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To the Utah PSC Commissioners,

Regarding the recently opened comment period for Docket No. 14-035-116, I would like to submit two suggestions for consideration.

First, I would suggest that any excess credits a net meter customer has at the end of the annualized billing period be applied (at a standard wholesale rate for solar energy) to the minimum bill assessed to that customer by Rocky Mountain Power, *especially* if a net meter fee is approved in the future.

Second, alternatively, if and when Rocky Mountain Power does their due diligence and, after a substantial, thorough, and honest study and review of net metering's costs and benefits, determines that there is some extra cost to the infrastructure beyond that of a regular customer, even after subtracting all of the numerous benefits offered from that cost, the excess credits should be used to pay for that hypothetical extra cost (at a standard solar wholesale rate). That would negate the need for any kind of net meter fee, and excess credits still left over could still be used for the low-income assistance program.

The second solution would scale well, still encourage the adoption of responsible, clean energy production, and most importantly, would be fair to *all* customers. RMP talks a lot about fairness, but requiring net meter customers to donate their excess electricity while at the same time trying to assess extra fees to them reeks of unfairness. It is simply unfathomable that net meter customers would be lectured on fairness, threatened with fees (that is still an active threat, despite the 2/3 decision to delay), and then told that excess energy generated must be donated away.

I strongly hope that all three commissioners can agree upon a just solution regarding this issue.

Thank you

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