special advantage to solar customers that continue to use Rocky Mountain's grid.

Thanks,

Del Clawson



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solar

1 message

kristina leigh hicks <kristinaleighhicks@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 8:29 AM

Hello,

I don't support the measure to fast-track Rocky Mountain power to shift the current solar rate.

It's important for Utahns to have incentives to switch to one of our most abundant natural resources: solar.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristina Hicks-Hamblin



Switch to Solar

1 message

Koly Swistak <kswistak@backcountry.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 3:19 PM

Utah Public Service Commission,

I wanted to take the time out of my work day to let you know that as a resident of Salt Lake City I do not support the proposal under consideration to fast track Rock Mountain to shift the current solar rate. In our valley, we honestly need to increase the incentives for residents to switch to solar power to combat our smog inversion not the opposite.



Koly Swistak

Customer Account Manager

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Please vote against

1 message

Lela Newey < Ineweye@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 4:24 PM

The punishing increase on solar panel owners! We purchased at great expense to help the environment and now because the power co didn't foresee the infrastructure, now we are being charged more. Please do NOT let this happen!! Regards,

Lela Newey