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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**Sally Cousins Elliott** <sallycousinselliott@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:23 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

When I was a County Commissioner in Summit County I worked with Chad Ambrose as a liaison to Rocky Mountain Power. It was a pleasant experience. Rocky Mountain Power also made a very generous donation of \$3,000 to our Park Record Newspaper digitization project. So, while I have every reason to be grateful to them, I'm quite disturbed about their fast track request to add a surcharge to those who care enough to install photovoltaic solar panels on their roofs. Most people join in the rooftop solar installation movement to reduce carbon footprint and climate change, not because of any economy they expect to receive. The payoff is too far away to be palpable.

It's important to my children and grandchildren to leave them with a smaller carbon footprint and a better chance that they can succeed on a planet that will survive.

If you charge a higher rate, however you will dampen the enthusiasm for this valuable environmental contribution. Please consider denying the request for higher fees. Because of the damage that burning fossil fuel causes, people who use more fossil fuel electricity should be paying for the damage that fossil fuel burning causes to the environment. Think of it as a way to discourage carbon burning. While I'm happy to pay a reasonable monthly fee to Rocky Mountain Power for use of the grid which they have installed at great expense, I'm not happy to pay more than my fair share. I was a very early installer of solar panels on my roof and I did it to serve as an example to others. Summit County and Park City have made great efforts to reduce our carbon footprint because climate change is already affecting our economy by shortening the ski season due to warmer weather. We can't afford to damage it further.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## Solar

1 message

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**Barbara Reineke** <bpr1371@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:25 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Docket#16-035-T14

To whom it may concern:

I recently purchased solar panels for my home. Tax credits are extremely helpful for the purchaser and I believe if RMP gets their wish, implementation of future panels for other customers will be negatively impacted. I am requesting that these changes NOT be made given the importance of clean energy for our city and for the planet. You want to make the panels attractive to purchase and these changes will make an already expensive product even more difficult to afford.

Barbara Reineke

Sent from my iPhone



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**Tim Burton** <timburtondvr@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 6:16 PM

To: "PSC@utah.gov" &lt;PSC@utah.gov&gt;

To whom it may concern,

As a citizen of Utah, I am expressing my concern over Rocky Mountain Power's latest proposal.

I do not work in the solar industry, I am however an owner of a rooftop system. I personally believe the latest request by RM ( Rocky Mountin Power) is absolutely absurd. I believe it is yet another attempt to monopolize Utah and the customer base of RM. I have personally received many flyers from RM indicating that my home used too much power, and advertising their services to help "become more efficient". As I have spoken with my neighbors, I have learned I am not the only one receiving them, and honestly they look exactly the same. They are quite annoying. Now , even more annoying is their attempt to eliminate the solar competition. I honestly believe this to be completely unacceptable.

I freely invested many thousands of dollars to not only invest in my families future, but also to a renewable energy source. Any additional energy that my system generates, if not used by the end of March, is Donated to RM. I am not paid for any of it. Yet In turn, they are requesting to increase my monthly connection fee, and severely penalize me for any power I use off the grid. This is nothing more than a move to kill the solar industry , monopolize the public, and take private sector jobs away.

As acommission that's role is to protect the citizens of this great state, I would certainly hope you will show your support for us. This request must be denied. Please protect us!

If you are unwilling to do that, I would hope for a counter proposal requiring RM to pay owners of roof top solar systems for the excess power we generate, at the same margins that RM are asking to penalize us with.

Please protect the citizens of this great state and deny this absurd request.

Highest regards,

Tim Burton



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**John McCrary** <john\_m\_mccrary@hotmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 6:19 PM

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

To whom it may concern, i'm writing a simple but concise letter of concern regarding Rocky Mountain power's proposal to increase rates for solar energy customers like myself. I am an existing rooftop solar energy customer and have just recently invested in alternative energy solar panels. When I did my research on whether it was a smart decision to put money upfront to install solar panels I was under the impression that the rules would not change in the near future. I would hope that you'd be careful not to let Rocky Mountain power increase rates for new and existing customers so rapidly and drastically. Thank you

John McCrary  
Utah Resident  
RMP customer



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Dh Hayner <d31hayner@hotmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 6:23 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Please extend the public comment period on this action to allow for more input from customers. Due to inadequate notification of existing customers, many are not aware of what RMP is proposing in docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment. This is a thinly-veiled attempt to put rooftop solar out of business to the detriment of all opposed to the growing problems associated with fossil-fuel generation of power

Wake up! Climate change is real and may or may not spell disaster for the current generation but please think of future generations. This is purely an attempt to maintain RMP's existing monopoly on power generation. They pay lip service to renewable energy but only if it's their renewable energy.

Rooftop solar provides jobs to thousands of people and prevents thousands, if not millions, of tons of CO2 and particulates from being released into our atmosphere. In the polluted Wasatch front environment, every small measure of curtailing pollutants can make a difference. It is not just a future problem, thousand of people along the Wasatch front are currently afflicted with breathing and other problems associated with our Winter inversions and climate change will have a very real and potentially negative effect on our state.

Please stand up for the individuals that are trying to make our air, and our state, better by participating in rooftop solar. They definitely should not be penalized for trying, even one household at a time, to make Utah and the nation a better place to live.

Doris H. Hayner  
Ogden, Weber, UT>



## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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Jill E Allen <pinoak@xmission.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 7:09 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am a rooftop solar customer who is 'grandfathered' under Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) new rate proposal. If these new fees were applied to me, my monthly bill may increase from \$20 to \$57, an almost three-fold increase. About \$30/month would likely come from the new demand fee (I needed the help of a college physics professor to estimate that). This oversized impact suggests that the demand fee needs to be thoroughly analyzed for fairness.

I had to educate myself about 'demand fees' because this is a relatively new form of electricity billing in Utah. They were developed to encourage electricity users to conserve and reduce load at peak demand times, in other words to even out their electricity use. Ironically, these fees are now being proposed for net-meter customers who, despite RMP's assertions otherwise, already reduce load at peak times. With a demand fee, solar customers who use much less electricity overall will pay much more for it unless they become highly educated and disciplined to avoid it. In addition, if demand charges are high enough, they extend the payback period long enough to make solar power uneconomical. In Arizona, Administrative Law Judge Jane Rodda recently ruled that demand charges for rooftop solar would require "a massive public education effort" in order to be effective and fair. Respectfully, I ask that the Commission consider these questions about the fairness of the fees:

- **Is it fair to impose an *involuntary and complicated* demand charge on a such a small group of residential customers?** Currently, net-meter customers account for only 16,000 of the more 850,000 RMP customers in Utah. This makes them vulnerable to unfair utility practices. If the demand fee is adopted, net-meter customers will need to identify peak times that change with the seasons, run appliances only at non-peak times, avoid running appliances simultaneously, and coordinate all of that with home heating and cooling in order to avoid excessive bills. Some customers may need to buy battery systems to offset the impact of the demand fee. Non-solar customers have no such burden and are not penalized for undesirable usage patterns.
- **Why are peak hours so much greater in the proposed solar rate schedule than in RMP's 'Time of Day' program for non-solar customers?** The composition of peak hours in the proposed solar schedule imposes a far greater burden than for non-solar customers. For example, RMP's voluntary demand fee schedule for non-solar customers consists of about 700 hours *only* during the summer. The solar fee would extend throughout the year with designated hours changing with the season, add morning hours that are not in the non-solar program, and add 900 more peak hours overall (1600 for solar vs. 700 for non-solar).
- **Will there be alternatives for renewable energy if these fees are adopted?** Short answer: no. Consumers want renewable energy and should be able to choose it. Currently, rooftop solar power is the only feasible alternative for renewable energy. Subscriptions are sold out for RMP's solar farm.
- **If the fees are approved, will RMP provide consumers with enough information and education to predict the impact of the demand fee on their bill?** Customers may need months of demand data to help them understand their power usage patterns in order to react to an unpredictable demand fee. I see no consideration in the RMP proposal whether they can provide this data and the education to understand it.
- **Is a demand fee of \$9 reasonable or punitive?** A recent "50 States of Solar" report said that 13 utilities had proposed a demand fee on solar customers ranging from \$1.50 to \$14.99 in Nevada. The fee RMP is requesting is almost the highest, suggesting that additional analysis by an independent party is necessary to ensure it is not punitive.

- **If RMP is successful in applying a demand fee, is there a mechanism of evaluating whether the fee is reasonable?** There is no precedent for such a large increase in a utility fee. If the fee is found to be unreasonable, will there be an avenue for customers to receive a refund? In Oklahoma, a judge recently recommended that new tariffs on rooftop solar be implemented for only 1 month and that customers should be eligible for a refund if they prove unreasonable.
- **Could high solar fees lead consumers to seek deregulation of the electricity industry in Utah?** RMP has acknowledged that the investment by established net-meter customers was made based on the current structure and says it respects the customers' need for reasonable certainty to recover that investment. Yet the company also intends to reevaluate fees for current customers at a future proceeding. In Nevada, fees like the ones proposed in Utah were applied to all solar customers. This wiped out the investments of established net-meter customers and decimated the state's solar industry. In a backlash, Nevada citizens just overwhelmingly voted to start deregulating their electricity industry. Consumers in Utah might turn to deregulation as a way to achieve more reasonably priced renewable energy if the proposed fees are adopted.
- **Why has RMP requested the PSC act so quickly with minimal public scrutiny?** If the impact of roof-top solar is as great as the utility claims, it deserves to be examined within the normal rate-setting process with a reasonable time-frame for review RMP has proposed not one, but three changes to the way roof-top solar power customers will be charged. This needs more time, more stakeholder review, and active oversight by the PSC.

I thank the Commission for reading my letter. I ask that both the public comment period and decision date be extended for this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Jill E. Allen, PharmD, BCPS

Salt Lake City, UT

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1 message

**Joseph Cancilla** <Joseph@idea8ion.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 7:21 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am emailing to express my concern over the net meter rate schedule proposed by Rocky Mountain Power

As outlined in your report, there are real issues going forward investing in a grid that works under the distributed model of renewable energy, and I encourage Rocky Mountain Power to continue to plan for that future. Individual investing in rooftop solar are allies in this cause, and as residential storage technology improves, will help Rocky Mountain Power create a robust and sustainable power grid.

This plan stands to cripple the roof top solar industry in Utah. The pricing structure ensures that solar installation would rarely recoup the large initial investment. Further, the peak power demand charge, modeled after commercial solar installations, penalizes residential grid-tied customers. The proposal would also penalize owners of both solar panels and electric cars, discouraging such an investment just when it is crucial that we get tailpipes out of the valley to improve air quality. There are quite a few other fee models that could be proposed that don't use commercial solar as a model.

I agree that solar users benefit from the current net meter fee structure, but everyone else benefits from more renewables on the grid, meaning better air quality for everyone. The last thing we should do is discourage people from investing their own money in roof top solar

As it stands, I cannot support this plan and I would encourage you to extend the public comment period so that a stakeholders can adequately review your proposal.

Let's Make it Happen!

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*with what runs over." - Les Brown*

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**Jonathon Ostler** <jonathon0317@yahoo.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 7:59 PM

Reply-To: "jonathon0317@yahoo.com" <jonathon0317@yahoo.com>

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

Please do not let Rocky Mountain Power raise the rates causing the solar panel companies - leave the state or fold. We are very disappointed that Rocky Mountain Power would try to do this to put so many companies out of business and so many people unemployed. Solar power has been a wonderful thing in my life as well as my friends and Family's lives. Please do not let Rocky Mountain Power get these rates raised. The state of Utah should be encouraging renewable energy. We should not be giving into these big corporations.

I'm very concerned.  
Jon Ostler

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**bachassociates@aol.com** <bachassociates@aol.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 8:01 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Residential solar power installations have a far greater value for Utah than simply the money that owners may save, they are an important step in fighting increased air pollution and climate change.

I request that the PSC deny the current Rocky Mountain Power regulations to tax solar power users.

I further request that the November 22 deadline for public comments on the rate change is extended to allow a full analysis of the question and allow responses from all interested parties.

Thank you for acting responsibly and in the public's interest.

Jim Bach



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Solar power death threat docket #16-035-T14

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Paul Williams <plwriofrio@yahoo.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 8:48 PM

Reply-To: Paul Williams <plwriofrio@yahoo.com>

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

- RMC has shown no interest in the facts.
  - I Have been cost-estimator and know that their so-called cost benefit study is incomplete and worthless on the face of it.
  - Solar generation saves RMP the cost of building and maintaining new infrastructure and generating capacity.
  - Solar brings more jobs and money into Utah rather than into Mr Bell's pockets.
  - RMP's internal calculations show it up. They know their request is wrong. That is why they put it out the day after elections when the world was not watching their juvenile behavior. They hoped to get the little deed done without being noticed like any petty crook.
  - RMP wants to have health costs ignored. Doing this will makes the PSC look incompetent.
  - I have also been a hospice medical worker Coal is dying. Trying to save it by "heroic measures" deprives others of deserved care.
- The PSC can help it die with dignity or prolong it's demise and ignore care also for the lungs of our young and old.
- It may sound strong, but RMC is a corporation. It is not capable of caring about the real human suffering they cause with their slavishness to coal.

You represent us humans.

Please kill this proposal at it's basic premises.

and

Extend the comment period so you can get it right.

Thank you.

Paul Williams  
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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zinnd3@gmail.com <zinnd3@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:05 PM

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

Dear Commissioners,

I am in opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13",  
filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar  
customers. Urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to  
use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

I feel that we need to take any and all measures to decrease the air pollution in are valleys, deterring roof top solar would  
be a hazardous move for the well being of are childrens children.

I would like to thank you for your service and I feel that you will make the correct decision.

Thank you David Zinn

105 Lakeview Stansbury Park ,UT 84074

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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**Matt Crowell** <mcgreenify@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:10 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Jason Walker &lt;jasonwalker03@gmail.com&gt;

Thank you for taking my comment.

My Name is Matt Crowell and I have been a part of the solar industry for 4 years now. I started my carrer in California , then traveled to Arizona , and now I am finally back in my home state of Utah. My wife was sick of traveling around to the "good" solar markets and was home sick. It just so happened that solar was just starting to boom in Utah and so when we came back to Utah to have our 3rd child it seemed like it was meant to be. Now the Monopoly RMP has me and my wife worried sick about the our future. The premise of RMP's argument is completely skewed and way off base. I promise you this. I'm sure if this went to court and all of the evidence was taken into account that the verdict would be Solar is a major benefit, even for the utility company. Please see through their bias argument that is derived from fear of losing their monopoly.

Sincerely,

-Matt Crowell

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Matt Crowell

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**Jonathan Griffith** <jon.s.griffith@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:26 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am emailing to express my concern over the net meter rate schedule proposed by Rocky Mountain Power.

As outlined in your report, there are real issues going forward investing in a grid that works under the distributed model of renewable energy and I encourage Rocky Mountain Power to continue to plan for that future. Individuals investing in rooftop solar are allies in this cause, and as residential storage technology improves, will help Rocky Mountain Power create a robust and sustainable power grid.

This plan stands to cripple the roof top solar industry in Utah. The pricing structure ensures that solar installations would rarely recoup the large initial investment. Further, the peak power demand charge, modeled after commercial solar installations, penalizes residential grid-tied customers. The proposal would also penalize owners of both solar panels and electric cars, discouraging such an investment just when it is crucial that we get tailpipes out of the valley to improve air quality. There are quite a few other fee models that could be proposed that don't use commercial solar as a model.

I agree that solar users benefit from the current net meter fee structure, but everyone else benefits from more renewables on the grid, meaning better air quality for everyone. The last thing we should do is discourage people from investing their own money in roof top solar.

As it stands, I cannot support this plan and I would encourage you to extend the public comment period so that all stakeholders can adequately review your proposal.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Griffith



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**Judi** <jgoodhouk@comcast.net>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 11:17 PM

Greetings:

I request that you do not pass the regulations put forth by RMP to disincentives solar panels. We need to do all we can to reduce our use of fossil fuels and to help to clean the air in Utah. The oil companies get large tax breaks and have been getting them for years. Those that go to the solar industries are much less over all and we need to keep all incentives for people to continue to all solar panels to their homes.

Our entire community benefits from solar when an individual chooses to install solar on their own roof. Excess power is fed into the grid via a Net meter, which then is used in surrounding houses. This is called Distributed power, and lessens line load for RMP.

A great analogy, is Utah Public Education. Everyone who pays property taxes is supporting Utah public schools, whether they have children in school or not. We all agree to do this because there is a societal benefit in having an educated population.

My husband and I have no kids in public education, while others have multiple, but we all pay property taxes and reap the benefits community wide. I am happy to pay to have decent schools and education.

Solar is much the same. I may not have solar on my house but I benefit from my neighbor having solar by environmental benefits, distributed power and solar jobs.

This proposal by RMP is a big deal in my world. There are over 3,300 Utahns directly employed in solar. With these regulations, we will certainly see a thousand or more jobs disappear almost immediately .

Sincerely,

Judith Gooding  
9962 s Falconview dr  
Sandy, UT 84092





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**Docket # 16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

**Kerry M Lambert** <kerrylambert@icloud.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 3:41 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom it may concern,

I am strongly apposed to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13, filed No v. 9, 2016. Please deny the fast track request and require the normal rate-making process.

As a dedicated follower of science I believe taxing solar is a moral step in the wrong direction for the following reasons:

1. The earth is warming and we are the cause. The evidence is overwhelming.
2. Nearly all of the possible results of continued warming are devastating to us and especially future generations.
3. One of our best hopes to change this probable negative future is solar.
4. Penalizing instead of supporting those who are trying to do the right thing by installing solar is simply wrong.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,  
Kerry Lambert



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Laura Olsen** <lauraolsen22@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 7:03 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

I'm a single Mom of 3, I got solar so one day I would have less bills, I need all the help I can get. Please keep Rocky Mountain power in check !

Laura Olsen



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Mary Christa Smith** <mc.smith@scpw.org>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 8:03 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Hello Public Service Commission,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and lifelong Utahan, mother, nonprofit ED and community member to ask you to please deny Rocky Mountain Power's requests to change the net metering policy .

- There has not been enough time for public input and a broad discussion of the impacts.
- The financial analysis by RMP is flawed, and needs to be exposed as such.
- We have shared values of self reliance in Utah, and this new rate structure will limit our ability to source clean, affordable energy for our families.
- It will hurt our economy - there are now more people employed in the solar industry than the coal industry , and for the future of our economic wellbeing, and ability to pay utility bills, we need to support, not persecute clean energy options.

Please do you job on behalf of the people you serve, not the utilities and and politicians who are in the pocket of the fossil fuel lobby. Do what is best for all Utahans, and especially , the generations to come. Deny Rocky Mountain Power's application.

Mary Christa Smith  
SCPW Project Manager  
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**steve brush** <stevebrush70@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 8:06 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Please stop Rocky mountain power from implementing this crazy rate hike for new solar customers. Solar power is good for our air, the economy, and even RMP. They currently control residential air conditioners time to help balance the load, and i would think more solar would help that. At any rate, please help encourage more rooftop solar instead of killing it.

Thanks!

Steve



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Brad Goodwin** <bkgoodwin@comcast.net>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 8:21 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners

Please reject Pacific Corp's proposal to change the solar power rate. I intend to add solar to my home this year and this would change my mind.

Brad Goodwin  
289 Bogey Circle  
NSL  
84054



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Jessica French** <vegetables2go@yahoo.com>  
 Reply-To: Jessica French <vegetables2go@yahoo.com>  
 To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 9:16 AM

Dear Commissioners,

First, I strongly oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13," filed November 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's fast-track request, and require the company to follow the normal rate-making process for all proposed changes.

There are a number of reasons why you should reject Rocky Mountain Power's request. **First**, the process is an effort to bypass the normal rate-setting process, which includes important opportunities for in-depth review of the evidence, public hearings and expert testimony. Any rate-setting proposals should follow this normal process. The PSC is responsible to "ensure safe, reliable, adequate and reasonably priced utility service." This fast-track approach does not meet this standard and responsibility to the public. **Second**, the rate proposal itself, is simply unfair. RMP claims that solar customers don't pay their share of infrastructure costs, which are borne by non-solar customers. However, I believe the cost is shifted from traditional customers to solar customers. RMP's cost-of-service model does not include all relevant costs. For example, RMP's cost-of-service model ignores rooftop solar's contributions to reducing peak capacity requirements, which reduces the need for building more powerplants (prevented infrastructure costs). In addition, because rooftop solar is used where it is produced and very nearby, RMP also benefits from avoided energy losses along the transmission lines, as well as avoided wear and tear on transformers. These benefits of rooftop solar are not accounted for in the cost-of-service model, but they are very **valuable**, and perhaps most important, this rate change would result in a significant increase in fossil fuel combustion, increasing air pollution in a state that is already having difficulty meeting standards for healthy air. The environmental consequences alone are critical. Companies will avoid Utah because of the bad air resulting in the loss of jobs, in addition to the loss of over 3,000 existing solar jobs. The public health consequences are enormous. The number of premature deaths, emergency room visits and hospital days that result from our bad air are costs that every citizen bears. This rate proposal would make it more expensive every month for me to have a rooftop solar array than not. This is just wrong.

Thank you for accepting this input. I urge you to extend the deadline to allow a more thorough and considered evaluation of RMP's proposal. Again, I request that the PSC, in keeping with its mission, and in the interests of Utah ratepayers and the public, reject PacifiCorp-RMP's rate change request.

Jessica Briefer French  
 Salt Lake City, Utah  
 801-618-6964 - cell



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering T ariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

1 message

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**Jeff Brady** <jeffreyjbrady@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 10:18 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff Rocky Mountain Power is attempting to obtain approval on. Utah's air quality has degraded year after year because of a combination of industrial pollutants (coal power plants) and increased automobile traffic. Utah's rapidly expanding solar industry has a huge positive impact in reversing the downward air quality trend. In addition to helping clean up our air quality, it is also providing a significant amount of local jobs that helps numerous families throughout the state.

As an electrical engineer I can understand the complications of having to control multiple power inputs and the additional strain that random solar panel installations can place on the existing electrical grid. However, it is my trained opinion that Docket No. 16-035-T14 increases expenses for solar customers well beyond what is justified. They asked for too much of an increase designed for the sole purpose of killing the solar industry in Utah.

Approving Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff will, without a doubt, destroy solar in Utah. Rocky Mountain Power and their parent company PacifiCorp are only interested in maintaining profits and improving their stock portfolio. They do not care about the air quality in Utah and they see the burgeoning solar industry as a direct competitor to their own business. If the state of Utah really cares about the people who live in this great state, then they should encourage competition within business as well as encourage industries that improve the health and quality of life of the citizens of this state.

Do the right thing, help us change our energy future,

Jeff Brady  
Electrical Engineer  
U. S. Air Force



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**Bryn Carey** <bryn@skibutlers.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 10:35 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Utah Public Service Commission,

Although my main job is owning and running Ski Butlers, I spend about 10% of my time working on climate change. The outdoor industry in Utah is over \$1 billion in revenue to the state and it depends on snow, water run off from the snow, quality air, national parks, and part of this is allowing Utah residents to transition to 100% clean energy.

By making it more difficult for residents and businesses to get solar, not only cuts down on the freedom of choice but also slows our transition from dirty fossil fuel to clean energy.

I currently have solar on our offices at Ski Butlers. It is our goal to get our energy from 100% clean energy throughout our 12 locations across North America.

Be a part of the solution. Keep the solar industry and its 4,000 jobs alive. Keep Utah on the transition to clean energy.

Thank you very much.

—

Inc. Magazines 2016 & 2015 top 5000 fastest growing companies in America! #Inc5000 #SkiButlers



Bryn Carey, President & CEO

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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**Joe chapman** <joechapstickman@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners of MY PUBLIC SERVICE Commission,

I have 28 SOLAR PANELS on my roof. I drive an ALL ELECTRIC CAR- Nissan Leaf. I just had installed an ALL ELECTRIC FURNACE AND WATER HEATER. I am doing what I can to keep OUR Environment livable, healthy and safe!  
ARE YOU?!

Are you aware that 2016 is projected to be another Hottest Year On Record?!

Are you aware of imminent dangerous climate change?!

Are you aware that Utah burns more dangerous dirty polluting coal than almost any other state in the country?!

Would you be proud of an Anti Clean Energy Anti Solar , Anti innovation, Anti Free Market Dirty Utah?!

I am in opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov . 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I Urge to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

I feel RMP should not be allowed to raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers.

Thank you for accepting public input, though the deadline should be extended. Respectfully request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Joseph Chapman



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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**Ange Chapman** <ababychapman@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 11:33 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

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For a clean and sustainable energy future,

Ange Chapman



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Fwd: Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**Ange Chapman** <ababychapman@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 11:34 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

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PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Ange Chapman



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket# 16-035-T14

1 message

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**Trevor Long** <tslong229@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 12:35 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Utah Public Service Commission,

The science is clear. Human causes climate change is real and imminent. Obviously we need to change the way we our daily lives and here is where the public service utility companies have an opportunity to change the world, for the better.

Accommodating nuclear and/or coal powered electric infrastructure will change the world for worse. Now is the time to take action for Utah and set an example for the rest of the US and accommodate solar and wind power electric infrastructure.

I am asking the commission to TURN DOWN the proposal for net metering rate hikes and leave the door open for a clean energy economy. The economics are proven. Solar is booming. Clean energy is the way of the future...for the economy and our planet.

Thanks for your time.

Trevor S Long

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

1 message

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**Travis Yennings** <trav.jennings@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 1:35 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Greetings UT Public Service Commission,

I am writing to you in Regards to the current discussion of reducing tax breaks/incentives for Utah Solar. I have read a few articles how Solar is apparently 'taking' money from Education and am a bit confused how this is the case.

The Solar Industry in Utah is huge positive. In the big picture we are moving towards a better future with renewables, and it has helped create thousands of respectable jobs. Utah is setting an example nationwide, and it's a beautiful thing.

If education funding is the issue, how can it not be worked out in a different manner? Why are fossil fuel companies still receiving tax breaks, and how is that justifiable? Here's hoping you think of the future and the benefit of all the variables solar has to offer.

Travis



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

1 message

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**Jacob Popek** <jakepopek@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 2:09 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Please do not increase rates for rooftop solar in Utah. The Solar Industry provides jobs in addition to sustainable energy for our homes.

Thank you for your time -

Jacob Popek  
Cottonwood Heights, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket Number" 16-035-T14

1 message

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**MILES ASCHLIMAN** <aschliman1@msn.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 2:20 PM

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

Re: DocketNumber" **16-035-T14**

Commissioners,

Please look to the future of electric power and not to the current wants of Rocky Mountain Power.

Roof top solar energy is a inexpensive source of electric power. Don't squeeze the current or persecutive customers so their investment in the future is seen as less important than the executive 7 digit compensation packages.

There are environmental reason but the driving force for utilities in revenue and profits. Please look out to the future my children and yours.

I have made the investments as many of my friends and co-works have. Giving RMP the a rate change that will defeat these investments would be a dis-service to the public this commission is supposed to protect.

Please look to the future

Miles Aschliman





PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket # 16-035-T14

1 message

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**Joe Valente** <joev1x@icloud.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 4:36 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

To whom this may concern,

As rocky mountain power looks to raise rates on net-metering for solar customers, the state and local governments need to look at this as our future investment. Not investing in solar energy is the same as not investing in our future and thats a bad gamble. We need to move on from fossil based energies and Utah has a chance to be at the forefront of this problem. Please consider the benefits of clean energy when making this decision as Utah is a world destination for snow sports. Thank you for your time, Joe Valente

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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**Ryan Andreasen** <fireryan@hotmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 5:17 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners,

I am in opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. Please deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

I do see a concern for cost structure change with solar providers however by looking at Berkshire Hathaway's net income for the last year, I find it difficult to be sympathetic to their cause. According to Google Finance, the owners of Rocky Mountain Power brought in over \$7,000,000,000.00, yes that with a B, in just the last three months. That is net income!

I built my solar array and maintain it with my own finances. RMP is using my excess power to keep them from building additional power plants. For me and my appetite for electricity.

Luckily, we have a solution to RMPs attempt to hijack our way of change to a healthier planet. A home battery is right around the corner. I predict if this policy is put in place we will keep our extra electricity at home and use it in place of RMP.

They will then be the backup to any needed supply that we would only need from time to time. That's a very large investment infrastructure that they will build and find themselves being the backup to self sufficient home owners.

Tesla already has the Powerwall 2 that installs in December. The rate structure requested by RMP already is more expensive than the Powerwall 2 implementation.

I predict if our power companies don't work with us in developing a cleaner environment we will put them out of business within the next 10 years. By completely disconnecting from them all together.

Thank you for accepting public comment. If you have further questions, you may call me at 801-698-6962.

Ryan Andreasen, 2222 Snoqualmie Dr. Layton, Utah.



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**robert roberts** <krperfhorses@msn.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 5:23 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to express my opposition to PacificCorp-RMP's Advice No. 16-13.

The intent of this request is to clearly punish solar users, kill the solar industry in Utah, make Utah one of the highest solar fees in the nation and increase profits by RMP. The Power companies have had a monopoly on this service for over a 100 years and now feels threatened by people who wish to use a "home grown" power source. Our State and Federal governments have went out of their way to encourage it's citizens to use alternate energy sources. Now the Power companies are trying to charge an outrageous fee here in Utah.

This would be similar to a grocery store coming to your house and because you have a garden, charge you a surcharge because you are growing your own vegetables and not buying theirs. This is completely against the intent of using solar that is to allow citizens to have options, produce a greener safer power and to become an independent source of power

Us solar users have invested tens of thousands of personal dollars to become more energy independent and produce a clean energy source. I highly encourage you to decline this request and allow the citizens of Utah to become energy independent without fear of retaliation from utility companies.

Sincerely

Robert Roberts

[krperfhorses@msn.com](mailto:krperfhorses@msn.com)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Net metering

1 message

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**Mark Natt** <nattdogdad@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 6:03 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please write the Utah Public Utility Commission at [psc@utah.gov](mailto:psc@utah.gov) with the subject: Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infrastructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer, not a monopoly.

Our government should be looking out for citizens and not monopoly corporations. Nevada citizens have pushed for deregulation due to the harsh tactics of their utility killing solar and we will do the same thing in Utah if our choices are yet again eliminated to 1 option that takes advantage of our pockets.

Do the right thing, help us change our energy future. Yours Mark Natt



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

1 message

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**Ethan Fischer** <epfischer11@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2016 at 7:38 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

With the ambitious goals set by both Park City and Salt Lake City when it come to renewable energy , in particular the use of solar, if the elected board were to decrease the rate solar panel owners are credited by Rocky Mountain Power for the energy they produce, it would mean that solar would no longer be sustainable for the average home in the state of Utah. If Rocky Mountain Power were to set the rates that they are proposing, then solar would be a complete non starter for the average home owner, regardless of their energy consumption. I hope that you vote down this proposal from Rocky Mountain Power and continue to promote the adoption of renewable energy in the state.

Thanks,  
Ethan



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**DOCKET #16-034-T14 PUBLIC COMMENT**

1 message

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**Carole Straughn** <carolefs222@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 7:57 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

RE: ADVICE NO. 16-13

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

I am writing to urge you to reject Advice #No. 16-13, filed November 9, 2016, that would devastate the rooftop solar industry in Utah.

First of all, I urge you to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's fast-track request, and insist that they go through the normal rate-setting process, for a proposal that would have such a profound effect on the progress toward clean renewable energy in Utah. Please give more time for public comment. This decision should not be rushed through.

My husband and I are seriously considering rooftop solar as a way to do our part to clean the lung-choking air of the yearly inversions, as well as reduce our carbon footprint and make it easier to remain in our home as we age. Rocky Mountain Power's proposal new rate structure would discourage our investment in rooftop solar.

We have friends who use their roof-top solar, not only for their household electricity, but also to charge their electric or hybrid cars. Imagine the potential for cleaning the air, if more of us could do this!

RMP'S request will make profit for their shareholders, but they are a monopoly, and must put their customers first. They exist to serve us, and we depend on the PSC to defend our access to clean, affordable energy.

We want to pay our fair share for the grid, but not be punished for doing the right thing.

Thank you for accepting public comment on this issue - and please extend the deadline. Please reject PacificCorp-RMP's rate change request.

Sincerely yours,

Carole Stone Straughn

1964 South 1300 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105  
[801-664-5897](tel:801-664-5897)  
[carolefs222@gmail.com](mailto:carolefs222@gmail.com)



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

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**Wayne Aprill** <waaprill@wsd.net>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 7:58 AM

I am emailing to express my concern over the net meter rate schedule proposed by Rocky Mountain Power

As outlined in your report, there are real issues going forward investing in a grid that works under the distributed model of renewable energy, and I encourage Rocky Mountain Power to continue to plan for that future. Individual investing in rooftop solar are allies in this cause, and as residential storage technology improves, will help Rocky Mountain Power create a robust and sustainable power grid.

This plan stands to cripple the roof top solar industry in Utah. The pricing structure ensures that solar installation would rarely recoup the large initial investment. Further, the peak power demand charge, modeled after commercial solar installations, penalizes residential grid-tied customers. The proposal would also penalize owners of both solar panels and electric cars, discouraging such an investment just when it is crucial that we get tailpipes out of the valley to improve air quality. There are quite a few other fee models that could be proposed that don't use commercial solar as a model.

I agree that solar users benefit from the current net meter fee structure, but everyone else benefits from more renewables on the grid, meaning better air quality for everyone. The last thing we should do is discourage people from investing their own money in roof top solar

As it stands, I cannot support this plan and I would encourage you to extend the public comment period so that stakeholders can adequately review your proposal.

Sincerely  
Wayne Aprill



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket Number: 16-035-T14

1 message

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**Jonathan Webber** <altawood@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 8:43 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Utah Public Service Commission  
Heber M. Wells Building  
160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City , UT 84111

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing with additional comments on the RMP request for a rate increase regarding solar net-metering customers.

The proposed rate structure would result in a cost per Kw of \$0.133 for Schedule 135 customers consuming 300-350 Kw per month, a 30% increase over what residential customers are charged!

How is this equitable or fair? This is nothing but a blatant attempt at killing rooftop solar in Utah as Pacific Corp has done in Nevada.

In its 2015 Annual Report, Pacific Corp reports an INCREASE





PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Docket #16-035-T14

1 message

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**Jim French** <jimfrench74@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 8:47 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13" filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. PacifiCorp-RMP's request would have such a huge negative impact on Utah's solar industry and future solar customers that I urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes. A mere 2 week public comment period and no public forum is totally inadequate for a change that would in effect, kill a thriving industry that presently employs over 3,000 Utahns.

Here is why I feel that RMP should not be allowed to raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers. The \$15 flat rate monthly charge plus the monthly demand charge would add between \$25 - \$45 to solar owners monthly power bills. This additional cost alone would be enough to deter prospective rooftop solar owners from making a purchasing decision. Just look at what happened to the solar industry in Nevada. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/13/solar-panel-energy-power-company-nevada> *"After the 23 December decision, Nevada's burgeoning solar industry quickly evaporated. Several companies selling, leasing or installing solar panels – including Sunrun, Vivint Solar, and SolarCity – put out news releases announcing layoffs and their intentions to leave the state."* I am confident that the PSC does not want to see this happen in sunny Utah. **Even worse**, RMP wants to roll back the value of the excess kWhs that roof top solar owners feed back into the main power grid from retail, about 10 cents/kWh, to wholesale, about 3.8 cents/kWh. This move would greatly devalue any future solar investment. I purchased solar in 2009 and the new retail rate reimbursement had already taken effect. If the wholesale reimbursement had been in effect in 2009, I certainly would not have made the solar investment and I believe that it, along with the extra monthly charges, will be a deal breaker if they are allowed to go into effect. Finally, our air quality certainly can not afford less power generated from the sun and more power generated from polluting fossil fuels.

Thank you for accepting my input on this matter. I respectfully ask that the Public Service Commission, in the interests of the Public and ratepayers, reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Sincerely,

Jim French

1604 E. Harvard Ave.

Salt Lake City, UT 84105

cell - [801-618-5848](tel:801-618-5848)email - [JimFrench74@gmail.com](mailto:JimFrench74@gmail.com)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Gregg Alex** <greggalex@msn.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 8:51 AM

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

Dear PSC,

My wife and I are absolutely against this latest attempt by RMP to depress the private solar market.

The proposal of additional fees doesn't account for all of the real monetary benefits solar brings to Utah - fewer hospital visits due to improved air quality, lower summer cooling costs from shaded rooftops, self sufficiency, entrepreneurship, and jobs.

We urge you to protect consumers and do NOT approve this RMP proposal.

Sincerely,  
Gregg & Cynthia Alex  
362 E 12000 S  
Draper 84020



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Docket Number:16-035-T14**

1 message

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**Jonathan Webber** <altawood@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 8:59 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

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Heber M. Wells Building  
160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City , UT 84111

To Whom it May Concern:

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In its 2015 Annual Report, Pacific Corp reports an INCREASE in residential revenue of \$93 Million for the State of Utah!

BHE Renewables, a sister company of Pacific Corp, and owner of the Topaz Solar Farm in SoCal comprised of 8 Million Solar Panels reports:

**"BHE Renewables Solar Star projects displace approximately 570,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year – the equivalent of taking approximately 108,000 cars off the road annually ."**

Utah solar producers can claim a representative amount of reduction and with our winter air pollution, this is significant. Killing rooftop solar will result in greater pollution, illness and cost to residents.

RMP's claim that non-solar customers are subsidizing those who have installed solar PV rings hollow . It charges its industrial consumers less than six cents per Kw while residential customers pay over 10 cents per Kw . Who is really getting a subsidy?

If RMP can make a profit charging industrial users less than 6 cents per Kw , Transmisison and distribution cost can't be over half of that or 3 cents per Kw.

Please work to continue the expansion of solar PV in Utah for the good of everyone.

Cordially,

Jonathan Webber  
Sandy, UT



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**Andy Beerman** <andy@treasuremountaininn.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 9:55 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing you to express my concerns regarding Docket #16-035-T14 which would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I strongly urge the PSC to deny Rocky Mountain Power's request.

I am a local business owner, elected official, and proponent of solar power. I have installed solar on my business (a hotel) and at my personal residence. I have done this because it is practical, affordable, and sustainable. The changes proposed by Rocky Mountain Power are hasty, ill-conceived, and would stunt the growth of one of Utah's most promising industries: residential solar. Solar is a clean and accessible energy source which aligns with communities' values throughout our great state. It provides energy independence, resilience, clean air, reduced water use, generates new jobs, and grows our economy.

Rocky Mountain Power's stance is neither logical nor defensible: it appears to be driven by a desire for additional profit and control. I urge you to:

1. delay any decision, allowing more time for public input and a quality public process
2. allow for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review of impacts and benefits of net-metering.
3. develop an appropriate timeline as there is no immediate threat to RMP's grid.

Thank you for your service and good judgment in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andy Beerman

Owner Treasure Mountain Inn

Park City Councilmember



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**Melinda Roland** <pmroland@swbell.net>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 11:57 AM

To: psc@utah.gov



**Say NO to Docket #16-035-T14.pdf**

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November 20, 2016

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing you to express my concerns regarding Docket #16-035-T14 which would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers.

Rocky Mountain Power is initially going to kill the solar industry if you allow this to pass. **I am asking you to please VOTE NO to this on behalf of myself, my family, and all my friends who live in this incredibly beautiful State.** I am pasting UCAR's David Bennett's article explaining the risks of allowing Rocky Mountain a YES to their request to which I agree.

#### UTILITY LAUNCHES NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST UTAH SOLAR

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) today requested a new electricity rate structure designed to curtail what it calls the "exponential growth" of rooftop solar power in Utah. In its filing with the Public Service Commission, the utility complains that the number of net-metering customers has grown by 160 percent in the past year. RMP wants special authority to drastically raise power bills for new residential solar customers without having to go through the normal rate case process that includes public hearings.

Under the rate change that would take effect December 10th, new solar customers would have to pay a whopping \$9.02 per kilowatt during peak hours compared with the 3.8-cent kWh charge during off-peak periods. The basic net metering customer charge would rise to \$15 monthly, a new application fee would be imposed, and applicants would have to sign a revised interconnection agreement acknowledging that the new rate structure is temporary and subject to change.

Existing rooftop solar customers would be "grandfathered" to keep the current net metering rate. But RMP's filing warns that the status of grandfathered customers will be reviewed in a future PSC proceeding.

The utility's argument for raising rooftop solar rates is based on a set of spurious claims reiterated in today's PSC filing:

... that the results of RMP's cost-of-service load studies satisfy the PSC's 2015 rulings;

... that the costs of rooftop solar exceed its benefits rather than vice versa;

... that net metering customers unfairly shift costs to non-solar customers.

UCARE urges the PSC to reject RMP's request for a waiver of due process; and to instead require the utility to present its claims and evidence in the next general rate case, which could be filed at year's end.

"This is Rocky Mountain Power's latest assault on rooftop solar in Utah," according to UCARE spokesman David Bennett. "And it's so outrageous that they had to file this request under cover of all the election news today. RMP-PacifiCorp would try to shut down a clean energy alternative that barely represents one percent of Utah's energy production, but already employs 3,300 Utahns. All because the corporation doesn't want to compete with citizen-generated power."

Bennett added that "They are trying to set the stage for a fiasco similar to what their sister utility did in Nevada last year. Make solar unattractive. Solar businesses leave the state, lawsuits are filed, people trying to do the right thing are penalized. It's a mess for the state." "

**I am asking you to please VOTE NO to this on behalf of myself, my family, and all my friends who live in this incredibly beautiful State.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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**FW: Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

ejf500@gmail.com &lt;ejf500@gmail.com&gt;

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 1:14 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

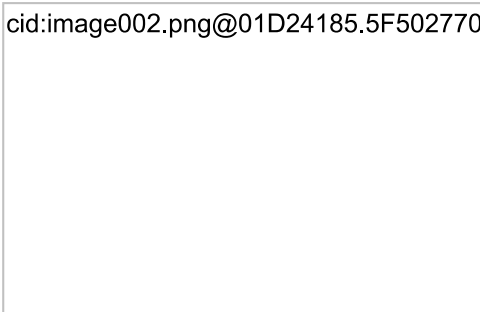
November 20, 2016

Dear Commissioner LeVar, Clark and White,

Please accept this submission as a statement of my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's request to add a tariff to net metering customers through PacificCorp-RMP's Advice No. 16-13, and to their request to fast-track the approval process without the standard public comment period provided.

I installed a small 4.68 kW system with 17 microinverters on the rooftop of my home in May of 2015. Since that short period of time I have generated 11.7 megawatt-hours of electricity and have offset over 13,277 pounds of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere which is the equivalent offset of planting 211 trees. See the calculation below.

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My solar generation covers my energy consumption in full and this year there will be a small overage of annual power that I generate that I will send back to RMP come March 2017, the end of the solar calendar year. Additionally, during the day when I'm consuming a minimal amount of solar energy, the excess power flows back to RMP and is likely consumed by my neighbors.

My numbers in and of themselves may not be that impressive but cumulatively the net metering customers of the Wasatch Front have significantly bettered our environment and helped build up an emerging residential solar industry that today employs thousands and represents our future of clean, renewable energy. I saw my solar panel purchase as an investment. An investment in a new industry, an investment in my home, and an investment in our environmental future. It was financially feasible to install the solar panels because the reduction in my monthly electric bill will currently allow me to recapture the cost of my solar panel installation in 11 years.

The implementation of a rate structure change for future and likely current net metered customers as well will, beyond a doubt, kill first, the rooftop solar market and then, the Wasatch Front's future of cleaner air.

It has been estimated that RMP's proposed tiered tariff on net metered systems and customers will actually produce monthly electric bills that exceed these same bill without a solar generated component. Totally nonsensical. There will be mighty few residential customers that would elect to proceed with a solar panel installation fully knowing they will be increasing their electric payments to RMP. With that, solar panel installations will come to a screeching halt and the industry in Utah will be dead, thanks exclusively to RMP, an otherwise perceived advocate of clean energy, and frankly, you all, the Public Service Commission, if you approve their request.

The first few weeks of Nov 2016 will be remembered as warm, stagnant and higher than normal in pollutants, generating air quality levels of "moderate", less than healthy – even without snow on the ground. These air pollution trends are likely to rise as our population increases and coal fired power plants remain the standard. The Wasatch Front and the Salt Lake Valley in particular will become a potential health hazard – just breathing our air. The state of Utah is an ideal climate for solar generation – high number of clear days and overall fairly moderate temperature as solar generation is at its most efficient with these levels of temps. This is the natural resource we should be capturing and incentivizing, not penalizing. Let us please not follow Nevada's lead.

RMP, the electric monopoly of our community, should be coming to terms with their old model of coal power generation and how the current realities of this economy and the need for clean, renewable energy are cutting into their profits. No matter how they spin their argument, they are placing the responsible of maintaining their current revenue stream on the backs of solar customers. An access charge may truly be needed, but it should be a reduced amount from what is proposed, maybe \$5/month applied to all customers with a possible overall rate reduction, so as not to cripple the solar industry and our chance for cleaner air.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**Colleen Bliss** <ctbliss@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 5:02 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

My husband and I installed solar Nov. 2014 so, though we will not be affected by the rate increase because we are "grandfathered" in, it is important to see that our children, who would like to install solar, have the same incentive we had. Our health may depend on this.

1. Please **deny the fast-track request** and require the normal rate-making process for these proposed changes. This decision is so important to the solar industry and future clean air industry in this state. This is not a normal rate change. It has far reaching affects.

2. We produce probably 15 megawatt hours per year and use about 10 of those. We are donating the rest to PacifiCorp. Our bill each month is the current base rate of \$9.01. We feel this covers PacifiCorps costs. We have received a "net meter" from PacifiCorp but we are not aware of any other costs our system has required of PacifiCorp. Our power lines and infrastructure were installed more than 35 years ago and have probably been depreciated of f by now. We are saving PacifiCorp from installing more transformers in our area. Power we generate goes to our closest neighbors. Utah is burning less coal for power because of our system and others like it. We could go off the grid and install batteries which would mean that our excess power would not be donated to PacifiCorp. They would lose the **benefit of our solar panels** but we have chosen to stay with PacifiCorp and work together for clean energy .

3. Our incentive for installing this system was not just economic. We are looking to somehow **improve future air quality** in the state and consume less. Our children and their families would like to do the same. Their future health and ours depends on it. We should provide incentives, not additional costs.

4. By increasing rates you are discouraging not just individuals from installing solar panels, but the solar industry from locating in our state and providing **good jobs that currently support Utah families**. We need this kind of industry to grow here in this beautiful sunny desert and **create even more jobs** . This rate change could kill the solar market in Utah.

Thank you for accepting public input. Please extend the deadline and have a conversation. I respectfully request the PSC, in the interest of ratepayers and the Utah public reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Colleen Bliss  
Bluffdale, Utah

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 5:12 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: payne.gene@gmail.com, allipayne@msn.com

Dear Commissioners

I am opposed to the PcifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16013", filed Nov 9, 2016 that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I strongly urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request. I strongly recommend it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

The reason is:

1. The proposed change is not anything small or modest They are doubling the service rate and increasing peak usage rate from \$0.038 to \$9.02. This is insane and is not something that should be considered in a fast-track scenario.
2. Again, due to reason #1, it is clear as to why RMP has introduced this at this time (right after a turmoil election) and with a fast track. Obviously, they don't want their proposal reviewed or to have in depth examination of evidence, or to have public input, because they know that when reviewed it will be denied and the public will be against it.
3. It is unethical: Many people have invested thousands of their personal dollars into solar. Solar is good for Utah, good for the USA, and good for the environment. People invested their money for these reasons. We want more solar in Utah not less. We want more small private power generation not a large monopoly of power. However, this proposal kills all expansion of solar. Yes, there is a grandfather clause, but as soon as this is past they will focus on that.
4. Pacific Corp maybe arguing that the solar is hard on the grid, but this can't be true since I am seeing signs all over the Salt Lake Valley advertising Rocky Mountain Power Building Commercial Solar Plants. One of these plants puts more load on the grid than all the solar done by individual homes. Thus, the real reason is they want to force the public to buy from them. Last I checked this would be a forced monopoly and thus an illegal practice. This is similar to when Microsoft forced everyone into using Explorer and crushed Netscape and others.
5. Rocky Mountain Power has had problems with its net metering related research from the start and has failed to measure "behind the meter" energy production and consumption by rooftop solar customers to see how that actually impacts the grid. Thus, their reasoning is not based upon facts and they don't have any. Again this is why they want a fast track right after an exhausting election and during the Holidays.
6. The timing is unethical. As stated above, this is the Holidays and we just finished an exhausting election. Their reasons for their timing are obvious and unethical. They are taking advantage of a distracted population and distracted political officials.
7. We have a serious pollution problem here in Salt Lake and Solar helps that. Again we should be enacting measures to increase solar not measures that decrease.

Thank you for accepting public input, though the deadline should be extended or even better move to a normal process that allows for full examination and public discussion. Therefore, I respectfully request the PSC, in the interest of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacificCorp-RMP current rate change request.

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1 message

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**David Bennett** <davidbennett@mac.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 5:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commissioners:

I am writing in opposition to the rate case PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13, filed 9 November For starters, there is NO reason this should be fast tracked. RMP should be required to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

I direct the Commission's attention to the Utah Climate Center website:

<https://climate.usurf.usu.edu>

The climate Center at Utah State University has documented that climate change is very real and unless addressed promptly will bring out dire consequences for the planet. That fact, along with Warren Buffet RMP's absolute refusal to recognize the benefits to roof-top solar make it clear that the PSC should reject their proposed rate increase. We need to do everything that we can to promote the use of renewal energy such as solar and reject this regulated monopoly's blatant attempt to fatten their coffers at the expense of ratepayers. As an ancillary reason to support this position are the almost 4,000 jobs will be eliminated if this proposal is implemented as occurred in Nevada, again due to Warren Buffett. It is pretty outrageous in Utah that fights so hard to preserve individual liberties that not allowing roof-top solar is even being considered.

As usual, Mr. Buffet's company has submitted a very large document to support their proposed increase. Rather than take your staff's time to determine the details of implementing their rate plan, let me simplify it for you. Either you accept the arguments made above and reject their proposal or you (and/or the legislature) should just simply outlaw roof-top solar. Implementation of the RMP proposal results the demise of the individual roof-top solar industry and you should just call it for what it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I encourage you to extend the deadline for comment and ultimately to soundly reject their proposal.

David Bennett  
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Park City 84060



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**Richard and Miranda Menzies** <menziesrm@aol.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 6:44 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Docket No. 16-035-T14 RMP Net Metering

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you not to approve the net metering charges proposed by Rocky Mountain Power in the above docket.

My wife and I are the owners of a Platinum LEED house, which we built in 2010. We have recently installed additional solar panels to make the house essentially net zero and have used net metering since the beginning of 2011. As such we will be grandfathered and not currently impacted by RMP's proposed charges. However, I would like to draw your attention to the following facts:

1. If anyone was to build a home such as ours, which is heated and cooled by a ground source heat pump, based on over 5 years of data we estimate that the annual electricity bill would go from ~\$100 per year to ~\$1000 per year. The investment in solar would thus never pay off.
2. By making solar no longer attractive, we believe that the value of our house when we come to sell it, will be reduced by \$20-30,000 because there will be no benefit of solar to the new owners when they have to sign a new net-metering agreement. This is a severe infringement on our property rights.
3. I realize that there is a mismatch in timing between the peak power produced by solar and the peak loads demanded by residential customers. However, these peak demands are produced by all customers not just those who have solar panels. To encourage more level loading of power usage, RMP should offer carrot and stick incentives to ALL customers and not penalize those with solar panels. RMP's current proposals seem aimed at killing a perceived business threat from the nascent solar industry, which currently employs ~3,300 Utahns.
4. The Envision Utah segment on the future of energy states: "Utahns envision using energy that is clean, affordable, and reliable. ....Utahns want to use the state's many and diverse energy resources to supply its own energy needs, without being susceptible to disruption." In addition, Utahns want cleaner air along the Wasatch front. Electric cars and plug in hybrids are an incredibly efficient method of reducing the tail pipe emissions that are causing much of the problem.
  - a. We have spent considerable time and energy evaluating and test driving electric and plug in hybrid cars over the last 3 weeks. However, we have decided not to purchase one almost entirely due to the uncertainty of buying the power from RMP. I suspect that many people, who might have bought an electric car and powered it with solar panels will come to the same conclusion and an important way of cleaning up our air will have been lost.
5. RMP makes money from current customers through their Blue Sky program, by charging them extra to "purchase power made by renewable energy". Would it not be better for RMP to enlist as allies those of us who have invested our own money (at a very low rate of return) as allies in our State's effort to produce a sustainable robust power distribution, rather than penalizing us?

In conclusion, I urge you to not allow the proposed additional charges outlined in the above docket.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Menzies, PhD  
Eden, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

1 message

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**Allison** <beattyam@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 7:24 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

On November 9, Rocky Mountain Power filed a request before the Public Service Commission to raise rates on rooftop systems.

The fees are among the highest proposed by any utility around the nation on rooftop solar customers. If imposed, the fees would effectively end the growth of the rooftop solar and devastate the solar industry in Utah.

The solar industry provides almost 4000 jobs in the state and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. All of which will be negatively affected if these fees are put into place. You only have to look toward Nevada to see the effect. Their commission imposed outrageous fees on owners and overnight hundreds of solar industry jobs were lost.

Utah prides itself as a economic development state. If these fees are imposed one of the fastest growing industries in the state will be greatly harmed.

Please extend this comment period beyond November 22nd.

Thank you for your time.

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PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

Pam Allison &lt;p.h.allison@att.net&gt;

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 7:25 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

We strongly oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13," filed November 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. We urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's fast-track request, and require the company to follow the normal rate-making process for all proposed changes.

We are Salt Lake residents and rooftop solar customers. We made this investment in solar primarily as a way to lessen our personal impact on air quality in Utah. One of our family members suffers from asthma that is greatly impacted by our poor air quality.

There are a number of reasons why you should reject Rocky Mountain Power's request. **First**, the process is an effort to bypass the normal rate-setting process, which includes important opportunities for in-depth review of the evidence, public hearings and expert testimony. Any rate-setting proposals should follow this normal process. The PSC is responsible to "ensure safe, reliable, adequate and reasonably priced utility service." This fast-track approach does not meet this standard and responsibility to the public. **Second**, the rate proposal itself, is simply unfair. RMP claims that solar customers don't pay their share of infrastructure costs, which are borne by non-solar customers. However, we believe the cost is shifted from traditional customers to solar customers. RMP's cost-of-service model does not include all relevant costs. For example, RMP's cost-of-service model ignores rooftop solar's contributions to reducing peak capacity requirements, which reduces the need for building more power plants (prevented infrastructure costs). In addition, because rooftop solar is used where it is produced and very nearby, RMP also benefits from avoided energy losses along the transmission lines, as well as avoided wear and tear on transformers. These benefits of rooftop solar are not accounted for in the cost-of-service model, but they are very **valuable**, and perhaps most important, this rate change would result in a significant increase in fossil fuel combustion, increasing air pollution in a state that is already having difficulty meeting standards for healthy air. The environmental consequences alone are critical. Companies will avoid Utah because of the bad air resulting in the loss of jobs, in addition to the loss of over 3,000 existing solar jobs. The public health consequences are enormous. The number of premature deaths, emergency room visits and hospital days that result from our bad air are costs that every citizen bears. This rate proposal would make it more expensive every month for us to have a rooftop solar array than not. This is just wrong.

Thank you for accepting this input. I urge you to extend the deadline to allow a more thorough and considered evaluation of RMP's proposal. Again, I request that the PSC, in keeping with its mission,

and in the interests of Utah ratepayers and the public, reject PacifiCorp-RMP's rate change request.

Sincerely,

Pam and David Allison

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**Cynthia Buckingham** <buckingham@utahhumanities.org>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 7:32 PM

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

Please extend the comment period beyond November 22. This season is too busy for everyone and more time is needed to ask a broad swath of citizens to register their opinions.

I support the development of alternative energy sources, including solar. Just a look out our windows during this unusually early inversion in the past couple of weeks should tell us we all should be concerned. I oppose the Rocky Mountain Power proposal.



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

## Comments on DOCKET NO. 14-035-114 / 16-035-T14 - RMP Proposal for changes to Net-Metering

1 message

H Scott &lt;scottrosenbush@gmail.com&gt;

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 7:59 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: etedder@utah.gov, pschmid@utah.gov, jjetter@utah.gov, rolsen@utah.gov, rmoore@utah.gov

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to submit these comments for your consideration and ~~the~~ record during your review of Rocky Mountain Power's proposed changes to Net Metering agreements.

The Commission has previously put forth a deliberate multi-step process for evaluating the costs and benefits Metering. One RMP cover letter claims that their filing does not impact rates but they also request immediate approval of new schedules which would in fact change fees paid by certain customers. ~~There~~ is no urgency for adoption of these changes. Sufficient time is needed to respond to RMP's financial analysis / justification for their request. Please decline the 'fast-track' request. RMP should follow standard rate change procedures.

It is fair that all customers that are connected to the grid should pay RMP for their connection to the grid and option to draw powder from the grid (whether they do so or not). A connection fee ensures that all customers that connect to the grid share in the cost for maintenance of the distribution infrastructure. ~~It is~~ clear that RMP wishes to cover these costs but they have gone way beyond this approach in their request.

Maintenance of the distribution system is a relatively fixed cost so the price to consumers should not be variable calculated on a "peak usage" formula. In fact a better way to approach this situation would be to have RMP distinguish between their costs for power generation and power distribution. As long as these costs are combined a proper calculation of costs for only their distribution system cannot be accurately calculated.

In case the Commission chooses to include consideration of "peak usage" in Net Metering agreements their analysis should be revised such that all customers share the burden of demand ~~charge~~ for peak power usage – not just residential solar system operators.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments. I hope that the Commission will take its time to fully evaluate these applications and seek further public input before making final decisions.

Sincerely

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**Jim Allred** <cojallre@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Jim Allred <cojallre@yahoo.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 8:11 PM

**Dear Commissioners,**

I've read that Rock Mountain Power has made an exceptional request of the Commissioners that, on short notice and without public input, would create great uncertainty in the market for rooftop solar in Utah. I own income property in an area of San Juan county that doesn't have access to natural gas so my only options for heat are Propane gas or electricity - both expensive. Rooftop solar seems to be the technology that can lower my utility costs - at least two of my neighbors already have solar panels.

From what I have read, the proposed 'demand charges' could make my desired investment in solar financially unwise and the future wisdom of the investment unpredictable. I say 'could' because I don't know based on the information I've read and this is why I urge you to deny RMP's short-cut request and have this go through the usual process with time for public input.

I understand that with the rapid decrease in solar technology costs that the purchase of rooftop panels makes financial sense to more and more Utah families. If adoption continues to grow at some point the legacy monopoly electric utilities will need a new model of operation and financing and rooftop solar customers relying on the grid for some of their power will need to pay their fair share but the design of that model is what needs to happen. This request of RMP's is not in the best interest of Utah families and I urge you not to approve it.

Sincerely,  
James Allred  
3310 Oakwood St.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109



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## Docket #16-035-T14

1 message

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**Chad Van Ginkel** <chad.a.vanginkel@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 8:49 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to express my concern for the proposition that Rocky Mountain Power has presented to the Utah legislature that will result in higher charges for persons using solar power. As a Salt Lake City resident, air quality is of utmost concern and I applaud Utahns interest in providing solar energy for private homes. Not only does this result in lower utility costs for people who have invested in this option, but it also reduces our need for energy, and given Utah's reliance on coal for power, will ultimately lead to cleaner air.

In my personal opinion, this is a blatant attempt for RMP to recoup losses they incur from solar users that are less reliant on their services. It is time we see that clean, renewable sources of energy are the future and it is time that we move forward for the betterment of our beautiful city and state versus being beholden to archaic fossil fuels. These increased rates with disincentive our citizens in investing in solar.

Thank you for your time,

Chad Van Ginkel



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket#16-035-t14 public comment

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lewiscory@comcast.net <lewiscory@comcast.net>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 9:10 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners

I oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's "advice # 16-13" filed on Nov 9, 2016. The fast track request seems a little "sneaky" to me...

Utah's rooftop solar customers are a benefit to the power company in many ways. I make much more power than I use.

that is free power to RMP....how can they complain about that? Why do they want to punish us ??

Thanks for allowing public input, and please keep the little guys in mind....that's me.

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## Solar Panels

1 message

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**Mia Hayes** <utahmia@comcast.net>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 9:16 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am concerned regarding Docket #16-035-T14. Please urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast track request and use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes. I am deeply dissatisfaction with this decision or mind-set and expect you to support alternative energy.

Mia Hayes  
Slat Lake City



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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**Russell Norvell** <russell\_norvell@icloud.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 10:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please do not allow Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase to proceed. It is a poorly conceived step backward that unduly penalizes roof-top solar.

At a minimum, I ask that you extend the comment period to allow for real public comment. I feel that to do otherwise is to imply this drastic backwards-looking policy change only passes muster if it is slipped through the process while people aren't looking. This is not the impression any public agency should portray as it disrespects the opinions of the very public you serve.

We are long-time homeowners in Salt Lake City, and we have had solar panels on our home for over 3 years - already a third of the way to our break-even date. One of the crucial factors in our decision to go with rooftop solar was the break even time. The second was re-sale value, and we are testing these waters now as we recently moved to another home in the neighborhood better suited to an aging parent.

While we've long wanted to bring her close to home, we were reluctant to move her here due to our chronic air quality issues. We went ahead as it finally seemed local leaders and public administrators had really recognized Utah's need for change in how we produce and consume energy. These local actions you are considering are the level at which change is enacted, and this proposal does not reflect our community's needs nor step forward into a better future. A narrow reading of your purview is also a vote for an untenable status quo.

I am frankly appalled at the regressive thinking that produced this proposal. The proposed change would steal value from my home, impede my and many others ability to take our own steps toward better cleaner energy , and kill a growing job sector for Utah and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Russell Norvell  
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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

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**lynnhowlyn@aol.com** <lynnhowlyn@aol.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 11:12 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: lynnhowlyn@aol.com

Dear Commissioners,

I am a homeowner in St George Utah.

I moved to St George 6 years ago - in part to relish in enjoyment of the beautiful environment, the amazing blue skies and the wonderful opportunities that abound here.

And I am a Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) customer

When I learned today of RMP's proposed changes to their Net Metering Program, and realized that the net effect - changing the rate structure for roof-top solar customers and resulting insignificantly reduced potential for utilization of abundant, increasingly cost effect and clean solar energy in Utah - I was agast because it seems to be absolutely counter to all that is rationale, good and correct for the citizens of Utah ... now and for generations to come.And then to learn that the proposed changed - IF approved by the Commission - would take ~~effect~~ on 10 December (almost immediately ) I knew that something was not right. The "fast tracking" of the proposed changes with only minimal time for public comment further raises cause for concern.I am adamantly opposed to the proposed changes to the RMP proposal, and urge the Commission to deny the fast-track proposal, to extend the public comment period, and ultimately deny the utility's proposed rate change request

I believe doing so will be in the best interest of Utah ratepayers, and the Utah public, and the future of Utah as a place to live.

Respectfully

Lynn Howell  
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Jim Yehle <jry@xmission.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 10:22 PM

Reply-To: jry@xmission.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Rocky Mountain Power recently proposed changing the rate structure for new residential customers who generate electricity from solar panels and feed RMP's grid through a net-meter connection, per Advice No. 16-13, filed Nov 9, 2016.

My first comment is that fast-track approval is not in the best interest of the public that your regulatory commission and RMP purport to serve. Please extend the period for public input. A truncated window undermines public faith in both institutions and fuels the impression that the commission is a rubber-stamp agency for anything RMP proposes.

My second comment: any public utility which is allowed a monopoly needs to be carefully regulated by representatives of the customer community it serves. This is especially true when the utility is a for-profit corporation.

It's unfortunate that you can take only financial factors under consideration and not broader questions about air pollution, public health, and climate change. (Even though it's possible to attach dollar values to the negative health effects caused by pollution.)

Electricity should be regulated as the scarce resource that it is. Costs of producing it (monetary and otherwise) should reflect our mutual desire to conserve it and use it wisely. If I look at my water bill during the summer, I notice that my rates go up as my usage increases. The rate structure reflects behavior that we want to encourage. Slapping extra fees on community-minded residents, many of whom have paid significant out-of-pocket costs to try to contribute to the health of our community, has the opposite effect. This proposed rate structure will discourage a thriving expansion we have seen in residential solar power recently.

Thanks for taking public input,

-Jim

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Jim Yehle

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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

**Giles** <saninji@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 11:32 PM

Reply-To: Giles &lt;saninji@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Public Service Commission,

Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) proposed rate increase on rooftop solar penalizes consumers choosing to invest in a clean energy future. Please reject their proposal, and please extend the public comment period to allow for adequate scrutiny.

I believe the numbers speak for themselves:

Before installing solar on my roof, I'd already made energy efficiency strides, so my electric bills were pretty minimal, including \$10 for the base fees and \$15 for my kilowatt hour (KWH) consumption - or \$25 per month in total.

After installing a grid-tied solar array, half of my energy consumption now comes *directly* from the sun, while the overproduction I generate during the daytime is exported to my neighbors, and then credited to my RMP account. Setting aside the value of these "net metered" credits for the moment, my home's actual use of grid-supplied energy has been reduced to \$7.50 of KWH usage. With the \$10 base fees included, that's now \$17.50 of billable energy per month that I receive from RMP.

Now, Rocky Mountain Power comes along with a real zinger: Let's increase my base fees to \$18 and throw in an unprecedented residential "demand charge." Demand charges are common among commercial and industrial users, due to the significant instantaneous demands in power that they require from grid resources. This is not the case with residential customers, with or without solar. If allowed to occur, such demand charges are estimated by Rocky Mountain Power in its proposal to add \$27 to my monthly bill (not to mention the additional \$.0381 per KWH fee they've also proposed).

Let's sum this up: my pre-solar bill of \$25 was reduced to \$17.50 worth of grid usage after solar. Yet if RMP's absurd proposal is approved, my electric bill would rise to more than \$50 per month - a rate increase of more than 200%!

Please reject this unjustified, unprecedented, and exorbitant attack on a group of residential energy customers that are investing in our clean energy future.

Sincerely,

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Giles Larsen  
Solar Design Consultant,  
Salt Lake City, Utah



*What are you waiting for? Go Solar!*





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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**MARK** <MARKHOWE12@msn.com>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 7:19 AM

This is the stuff that makes us middle class people hate big business, you get the chance to save a little money & do something good for the environment. Then the big business sees they are loosing money so they want to penalize us for trying to do something good. Before I signed up to do solar I checked to see if RMP offered solar alternatives, they did but they want to charge me more to use the solar alternative. Which I thought was ridiculous pay more fore sold it's no wonder everyone wants to switch, we pay less to pollute the environment.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Scott Neil** <jester.lehi@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 8:07 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

– to whom it may concern,

With all the GREAT strides Utah has made to develop and promote alternative clean energy to hear that Utah Power is pushing to remove incentives and raise rates is SHOCKING at least!! PLEASE PLEASE do not cave in and kill the residential solar incentives for families. This is a GREAT program.

Scott Neil



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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**craig larens denton** <craig.denton@utah.edu>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 8:48 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners, I am writing to express my opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13" which would dramatically change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. The company's proposal is a step backwards instead of a forward-looking solution to challenges we face in the transition to cleaner energy sources. I ask you to deny the utility's fast track request. This matter is of critical importance and should be considered in the normal rate-making process.

I also believe the November 22 deadline is arbitrary, one concocted by the utility to accelerate its over-the-top requests by minimizing public comment. Please extend the comment period.

Given the context of the Utah State Legislature's recent Interim bill file to begin phasing out solar energy credits, RMP's request to dramatically increase fees to solar rooftop users and those thinking about installing solar would likely paralyze the business, thereby killing jobs and dooming us to more air pollution. Any rate changes need to be considered carefully, fully recognizing our need to move more aggressively to renewable energy.

As I expressed in an earlier letter, I also feel RMP is asking ratepayers, end disproportionately solar users, to pay for its bad business decisions; i.e. not recognizing the benefits of renewable energy soon enough, relying too heavily on coal, and now asking solar users like myself to pay for its myopic forecasting. I also feel RMP should be forced to use acceptable economic models to quantify the environmental benefits of solar energy conversion.

Craig Denton  
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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**Natalie Erickson** <natjoreri@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:05 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Dear PSC,

I'm very concerned about Rocky Mountain Power's position on Solar Energy. I understand that they need to recoup any costs incurred by metering and hook-up to their grid. Aside from this, do they have a right to put high rates on solar customers for just being hooked up? Is not our goal to conserve energy and have cleaner air? Are they hurting so badly for customers that they need to hurt those customers that are truly conserving? Funny how they are willing to place monthly rates for solar customers, but at the same time, they offer services to help their customers conserve. This seems quite conflicting. From the outside, it appears that the company is just trying to get a cut of the solar industry's financial growth. Please help us consumers by protecting our rights to conserve without having to bear yet another financial burden to do so.

Thank you!

Natalie Erickson

BeaverDam, UT 84306





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**DOCKET #16-035-T14 PUBLIC COMMENT**

1 message

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**David Folland** <dsfolland@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:16 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask you to oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to increase fees on rooftop solar users.

Solar power has many benefits: -

1. Cost saving for the householders or businesses that install rooftop solar
2. Less transmission costs for the utility as the power is consumed in the neighborhood
3. Greater resiliency in the event of outages
4. Cleaner air in our frequently polluted valley
5. Better health for all of us, particularly children and elderly, due to less pollution
6. More favorable perception of Utah as a place to do business, due to less air pollution
7. Jobs for Utah business installing and maintaining solar panels
8. Reduced costs for RMP of complying with EPA rulings on the two coal-fired generating plants and fighting legislation related to the plants
9. Reduced greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to a warmer climate, less snow, a threat to our ski industry and our water supplies.

With the complexity of this issue and the many stakeholders involved, this issue requires more discussion, and should not be pushed through by Nov. 22nd. Yes, Rocky Mountain Power needs to turn a profit for its shareholders. However, as the only electricity producer for most of Utah, it needs to consider the health and future of our citizens, and balance our needs with their bottom line. Rooftop solar creates benefits for all Utahns, and the rate structure should reflect those benefits.

In advance, thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

David Folland

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**"Climate change is a problem that can no longer be left to future generations." Pope Francis**



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## Docket 16-035-T14, Rocky Mountain Solar Proposal

1 message

**Suzanne Kanatsiz** <skanatsizstudio@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:37 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To the members of the Public Service Commission.

There is a deep concern among the residents of this state over the net meter rate schedule proposed by Rocky Mountain Power

This action on their part is creating real issues going forward investing in a grid that works under the distributed model of renewable energy.

We all need to plan for the future and that includes Rocky Mountain Power

Citizens of this state investing in rooftop solar are allies in this cause, and as residential storage technology improves will help Rocky Mountain Power create a robust and sustainable power grid.

The plan as it is envisioned will absolutely cripple the roof top solar industry in Utah. The pricing structure ensures that solar installations would rarely recoup their initial investment. Furthermore, the peak power demand charge, modeled after commercial solar installations, penalizes residential grid-tied customers.

The Rocky Mountain proposal would also penalize owners of both solar panels and electric cars, discouraging such an investment just when it is crucial that we get tailpipes out of the valley to improve air quality. This has been told to the citizens of the Wasatch front that we need to carpool or not drive on many poor air quality days. What is the incentivizing for electric cars to curb the pollution we and our children breathe every day?

There are quite a few other fee models that could be proposed that don't use commercial solar as a model.

It is understood that solar users benefit from the current net meter fee structure, but everyone else benefits from more renewables on the grid, meaning better air quality for everyone. The last thing we should do is discourage people from investing their individual monies in roof top solar.

I do not support this plan. There needs to be more time to look at alternatives and keep our economy strong by supporting the free market system, capitalism and clean air in Utah.

Please, at the least extend the public comment period so that all stakeholders can adequately review your proposal and respond with an informed answer

Sincerely

Suzanne Kanatsiz

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**Joe Gogain** <jogogain@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Joe Gogain <jogogain@yahoo.com>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:39 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

Please stop RMP's rate hike. We desperately need to keep the cost of solar reasonable to help protect against Climate Change. The burning of fossil fuels is an antiquated technologyUtah needs to progress to the future of solar and wind.

Sincerely,

Joe Gogain



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**Rick Bliss** <Rick.Bliss@comcast.net>  
To: psc@utah.gov  
Cc: Colleen Bliss <ctbliss@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:53 AM

Dear Commissioner s,

I respectfully request that the PSC deny PacifiCorp-RMP's Advice No.16-13, filed November 9 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers.

The normal rate-making process should be used.

### Background

We produce 15 MWH a year of solar energy with an 8-KW rooftop solar panels. We consume about 13 MWH a year. We pay \$9.01 per month.

We have a rolling basis with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) where we accumulate and use energy from March to March.

At the end of March, the accumulation is zeroed out. Any positive balance is lost. We receive no compensation for a positive balance.

Because of the uncompensated balance, we are consuming more of the balance for heating through the winter months to decrease our natural gas usage.

I believe that the excess power typically goes to ground as quickly as possible which means that our neighbors use the excess rather than it going out back out on a grid mainline.

The electrical lines in the subdivision were installed about 4 decades ago and likely have been completely depreciated by RMP.

Thus, our solar energy is consumed locally so that RMP has to produce and transmit less during the day. They do provide a load-leveling function.

We installed the solar array (November 2014) to help reduce the severe carbon dioxide loading of our atmosphere rather than to reduce our power cost.

RMP informed me that for every watt I produce, they would reduce coal burning consumption by one watt.

I want to see all coal-fired power plants shut down ASAP to address the severe CO2 problem.

We are “grandfathered” in the proposed changes.

### My Request Justification

While I appreciate RMP’s service in providing the rolling system and load-leveling in matching production to usage.

Nevertheless, I request that the fast-track request be denied for the following reasons

1. I question RMP’s claim that it cost \$400 per year for maintenance.

In 30 years at this location, RMP has only had to repair our lines once due to a nick (maybe from a gopher) in the insulation of the aluminum lines.

Due to an accident, which hit a power pole, repair had to be made to the mainline that feeds the subdivision. This charge should have been made to the vehicle’s insurance.

2. I strongly suspect that the current request would likely destroy the rooftop solar business in Utah since there becomes no payback time.

How is this fair?

The solar industry added 1.2% to the GDP last year and is providing many new jobs. This would end.

3. Solar customers provide most of the capital for the solar panels. This should directly reduce RMP’s capital cost to get equivalent clean power.

RMP is greatly expanding their solar installations.

Where are they getting the capital? Who pays for it?

This appears to be an energy source grab by RMP which should be a utility.

4. RMP’s claim that they can provide the same clean power for less is questionable. My solar payback period was 2 years. What is theirs?

When they depreciate their system, do rate payers get a cost decrease as there is no longer a fuel cost?

Little if any maintenance is required on solar panels. I have had no maintenance on mine.

Solar energy storage could be similar in low maintenance if done properly. Then load leveling would be simplified as well.

5. Fossil-fueled cars and trucks create health and planet damaging exhaust pollution.

We should be moving toward clean and green propulsion systems such as electric cars.

This means considerably more energy will be needed. Let us all work together and make Utah be a leader in clean energy and energy independence.

6. As panel and energy storage costs come down, many homeowners may decide to go to an “off-grid” system with this regressive cost structure.

RMP would lose their business and energy support.

7. We will take delivery of an electric car in the next year.

We may expand our solar energy production off-grid using a Powerwall and energize the electric car directly.

If the rate adjustments go into effect, we may consider going completely off grid as we better understand our energy storage needs and cost.

8. As the planet warms, the number of sunny days will increase and winter heating costs will go down.

9. We want to produce our own energy because then we know we have greatly decreased and maybe even eliminated our carbon dioxide footprint.

Will RMP certify that it does not create carbon dioxide with its power generation?

A balance must be found that is fair to all and not one-sided to RMP.

Thank you for accepting public input.

Sincerely,

Rick Bliss

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PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Advice No 16-13 Solar Power

1 message

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**Linda Smith** <prof.lindasmith@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:56 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I write to strongly oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's Advice No 16-16 file November 9, 2016 for procedural as well as substantive reasons.

Procedurally, PSC should deny this fast-track approach and require the normal rate-making process so there will be adequate time for public comment. There is no justification for allowing only two weeks for comments, and accepting only written comments.

Substantively, this request is unwise and unfair.

1. While the argument is that solar users are unfairly being subsidized by non-solar users, there are flaws in RMP's cost-of-service model. It does not factor in the fact that more solar users result in the need for fewer new power plants, or the benefit from less energy loss along transmission lines and less wear and tear on transformers.

2. The proposed increases are too high and will likely eliminate the solar industry, as happened in Nevada when similar rate increases were adopted. This will eliminate thousands of good laboring jobs in the solar industry. It will also result in more air pollution along the Wasatch Front. While solar provides 5% of US energy, it only provides 1% of Utah's energy. We very much need to address pollution in our valley, and solar is an important way to do that.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Linda F. Smith  
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**William Nissen** <winissen@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: William Nissen <winissen@yahoo.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:03 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I am a solar homeowner with a net metering contract with Rocky Mountain Power. I would like to see more renewable energy and less air pollution. My rooftop solar system under the Rocky Mountain Power current contract will take over 30 years to recover my cost for this system. I made a big mistake, thinking I could save money and help the environment. My tiny help to decreasing air pollution can hardly justify my decision to buy a solar system.

William I. Nissen  
3097 Teton Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109  
Phone [801-484-4015](tel:801-484-4015)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**Mark Billie** <mbillie1@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:04 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,

I am concerned with RMP rate-hiking solar. We need solar energy to stay affordable, or else we are going to absolutely ruin the planet with dirty energy sources. Get into the 21st century and help with this!

Mark Billie  
710 E 200 S, 4C  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

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Lan Vo <hoalan.vo@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:10 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Stop RMP's rate hike, and that we need solar energy to be cost effective so we can fight climate change!!!



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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**Brad Mickiewicz** <bradmickiewicz@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:11 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

I'm writing to ask you to stop Rocky Mountain Power from implementing the proposed rate hike. As a state Utah is uniquely positioned to harness solar as a viable energy source and the greed shown by RMP is not only reprehensible, but is in fact irresponsible.

We should be doing everything possible to increase the solar footprint in our state with incentives, rebates and tax breaks. Not penalize those who make the choice to invest in solar power.

Thank you,

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**Brad Mickiewicz**  
Newfound West, LLC  
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket#16-035-T14

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**Courtney Smith** <courtney.smith@evelar.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:16 AM

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

Hello, my name is Courtney Smith, I am currently employed at Evelar Solar, a solar panel company. Due to Rocky Mountain Power and their rate proposal, I see this having a huge impact on me and my family that I help provide for. Please I am asking you to stop this rate proposal, as not only me and my family will be impacted, may other co-workers, will be greatly impacted as well with this change. Please make a stand and stop this so we can continue to have jobs and support our many families.

Thanks for your time.

Courtney Smith



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Rooftop Solar Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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**Brad Dickson** <brad.industries@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:25 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioner s,

I am writing to voice my opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed No. v. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers here in the State of Utah. I am very concerned with their "fast-track" request to bypass the normal rate-making process. I urge the PSC to deny their request.

I have a 15kw rooftop solar system on my home. My objective for making this investment was NOT to sell power back to the grid, rather my system will simply offset 40-50% of my electrical power requirements. I am still a significant customer of RMP's. Why should the many individuals like myself be penalized for becoming more efficient and actually helping PacifiCorp-RMP defer capital expenditure?

As an individual, I am supporting economic development here in Utah. We know from Nevada that this request will kill the rooftop solar market in Utah. Rather than Utah having the economic benefit of this growth industry, we know the 3000+ jobs today will disappear immediately. I believe Utah and the PSC should ensure that rooftop solar is given a chance to grow here in Utah. It can be a part of our energy mix solution, and allowed to grow, will in fact benefit all Utah, by allowing PacifiCorp-RMP to defer additional fossil fuel based capital expansion and investment. Finally, PacifiCorp-RMP's economic premise of marginally penalizing rooftop solar that seemed practical in California, does not work here in Utah.

I want to thank the Commissioner s for accepting public input, though the deadline should be extended. I respectfully request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Very Best Regards,

Brad Dickson  
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Park City, Utah  
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PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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1 message

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**Bryan Lee** <bryan.lee@evelarcom>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:26 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bryan Lee, Vice President of Operations at Evelar Solar. I'm writing to express my concern over Rocky Mountain Power's new proposed rate structure, which would be detrimental not only to our company, but to the entire solar industry in Utah. While RMP's proposal might help resolve its own concerns that solar customers "pay their fair share," it is clear to most of us in the industry that Rocky Mountain Power is penalizing future customers for its own lack of foresight and loss of revenue, and inhibiting the growth of a sustainable energy future for the state of Utah.

Please stop this rate proposal.

Thank you,

Bryan Lee

Vice President of Operations

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**Kit Kobe** <kitkobe@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:30 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am very much opposed to PacifiCorp-RMP's request to change the rate structure for Utah rooftop solar customers. Please do not allow them to fast-track their proposed changes. These changes would halt and totally de-incentivize new solar installations and kill a vital solar industry that is very important to the continued fight to clean up our air . As a net metered customer, I really disapprove of the impact fees they are requesting. Utah and especially the Salt Lake basin need more solar installations, not less and this proposal would certainly result in far less.

Thank you for accepting this input on your decision. Please reject PacifiCorp-RMP' s current rate change request.

Sincerely,

Katherine Kobe  
Holladay, UT 84124  
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**“Docket #16-035-T14”**

1 message

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**RACHAEL** <rachael.lark@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:33 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Stop the proposed rate hike for solar panels by Rocky Mountain Power!  
We need solar energy to be cost effective to continue the fight against climate change!

Thank you  
Rachael Lark



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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1 message

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**Jon James** <jon.james@evelar.com>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:35 AM

I work in the solar industry and wanted to write to express my strong opposition to the current rate increases that are targeted at solar customers.

Having another alternative source of energy production is not only good for Utah home owners, but it's also the right thing for the environment here in Utah.

Approval of the rate structure increases will have a devastating effect on the solar industry here and will continue to give RMP undue level of power as a monopoly in the power sector. Additionally it will give a tremendous amount of bad press to our state. We've already seen what has happened in Nevada. While we have major cities in the US making goals to be completely renewable by 2030, a move in this direction would send the wrong messages to consumers that want to invest in solar technology.

Give this technology a fair shot and you won't be disappointed.

Best regards,

Jon James

Evelar Solar



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Docket #16-035-T14**

1 message

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**Paul Spiel** <spiel.paul@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:44 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am emailing to voice my concern about the solar panel rate hike. I think we should be fostering and not penalizing clean energy. Solar users should be rewarded for using clean energy. Solar panels are saving our air and our environment. The Wasatch Range has horrible inversions, and studies show that the air pollution [lowers fertility and harms newborns](#). Please ensure that solar power will be a viable, economic option in the future.

Sincerely

Paul Spiel

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Paul Spiel

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1 message

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**Ben Nielson** <ben.nielson@evelarcom>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:48 AM

To: "PSC@utah.gov" &lt;PSC@utah.gov&gt;

I'm a Forman at Evelar Solar and this is the sole means of income for my family also this job I feel is starting to finally make a difference Obviously look at RMP is trying to do I've been in this field of work for about 3 years now. I finally got home for my wife and 3 children with a mortgage of course and things I feel are finally going ok. And now this I'm barley treading water Earlier this year I lost my father and older brother please don't make this the 3rd awful thing to happen.

If you'd like to come to my job and see what and how we do things I'd be more than willing to take you out and show you. This job really is amazing and life altering Please do what you can to keep things fair . Thank you for your time.

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**David Scheer** <david@scheerarchitecture.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:49 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To the members of the Public Services Commission-

I'm writing to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's fast track request to get around the normal rate-making process. The place of solar power in Utah's energy future is an extremely important question. Rate-payers should have the opportunity to participate fully in any debate about our energy future and solar power in particular.

I respectfully ask that you deny RMP's fast-track request and allow a thorough public discussion of this important issue.

David Scheer

776 N. East Capitol Blvd.

Salt Lake City, UT 84103



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket #16-035-T14

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**Nathan Forsgren** <nathan.forsgren@evelarcom>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:51 AM

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

Good morning,

My name is Nate Forsgren. I currently run a warehouse for Evelar Solar out of SLC. I'm worried about the effects a "solar tax" will have on the industry I work in. I provide for a family of 5, all local grown here in Utah. Rocky Mountain Power's proposal not only puts the solar industry in Utah at risk, but also will serve to set renewable energy efforts in Utah back potentially by decades. I encourage you to leave the solar industry in Utah as uninhibited by unnecessary and harmful government regulations as possible, including undue taxation. Thank you for your time and the good work you do for Utah's like me.

Sincerely,

Nathan N. Forsgren



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**Jacob Hopkins** <jacob.t.hopkins@gmail.com>  
To: PSC@utah.gov

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:52 AM



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**Monica Hall** <monica.p.hall@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:53 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Stop RMP's rate hike! We need solar energy to be cost effective so we can fight climate change.

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**Peter Vars** <henningcertain@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:54 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

On November 9, Rocky Mountain Power filed a request before the Public Service Commission to raise rates on rooftop systems.

The fees are among the highest proposed by any utility around the nation on rooftop solar customers. If imposed, the fees would effectively end the growth of the rooftop solar and devastate the solar industry in Utah.

The solar industry provides almost 4000 jobs in the state and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. All of which will be negatively affected if these fees are put into place. You only have to look toward Nevada to see the effect. Their commission imposed outrageous fees on owners and overnight hundreds of solar industry jobs were lost.

Your leadership on this issue is critical. Thank you for your time.

Peter Vars  
2957 S WARR RD  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84109



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**Mike Pratt** <Michael.Pratt@evelar.com>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:55 AM

Hello,

My name is Mike Pratt and I am writing to you concerning the request by Rocky Mountain Power to implement a different method of charging certain customers who obtain solar power and use their net metering services. I have worked in the solar industry for almost 3 years. I currently work for Evelar Solar as a PV Systems Designer. I implore you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's request. Allowing these extra fees will essentially prevent all new customer acquisitions because solar power will no longer be affordable.

The result will have an immensely negative impact on Utah and its economy. The actualization of Rocky Mountain's power play in this situation may possibly cause thousands of Utahns to lose their jobs. On top of that Utah is in desperate need to clean up the air quality. Permitting Rocky Mountain Power to institute these new rules is a step in the wrong direction. We need to find more ways to utilize renewable energy.

Please, for the sake of all the people who currently live here, and our future generations, don't let Rocky Mountain Power stop our progression by allowing them to rake solar consumers over the coals. This is not what the people want. We want a clean, friendly, and beautiful environment that we can be proud of. Let's keep it that way by allowing solar companies to continue business as usual.

Sincerely,

Mike Pratt

CAD Designer

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**Earl Lewis** <earl.lewis.1@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 10:59 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed the PacificCorp-RMP's request to change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers (Docket 16-035-T14) filed Nov 9 of this year. I urge you to deny PacificCorp's current fast track request and require the normal rate making process for changes. I see no reason to rush this through without proper and full discussion.

This rate proposal will severely limit the ability of families to adopt roof top solar in the impacted areas. Roof top solar provides clean renewable energy for the individual homeowner and the residents of the local areas. We have an abundance of clear sunny days and we need clean power alternatives that take advantage of these natural conditions.

Thank you for accepting public input on this issue. I respectfully request that in the public interested in the interest of ratepayers and our energy future, you reject PacifiCorp-RMPs current rate change request.

Sincerely,

Earl Lewis



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Jacob Hopkins** <jacob.t.hopkins@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:02 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

We've all seen the effects of the inversion and the brown soup that fills the Salt Lake valley in the winter. We need to do everything we can to eliminate that, and the use of renewable energy sources is definitely a step in the right direction. So please, don't allow Rocky Mountain Power to make it completely uneconomical to power our houses with solar energy .



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## Solar rate hikes

1 message

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**James Larue** <jameslarue@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:02 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am writing to oppose Pacific Corp purposed "Advice No. 16-13e I feel they are trying to sneak this through without proper process. I request that you deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes

I feel that solar user are trying to save money and assist the utilities by using less power and assist them with not having add to the grid and build more power plants and use less fossil fuels to run the power plants.

I would like to thank you taking my oppion into consideration.



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**Regan Hoyt** <regan.hoyt@evelarcom>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:10 AM

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

Hello,

I'm writing this email to protest against Rocky Mountains solar fee proposal.

I have a Wife and two daughters I have to support, if this proposal does the same damage as it did in Vegas my family would suffer greatly.

Please do not allow this proposal to go through, it will efect Utah greatly.

Thank you

Regan Hoyt



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**Eric Schoening** <eric.schoening@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:15 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To: The Utah Public Service Commission

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the request by Rocky Mountain Power to change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers.

Rocky Mountain Power claims that solar customers are a burden on the larger electricity consuming community . However, multiple independent studies have shown that homeowners who install solar panels have a positive or neutral impact on power companies and their customers.

In the age of renewable energy LED light bulbs, and more energy efficient appliances, it is perhaps inevitable that companies like RMP begin to charge more of a flat rate for being attached to the grid, so that they can maintain the infrastructure without having their funding tied as closely to overall usage. However, making this change on the backs of solar users is not a proper or effective way to transition a business model. When solar users generate more power than they consume in a month, they already pay more of a minimum fee than the average customer (\$8/month instead of the \$6 base fee). If RMP truly has "fairness" in mind, perhaps they should propose a change where all users pay more for their base fee and pay less per kilowatt hour.

I also urge you to consider that proposals such as this one are not only detrimental to individual homeowners, but also to entire industries and the thousands of jobs that those industries create. The solar industry is booming right now in Utah, and is helping to contribute to Utah's very low unemployment rate. However, when the Nevada Public Utilities Commission enacted similar rate changes, it killed virtually the entire solar industry , with thousands of jobs lost. Considering Rocky Mountain Power's proposal is even stricter and more costly than the Nevada plan, there is no doubt that passing this rate change would result in thousands of jobs lost as well.

Finally, please consider the environmental impacts of Rocky Mountain Power's proposal. Solar panels produce clean, renewable energy which is sorely needed in Rocky Mountain Power's portfolio. Most of the electricity Utah receives from RMP is generated by coal plants that produce air pollution, including greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. More investment in solar is necessary at this crucial climate tipping point, and having that investment come directly from homeowners (in addition to RMP's solar investments) can only be a good thing.

Thank you for your time. Please oppose Rocky Mountain Power's rate change request, and urge them to instead propose fair, reasonable rate changes, rather than changes that inappropriately target a small percentage of their customers.

Sincerely,

Eric Schoening





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## Docket #16-035-T14 RMP proposed rate change for solar customers

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**Steve Mouritsen** <smouritsen@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:25 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

I'm writing to urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate change for solar customers. The study conducted by, um themselves, that determined that solar customers negatively impact other customers was obviously biased and doesn't account for any of the benefits that rooftop solar provides. Chief of among them is that I, as a solar customer, produce the most power precisely when there is the most demand from my neighbors. On long, hot summer days, I produce more than I need and it goes straight down the street to power my neighbors' air conditioners without requiring any long-distance transmission. This benefits Rocky Mountain Power because I know they aren't paying me the 14.5 cents per kWh they are charging my neighbors for that power. Let's have a real study conducted by a third party before we go adjusting rates.

Thanks for your consideration,

Steve Mouritsen  
[801-201-6329](tel:801-201-6329)



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**Andy Schoenberg** <andyszeev@aim.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:27 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners: The latest Rocky Mountain Proposal to eliminate any incentives for people to install their own home solar systems and penalize them with a surcharge is an obvious attempt for them to keep their major market share of power generation in Utah. They are promoting their own "solar farms" and will sell their customers the "clean" energy at a premium price.

As a home solar system owner I believe that every kWh of clean energy I sell to RMP should be used to offset the dirty kWh they sell to me at the same rate they charge me. This should continue not only for me but also to new customers who choose to install their own solar system to reduce CO2 emissions and pollution caused by fossil fuel generated electricity.

As public commissioners your obligation should be to the greater public good, and not to assuring the greater growth and profits of RMP. Please reject this latest attempt by RMP to eliminate competition from private users trying to reduce pollution and their costs for electricity. Thank you for your far sighted considerations, Andy Schoenberg



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**David White (UMC)** <David.White@utah.edu>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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

Please stop RMP's rate hike! It is critical that we foster an environment that is conducive to solar energy so that we can be on the leading front to fight climate change!



David White  
*Associate Director of Web Development*  
University Marketing & Communications  
The University of Utah  
Office [801-581-6149](tel:801-581-6149)  
[umc.utah.edu](http://umc.utah.edu)



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**Dave White** <david@dvdwhite.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:44 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please stop RMP's rate hike! It is critical that we foster an environment that is conducive to solar energy so that we can be on the leading front to fight climate change!



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**Peggy Riedesel** <peggyriedesel@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:53 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To all concerned:

Please vote to keep the air of Utah cleaner. This means, allow the solar industries in Utah to flourish. Do not allow Rocky Mt Power and their parent company, Berkshire Hathaway, from stopping Utah (and other mt west states) from using more solar and other renewable energy sources. We need to move away from fossil fund as development allows. That time is here and now. We need to continue to have more roof top solar panels at an affordable attainable cost. My family and I were able to purchase solar for our home about 2 years ago. It is the right thing to do for the future of Utah's clean air and healthy living. Yes, even with the tax cuts and low monthly fee from Rocky Mt it was a sacrifice, but one well worth it. I know more and more citizens of Utah are willing to make this sacrifice but it has to be attainable. Many of our larger businesses, such as Walmart and eBay would like to go solar, but Rocky Mountain needs to play fairly to allow this to happens. As the Public Service Commissioner , please help to make this happen.

A citizen and lover of Utah,  
Peggy Porter Riedesel



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Peregrine Bosler** <pfbosler@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:55 AM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern over Rocky Mountain Power's increased fees for solar.

Solar should be an affordable choice for homeowners. It should be an energy source that RMP embraces, as our air quality in Utah suffers from coal powered energy and our water could be affected by natural gas production - in a desert this should be a concern.

Thank you,  
Peregrine  
Summit County, UT

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[Peregrine Bosler](#)



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**Peggy Riedesel** <peggyriedesel@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 11:57 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please extend the public comment period on Docket #16-035-T14 beyond Nov 22. The Thanksgiving holiday is too close for people to have time to comment of this very important issue. Thank you.

Citizen and lover of Utah,  
Peggy Porter Riedesel



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Doug McNutt** <jdmcnutt@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 12:02 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Just wanted to respectfully submit my opinion that RMP's proposal to hike solar users rates (thus effectively killing future solar sales in Utah for the average consumer) is contrary to the spirit of this state and its focus on protecting the beauty that has been entrusted to us. It is also against the entrepreneurial spirit of free market enterprise and economically rewarding the best, cheapest, and cleanest sources of energy. I'm no tree-hugger, but solar is the future and everyone knows it, let's not go backwards as a state. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

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Doug McNutt  
South Jordan, Utah  
Cell [801.899.5454](tel:801.899.5454)





PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Rylin Laplante** <rylin.laplante@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 12:03 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

I am writing to ask that the Public Service Commission does not pass Rocky Mountain Power 's proposal to increase rates that will effect incentives and benefits of solar energy at the resident and business levels. I believe these increasing fees will be a step in the wrong direction in terms of protecting the environment and combating climate change.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rylin Fox

1728 S Wright Ct.

SLC, UT 84105

[206-459-1126](tel:206-459-1126)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Nkenna Onwuzuruoha** <nonwuzuruoha@westminstercollege.edu>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 12:33 PM

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

Utah Public Service Commission  
Heber M. Wells Building  
160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my reservations regarding Docket #16-035-T14. The public comment period was far too brief, and the Public Services Commission should extend the public comment period beyond November 22, 2016. Moreover, Rocky Mountain Power's proposals unfairly single out one group of residential customers with exorbitant, unprecedented, and unjustified fees. This action mimics policies enacted by Rocky Mountain Power's sister company, Nevada Power, which virtually shut down solar power a feasible and affordable choice for many environmentally conscious and responsible residents in the aforementioned area. I believe that you, our commissioners, have not adequately studied the costs and benefits of solar and have a duty to the people of Utah to do so in the sake of sustainability of resources, posterity, and truly and accurately representing the voice of the people.

I thank you for taking the time to recognize my concerns.

Respectfully,

Nkenna Onwuzuruoha  
Instructor, English Department, Salt Lake Community College  
Instructor, Justice Studies Department, Westminster College



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## Proposed change in rate structure for rooftop solar

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**beth.allen1@comcast.net** <beth.allen1@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 12:34 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I have recently learned that Pacifi-Corp-RMP has filed a document that would change the rate structure and increase costs for rooftop solar customers. I am opposed to this proposal which I believe is referred to as "Advice No 16-13". Not only is it discriminatory towards those choosing to do the right thing for Utah's air quality, the lack of time allowed for public input and lack of studies to justify any such change seem unfair.

I am retired and had rooftop solar panels installed a couple of years ago. Net metering and tax incentives were certainly important considerations for someone like myself on a fixed income. Mostly though, I did it because I was committed to reducing my carbon footprint. The more people that make this choice, the lower the costs will be, encouraging greater demand for renewables which is good for both Utah's air quality and the economy.

To accommodate the growing demand for rooftop solar, many jobs have been created to meet the demand. Thousands of jobs would be in jeopardy if the growth of this industry is thwarted by increased costs to the consumer.

I am confident that Pacifi-Corp-RMP has the capability to successfully adapt and thrive economically as our country moves away from fossil fuels towards a renewable energy future. Our country has been built around innovation and the ability to adapt to changes that benefit society.

Thank-you for the many services you currently provide and for accepting public input.

Sincerely yours,

Beth Allen  
3050 South Lake Circle  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

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**Pelletier , Samuel T . (Student)** <sam.pelletier@my.ccsu.edu>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 1:04 PM

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

Hi,

I would like to ask you to consider blocking Rocky Mountain Power's rate change. Solar power is essential to sustainable life on this planet and those investments need to continue. Thank you for you consideration of our planet and the "bigger picture".

Best,

Sam Pelletier



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Jay Miles** <jay@russellpacific.com>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 1:06 PM

Protect solar energy in Utah. More energy choices are good for the consumer, the environment and jobs in Utah.

Jay Miles

Jay Miles

VP of Distributed Sales

**RP ("Russell Pacific LLC")**

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Benjamin M Schmidt** <Benjamin\_M\_Schmidt@progressive.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 1:09 PM

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

Get real Rocky Mountain Power! What a joke, god forbid we benefit the environment and not the bottom dollar of the company. This should in no way pass!



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Roark Batchelor** <roark.batchelor@evelarcom>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 1:20 PM

To: "PSC@utah.gov" &lt;PSC@utah.gov&gt;

I am the Fleet and Maintenance Manager at Evelar Solæand before this I was an installer for the same. On top of that, I am also a solar customer. If this proposal, put forth by Rocky Mountain Power goes through, I could be one of about 4000 Utahns that would be in danger of being unemployed. On top of that, my power bill, which I am already paying RMP a premium for creating my own power would go up substantially. So, it seems to me (and others like me in a similar position), that RMP is seeking to simultaneously drive me into unemployment and increase what money they already take from me, thus taking my livelihood, and more money on top of it. It seems that they have no better reason to do this than their bottom line is threatened by residential solar customers, people willing to use clean, renewable energy

*Roark Batchelor*

*Fleet, Maintenance, and Safety Tracking Manager*

*Evelar Solar*

*1809 S. 900 W. Salt Lake City, Utah 84104*

*(385) 250-8007*





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**burtonsno26@gmail.com** <burtonsno26@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 1:47 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

To the Utah Public Service Commission,

It is absolutely imperative that the state of Utah begin to recognize not only the enormous social movement against fossil fuels and in favor of renewable energy sources, but also the increasing economic advantages of not only local but global moves away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy sources. We as a people need to invest MORE in solar energy in order to move to a clean energy economy and protect the natural spaces we live and pay to recreate in. It's time to end the absurd subsidies for fossil fuel companies exploiting resources in the name of profit and at the expense of all current and future generations and it is time to begin promoting a more sustainable future, beginning with NOT hiking the rates on net metering for solar customers. There are more citizens in the state of Utah that wish for cleaner energy alternatives than there are that wish for greater expansion of fossil fuel subsidies and production, now is the time to heed the sentiment of the electorate.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steven Hertz  
[\(269\)-760-7766](tel:(269)760-7766)





PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**JACQUELINE CONCANNON**<desertrat00@msn.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:06 PM

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

To whom it may concern,

PLEASE stop Rocky mountain power's rate hike. We need solar energy to be cost effective so we can fight climate change.

thank you very much for your time

jacqueline concannon

cottonwood heights, utah 84121



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Sam Rossi** <samuel.d.rossi@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:08 PM

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

To whom it may concern,

We need to invest in solar to move to a clean energy economy in order to fight climate change and protect our winters.

Please do not raise solar charges in Utah.

Thank you,

Sam Rossi



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

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**Grant Peck** <gpeckgolf@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:20 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear PSC,

I am writing to express my strong feelings about the proposed regulation changes from RMP. Driven by corporate benefit, RMP would be turning an entire industry upside down and in the process stop the growth of renewable energy in Utah.

I have benefitted significantly with the installation of a Solar System. It is beneficial to everyone to have renewable energy at my location. I help everyone with the solar I have. This is not just about RMP.

Please do not allow them to steal the future of solar from Utah.

Sincerely,

Grant Peck

1041 Holy oak,

Moab, UT. 84532

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[303 589 0232](tel:3035890232)**From:** [mike@creativeenergies.biz](mailto:mike@creativeenergies.biz) [mailto:[mike@creativeenergies.biz](mailto:mike@creativeenergies.biz)] **On Behalf Of** Mike Walton**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 7:47 PM**To:** Terese Gaddis Walton <[terese@gaddisinv.com](mailto:terese@gaddisinv.com)>**Subject:** Please consider

Hello All-

I am writing you with a request. I hope you will consider reading this email and responding to a few links in my effort to save residential solar in Utah.

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has put forth some draconian regulation requests to the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC). If these are passed by the PSC, Utah's booming residential solar market will come to a screeching halt.

You may have solar on your rooftop, may be considering it or may just know me personally and thus, are receiving this plea.

Our entire community benefits from solar when an individual chooses to install solar on their own roof. Excess power is fed into the grid via a Net meter, which then is used in surrounding houses. This is called Distributed power, and lessens line load for RMP.

A great analogy, is Utah Public Education. Everyone who pays property taxes is supporting Utah public schools, whether they have children in school or not. We all agree to do this because there is a societal benefit in having an educated population.

Some of us have no kids in public education, while others have multiple, but we all pay property taxes and reap the benefits community wide.

Solar is much the same. I may not have solar on my house ( Hopefully spring of 2017) but I benefit from my neighbor having solar by environmental benefits, distributed power and solar jobs.

This proposal by RMP is a HUGE deal in my world. There are over 3,300 Utahns directly employed in solar. With these regulations, we will certainly see a thousand or more jobs disappear almost immediately .

If you have questions about this, please call or email me. I won't bother you again with this but I do appreciate your consideration and your few minutes of time filling out the links below.

Best regards.

**Comments can be submitted until Nov. 22nd.** Email the comment to <[psc@utah.gov](mailto:psc@utah.gov)> with subject line: Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

Be sure to ask for an extension of the public comment period beyond November 22

The Utah Solar Energy Association has posted an **online petition to Governor Herbert**, the PSC, and other relevant policy makers. You can sign it at [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/save-solar-for-utah/affordab?source=s.icn.em.cp&r\\_by=9722327](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/save-solar-for-utah/affordab?source=s.icn.em.cp&r_by=9722327)

HEAL Utah also has an online petition that is **directed solely to Governor Herbert**. Go to [http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50929/p/dia/action3common/public/?action\\_KEY=19623](http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50929/p/dia/action3common/public/?action_KEY=19623)

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Mike Walton

Solar Project Developer

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**JARED PASKINS** <paskinsja@wsdstudent.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:43 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am opposed to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. While changes may or may not need to be made, the utility's fast-track request filed the day after the election ensured minimal news coverage and time to review their proposal. This was an attempted end around the system put in place to protect us and it puts in doubt any and all information they provide as a basis for the final decision. They should be required to use the normal rate-making process for their proposed changes.

Whatever the commission does for future solar users they need to **Permanently** grandfather the current solar users into the current net metering system. Many Families with Residential solar have invested on average over \$20,000 into a system that will help this country with its energy needs, reduce CO2 emissions, and improve our air quality . It will take them 20 years to recoup their investment. They were sold on this program based on the good they could do for the environment and that eventually they would get a good return on their investment. This has been pushed by the federal government, state government, the solar companies and with the blessings of Rocky Mtn. power. For Rocky Mtn. Power to ever go back and change the foundation the system was sold on would be entrapment, and completely unethical. They should not be able to revise rates, fees, or conditions after having publicly agreed to and endorsed the program.

Moreover, Utah has recently been rapidly increasing its solar use, and by extension, decreasing its dependence on smog producing fossil fuels such as coal. The proposed changes would massively reduce the value of solar energy on a private scale. We have too much to gain from continuing to use solar, and too much to lose from its discontinuation, that we cannot afford to pass No. 16-13.



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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment Be sure to ask for an extension of the public comment period beyond November 22

1 message

Eric Willison &lt;ericwillison@gmail.com&gt;

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:44 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am a rooftop solar customer of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). I installed my system in Fall 2014, so I am 'grandfathered' under the current proposal. I am opposed to both PacifiCorp / RMP's request to change the rate structure for new rooftop solar customers, and to their request to fast-track the decision on this item. Although their current request does not affect me, approving it would set a precedent for future unfair and punitive rate changes to myself and others in my class.

The demand fees proposed by RMP are patently unfair as they are proposing their application to rooftop solar customers. The intent of demand fees was initially to encourage electricity users to conserve electricity and reduce load at peak demand times. PacifiCorp / RMP currently offers a **voluntary** program (Time of Day) to their customers whereby customers may opt to reduce their peak electricity use during the summer months by shifting use to lower demand times. In return for shifting their electricity use, customers in this program are billed a lower price for off-peak use (basic service rate minus 1.6334 cents/kilowatt-hour) and a higher price for on-peak use (basic service rate plus 4.356 cents/kilowatt-hour). Customers who enroll in this voluntary program are educated by PacifiCorp / RMP about practices they may use to shift their electricity use (eg, run dishwasher at low demand times, wash clothes at low demand times). PacifiCorp / RMP also provides these customers with a detailed schedule of the on-peak and off-peak times for their geographic area. For the state of Utah, the Time of Day program runs from May through September (5 months of the year), on-peak times are Monday through Friday from 1PM to 8PM, and weekends are off-peak.

The demand fees proposed for rooftop solar are unfair! These fees will selectively apply to a small group of residential customers. In addition, the demand fees are not applied to these customers in the same manner that such rates are applied to nonsolar residential customers. Here's why:

- Demand fees are involuntary for rooftop solar users, while the Time of Day program is voluntary for nonsolar customers.
- Demand fees will apply year-round (12 months of the year) for rooftop solar users, and **only** during the summer months (5 months of the year) for nonsolar customers.
- Greater time period that they apply
- More days that they apply
- Rooftop solar users will not receive a discount from their basic service rate for off-peak use, while nonsolar customers participating in the voluntary Time of Day program will receive such a discount.
- The peak demand fee for rooftop solar users is much higher than that for nonsolar customers. For example, if a customer uses 6 kilowatt-hours of peak energy in 1 month, the additional expense will be \$9.22 for the rooftop solar user and \$0.26 for the nonsolar user. Or **35 times higher** for the solar user.

Currently, rooftop solar power is the only feasible alternative for utility customers who want renewable energy. Pacificorp / RMP states that they want customers who desire solar to invest in their solar farm. However, subscriptions are sold out, making this option unavailable.

Pacificorp / RMP is basing their request for the rate change on a usage study that they themselves conducted. Not surprisingly, the study concluded that Pacificorp / RMP should charge rooftop solar users more. I must ask whether an independent study, conducted by parties not affiliated with Pacificorp / RMP, would draw the same conclusions. . . There is no way of knowing that answer. And without knowing the answer definitively, the process for requesting and implementing the rate change again becomes unfair to the consumer.

In summary, I request that the public comment period for this issue be extended and that the proposed fees be denied on the grounds that both requests by Pacificorp / RMP are patently unfair to the end-user. Thank you for reading my request.

Sincerely,

Eric Willison

Layton City





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**Comment Letter - Docket Number 16-035-T14**

1 message

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**Rick Wixom** <rwixom@infowest.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:44 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please see letter below from Springdale Mayor Stan Smith

He can be contacted at [ssmith@springdaletown.com](mailto:ssmith@springdaletown.com).

Utah Public Service Commission

Heber M. Wells Building

160 East 300 South

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in reference to the request for public comment on Docket Number 16-035-T14 regarding Rocky Mountain Power's Revisions to Schedule 135 and the proposal for a new Schedule 135A, Net Metering-Transition Service.

I currently have the pleasure of serving as Mayor of Springdale, Utah. As the gateway community to neighboring Zion National Park, our community has taken a leading role in Southern Utah in championing sustainable choices and practices. Over the past several years the Town of Springdale has installed 94.68 kW of solar generating capacity on several of our municipal facilities, all of it net metered. These installations have been made possible through the assistance of partners such as Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky Program. Over the past several years our solar arrays have generated over 432,000 kWh of electricity, above and beyond that consumed by the facility, that has been metered back to the electrical grid. This energy has in turn been used by other nearby customers of Rocky Mountain Power, including the Town, without the need for long distance transmission lines.

Not only has the Town of Springdale invested in solar generation, our small community also has at least 17 private installations totaling over 73 kW of solar generation capacity. This generation, coupled with our annual investment into the Blue Sky Program, has allowed Springdale to be designated as an EPA Green Power Community since 2008.

As the Mayor of a community that believes in, and has invested in, the benefits of solar I urge the Commission to deny Rocky Mountain Power's current request. Several substantial arguments have been put forth in the public comments regarding this rate change. I echo only a few of these here:

**Study:** The basis for the new rate plan is a study conducted by Rocky Mountain Power . I do not believe there has been between the filing, public comment deadline and proposed implementation of the new rate to adequately review the Company’ s research and findings. Further, such a study seeking to impose should have been subjected to peer review outside of the Company to ensure that their research methodology has no flaws. Other commenters have pointed out that the Company has failed to measure the “behind the meter” energy production and consumption by rooftop solar customers and failed to accurately show how solar customers reduce the grid’ s power demand during peak load periods.

**Due Process:** The Company seeks to expedite a radical shift without the normal rate setting process that includes sufficient time for expert testimony, in-depth examination of evidence, studies conducted by independent parties, public hearings, and so forth.

**Environment and Air Quality:**The Company claims that solar customers are unfairly passing along costs they owe to non-solar customers. There is a reality that the Company has been passing along costs that they owe to the general public, including health costs and environmental costs, for many more years. Rooftop solar allows power to be produced where it is consumed, without the need for transmission of long distances. When peak load demands are high, solar can compensate for those peak loads, reducing the demand for the development of new large scale generation. Rooftop solar can be an effective tool in the goal of better air quality.

**Economic Factors:** The Company correctly notes the rising numbers of rooftop solar customers over the past few years. The economic factors which for so many years have kept homeowners from fully embracing this technology have dropped to a point where rooftop solar can now be a realistic option and a reality for many homeowners. The proposed rate change would have a dramatic chilling effect on this economy as experienced in other areas where similar rates have been imposed.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my voice to the many in opposition to this request. Again, I respectfully request the Commission deny Rocky Mountain Power ’s rate change request.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

Stanley J. Smith

Mayor

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**Brandon Robins** <brobins@eliteenergysolutions.com>  
Reply-To: brobins@eliteenergysolutions.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:45 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

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Regards,  
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Lehi, UT 84043



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**Bill Larsen** <bill.larsen2424@gmail.com>  
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Regards,  
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Orem, UT 84058



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**Mikey Heinz** <mikeyh@brightplanetsolar.com>  
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Regards,  
Mikey Heinz  
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Draper, UT 84020



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**Brandon Barney** <brandonjames1976@gmail.com>

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Brandon Barney

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**Raymond Klukoske** <Klukoske@hotmail.com>  
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Regards,  
Raymond Klukoske  
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**Mark White** <mftmbw@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:51 PM

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Regards,

Mark White

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Vernal, UT 84078





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**Barbara Wise** <wise4755@msn.com>  
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Regards,  
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**Karma wayman** <karmajune@hotmail.com>

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Regards,

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**Kellsie Preston** <kellsienicole@hotmail.com>

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Regards,  
Kellsie Preston

Herriman, UT 84096



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**Vincent Cascio** <vinnycascio@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:56 PM

Reply-To: vinnycascio@gmail.com

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Regards,  
Vincent Cascio

Santaquin, UT 84655



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**Guy Walther** <Guydww@gmail.com>  
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**Joshua French** <joshuamichaelfrench@icloud.com>

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**Maria Sanders** <mariapsanders@gmail.com>  
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**Michael Batie** <mikebatie@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:00 PM

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Michael Batie

Salt Lake City, UT 84101





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**Patricia Street** <pstreet1@msn.com>  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84121



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**osamu uchiyama** <ouchidesignstudio@gmail.com>

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**Sonya Patterson** <coldtoes42@gmail.com>  
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Sonya Patterson

Millville, UT 84326



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**Jeff Grover** <groverjeff@gmail.com>  
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Sandy, UT 84094



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**Gary Heaton** <gakcheaton@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:05 PM

Reply-To: gakcheaton@comcast.net

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

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Regards,  
Gary Heaton  
5593 W 10080 N  
Highland, UT 84003



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Bruce Edgar** <bruceaedgar@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: bruceaedgar@gmail.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:06 PM

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Regards,  
Bruce Edgar  
363 N Pioneer Ridge Rd  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108



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**Matt Madsen** <madsen.matthew@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: madsen.matthew@gmail.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:07 PM

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Regards,  
Matt Madsen  
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South Salt Lake, UT 84115



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**David littman** <Jerseydave@hotmail.com>  
Reply-To: Jerseydave@hotmail.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:09 PM

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Regards,  
David littman

Park City, UT 84060 □





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**T. Holt** <tih.estuff@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:10 PM

Reply-To: tih.estuff@gmail.com

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

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Regards,  
T. Holt

Provo, UT 84604



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**Deborah Powell** <denorahpowell93@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: denorahpowell93@gmail.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:11 PM

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Regards,  
Deborah Powell  
844 W S Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84104



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**Catherine Quapp** <Cathe@quapp.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:12 PM

Reply-To: Cathe@quapp.com

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

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Regards,  
Catherine Quapp  
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Heber City, UT 84032



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**Fred Rubinfeld** <freddale2@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: freddale2@gmail.com  
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Regards,  
Fred Rubinfeld

Park City, UT 84098 □



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**Kwintone Lawton** <kwlawton@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:14 PM

Reply-To: kwlawton@hotmail.com

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Regards,

Kwintone Lawton

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Sandy, UT 84094



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**Carlin Warren** <brisingr12@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: brisingr12@gmail.com  
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Regards,  
Carlin Warren

American Fork, UT 84003



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**Benjamin Ellis** <ben@sci.utah.edu>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:17 PM

Reply-To: ben@sci.utah.edu

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

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Regards,  
Benjamin Ellis

Park City, UT 84098 □



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Steve Hunt** <stevehunt@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:17 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Please don't hike rates on solar customers.

This is clean energy that we really need, especially in the Salt Lake valley where during inversions in the winter we have some of the worst air quality in the world!!

We need to keep solar affordable so that more people will invest in it for their homes.

Look what happened in Nevada when rates were jacked up! One of the best states in our nation for solar power such a shame.

Please don't take a terrible step backwards in our fight against climate change.

We need to do this for our children.

Thanks,

Dr. Steve Hunt, MD

8775 Oak Valley Dr

Sandy, UT. 84093

Sent from my iPhone





PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Cameron Christensen** <truecam@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:18 PM

Reply-To: truecam@gmail.com

To: Utah Public Service Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Regards,

Cameron Christensen

1021 Denver St E

Salt Lake City, UT 84111



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**Carrie springer** <ptbath@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:19 PM

Reply-To: ptbath@hotmail.com

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

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Carrie springer

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Sandy, UT 84094



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**Tony Paskins** <tpaskinscons@yahoo.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:19 PM

Reply-To: Tony Paskins &lt;tpaskinscons@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

I am opposed to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. While changes may or may not need to be made, the utility's fast-track request filed the day after the election ensured minimal news coverage and time to review their proposal. This was an attempted end around the system put in place to protect us and it puts in doubt any and all information they provide as a basis for the final decision. They should be required to use the normal rate-making process for their proposed changes.

Whatever the commission does for future solar users they need to **Permanently** grandfather the current solar users into the current net metering system. Many Families with Residential solar have invested on average over \$20,000 into a system that will help this country with its energy needs, reduce CO2 emissions, and improve our air quality. It will take them 20 years to recoup their investment. They were sold on this program based on the good they could do for the environment and that eventually they would get a good return on their investment. This has been pushed by the federal government, state government, the solar companies and with the blessings of Rocky Mtn. power. For Rocky Mtn. Power to ever go back and change the foundation the system was sold on would be entrapment, and completely unethical. They should not be able to revise rates, fees, or conditions after having publicly agreed to and endorsed the program. If the PSC is supposed to make the rates fair, they need to make them fair for all.

Thanks for accepting this input

Tony Paskins

Pleasant View Utah

[tpaskinscons@yahoo.com](mailto:tpaskinscons@yahoo.com)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Schedule 135

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**Taylor Rees** <taylorfreesolo@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:32 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am a resident of Salt Lake City and Park City , and own a business in downtown Salt Lake.

I absolutely do NOT support Schedule 135, and hope my voice on this matter can be heard.

I am dedicated to a clean, distributed renewable energy future (and potentially better air quality), and I urge the PSC to reject a fast-track rule to change current net energy metering rates. There is currently not enough data OR analysis on the state of our electric grid, as well as positive and negative benefits of rooftop pv , to accurately gauge the value of these resources, and a fast track revision will slow ef forts in doing so (unnecessarily cutting many incentives for solar pv).

Thank you,

Taylor Rees



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Josh Segovia** <graphics@infowest.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:36 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

> Stop RMP's rate hike, we need solar energy to be cost effective so we can fight climate change.



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**Tamara J Ferguson** <tam@casteyanqui.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:46 PM

To: PSC <psc@utah.gov>

I strongly object to RMP's proposed rate structure for net metering customers, as RMP has NOT proven its case that solar customers place an unfair burden on non-solar customers, nor has it proved that net metered homes cost RMP more in certain areas of infrastructure.

Moreover, this new rate structure is totally unfair to individuals who installed solar panels when RMP promised them the rate structure that was in effect for net metered homes AT THAT TIME. It is not as though those who already have installed solar panels can suddenly remove them.

Finally the PUBLIC Services Commission needs to hold a PUBLIC meeting regarding this issue and extend the time allotted for public comment beyond 11/22.

As things now stand, this entire case reeks of backdoor politics and deals with NO effort on the PSC's part to consult outside experts and the people affected

Sincerely,  
Tamara J. Ferguson  
672 Cholla Court



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**susan finlayson** <susanclfinlayson@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: susan finlayson <susanclfinlayson@yahoo.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 3:55 PM

Hello,

I am writing to demand that the PSC extend the public comment period beyond November 22. The period that was provided (only a couple weeks) is egregiously short for such an important issue.

RMP's proposals unfairly single out one group of residential customers with exorbitant, unprecedentec and unjustified fees.

At a time when we face air pollution as well as climate change on a local and global level, we cannot afford to put one more obstacle in the place of reasonable, healthy clean energy technology. Solar energy is the energy of the future, and one of the essential keys to a prosperous, healthy community here in Utah.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Susan Finlayson  
Salt Lake City, Utah



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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**Mike** <mburkley@infowest.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 4:34 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to stress my opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", dated Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I am urging the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed change.

Raising the rates at this time would discourage further investments in rooftop solar and threaten Utah's newly energized solar industry. I believe Rocky Mountain Power attempted to increase the rates back in 2014, but public outcry from a variety of voices led to the PSC to deny that request. Likewise, RMP's request should be denied for their next attempt to hamper the Solar Industry and the hundreds of jobs it provides in Utah. The only valid reason that RMP has for this rate increase for solar is to enhance RMP's bottom line profit. Nevada Power pulled the same thing the last year in Nevada, and one of the results was to force 2 of the biggest Solar Rooftop Installers to leave the state, thus costing Nevada thousands of jobs.

I installed solar panels on my rooftop in 2008, and I also donated through the years to Rocky Mt. Power's Blue Sky Program, in which they appear to be trying to invest in renewal, clean energy (rather than dirty and expensive coal power). I had a great experience dealing with RMP during the process of getting my Solar Panels installed on my roof back then, and I feel great that I can power my home mostly on a clean, renewable energy source. Also, throughout most of the year I actually can provide my excess power that I produce back into RMP's energy grid. Personally, I don't do it for the money that I have saved from my Energy Bills - I do it because I really have no desire to use Coal in powering up my home. Up until the last few years, I had high regards for RMP and their apparent interest in renewal energy - but I can no longer feel good about them based on this new direction they are taking.

But most homeowners depend on solar being competitive as far as the cost, and this change in the Rates that RMP is proposing is really not acceptable in any way. It's a trend that large Power companies are trying to get rushed through in about every state that they are affected. It's a concerted effort by the large companies, like Berkshire-Hathaway, to keep their control of energy sources and keep their profits high.

Thank you for accepting public input, though the deadline should be extended. I request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Michael Burkley  
712 Wisteria Way  
Ivins, UT 84738



[mburkley@infowest.com](mailto:mburkley@infowest.com)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Jesse Johnson** <jesjohnson@backcountry.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>  
Cc: Jesse Johnson <jesjohnson@backcountry.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 4:37 PM

Hello Utah Public Service Commission,

Please do not allow RMPs proposal to come to fruition. It is crazy that someone should be penalized for creating their own energy and trying to combat climate change. Please stop this rate hike and help us keep clean renewable energy cost effective for all Utahns.

Thanks,

-Jesse



**Jesse Johnson**  
Assistant Product Developer

[jesjohnson@backcountry.com](mailto:jesjohnson@backcountry.com)

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[Chainlove](#)  
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Commissioners:

We are writing in reference to the request for public comment on Pacific Corp's Revisions to Schedule 135 and new Schedule 135A, Net Metering – Transition Service, Docket Number 16-035-T14.

As current rooftop solar owners, we are concerned that the proposal will dis-incentivize residential rooftop solar, negatively affect job and economic growth, and be a step in the wrong direction for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality along the Wasatch Front.

Residential consumer access to rooftop solar is a tremendous asset for Utah's future. Rooftop solar helps meet Utah's growing energy needs with local, clean energy. According to Rocky Mountain Power's Webpage, the company doesn't envision building another major thermal power plant until 2028. Residential rooftop solar could reduce or postpone the need to investment in expensive thermal power plants by providing an efficient source of energy where the electricity is consumed.

We certainly do not support having non-rooftop solar customers pay for the cost of the electrical grid. But we question Gary Hooegeven, senior vice president of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), statement that each net-metering customer receives a \$400 yearly subsidy from non-rooftop solar customers. How did RMP come up with that figure? We feel that RMP is ignoring the many benefits that rooftop solar homes provide the electrical grid. According to [Clean Power Research](#), rooftop solar can actually help a utility avoid transmission and distribution costs as it provides energy on-site.

In addition, Mr. Hooegeven stated that RMP studied residential rooftop solar customers and determined that net-metering customers are an entirely different class of customer, whose bills should be calculated accordingly. How did RMP arrive at such a conclusion?

The proposal provides for an increase in the monthly access fee, a reduction in the amount of money net-metering customers are refunded for each kilowatt hour of electricity they generate, as well as a monthly "demand charge". We are not opposed to increases to the monthly access charge, if necessary, to ensure that future rooftop solar customers pay their share of the cost to maintain and access "the grid" from which they benefit. But the service charge for rooftop solar customers should be the same as non-rooftop solar customers. Given that rooftop solar helps a utility avoid transmission and distribution costs by providing energy on-site, explain why RMP shouldn't continue paying an average of 10.6 cents per kilowatt hour for customers' solar energy. Rooftop solar customers provide energy to RMP during the high demand times. So, explain why rooftop solar customers should be assessed demand charges for peak power usage? Non-rooftop customers are not assessed demand charges.

Utah's economy is certainly benefiting from the solar industry. Electrical contractors, distributors, solar installers, and engineering firms all across the state have hired thousands of employees to meet the needs of a growing industry. All of these jobs result in millions of dollars in revenue.

Solar power is one of the most efficient ways to reduce our greenhouse emissions. The environmental and public health benefits that come with burning less coal and natural gas to generate power are well

documented. Let's not take a giant step backward, let's continue to move forward with solar energy in Utah.

We are also very concerned that the public comment was not well advertised, which leads us to believe that RMP is trying to fast-track this extremely important change to the net-metering rate structure (revisions to Schedule 135, Net Metering Service and proposing a new Schedule 135A). We respectfully ask that the Public Service Commission require RMP to use the normal general rate case-making process for these proposed changes.

Respectfully,

Frances Bernards and John Hultquist

2505 E. 2860 S.

Salt Lake City, Utah 84109



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Justin Lane** <justin.m.lane1@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 4:56 PM

To: PSC@utah.gov

Please stop RMP's rate hike. We need solar energy to be cost effective so we can fight climate change!

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



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**Hilary Coon** <hilarycoon42@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: hilarycoon42@gmail.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:02 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am a ratepayer in Utah who has put solar panels on my roof. I have done this as a responsible citizen very concerned about our air quality and environment. Rocky Mountain Power's solar proposal, will endanger the growth of the solar industry, hindering one of the best solutions to our air pollution problem. It will also threaten local jobs across the state. RMP's extreme demand charge proposal will make it difficult for me and my family to control our energy bills. RMP has a monopoly over this resource; you must steward them in their actions using foresight, and with the best interests of the citizens you serve.

Another Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary, NV Energy, proposed similar demand charges on solar customers last year, and the Nevada Public Utilities Commission rejected the implementation of those charges. This provides an excellent example of the action you must take. Across twelve states, all investor owned utility proposals to implement demand charges on residential or solar customers have either been rejected by the state's regulatory body or withdrawn entirely. Please follow these stellar examples, and reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to implement these unprecedented and unpredictable charges on solar customers. I urge you to support balanced policies that will spur market competition and local economic growth, and bolster consumer choice.

Regards,  
Hilary Coon  
2807 Sherwood Dr  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108



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**Ryan Lee** <ryan.lee@blueravensolarcom>  
Reply-To: ryan.lee@blueravensolarcom  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:02 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

To the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC)

As CEO of one of the largest solar companies in Utah and the nation (Greentech Media ranks our company #11 out of 3,000+ solar companies nationwide), I urge the PSC to please reject Rocky Mountain Power's recent solar fee proposal for Utah. It is a massive overreach and will effectively kill the growth of the solar industry and threaten local jobs across the state.

RMP priced the proposed charges at almost exactly what it will take to extend the payof f time on a solar system from about 12-15 years to 30 years. This was not by accident. They claim the new fees are for "fair share" rates, but in reality this is RMP's attempt to kill of f solar so they don't continue to hemorrhage customers to clean energy . RMP's fee rate increase will effectively destroy solar in this state.

The intention of the fee increase was not to share in the cost of solar, but rather to eliminate competition. Please see this rate change for what it is: an attempt to avoid competition by pricing out all solar from the Utah marketplace and maintaining RMP's monopoly.

Across twelve states, all investor-owned utility proposals to implement demand charges on residential or solar customers have either been rejected by the state's regulatory body or withdrawn entirely. RMP has asked for significantly higher fees than any of these previous proposals.

As an alternative to granting Rocky Mountain Power's anti-competitive wish list we would urge you to consider the same course of action as Minnesota. In that state, they use a "value of solar" approach that allows solar customers to share the cost of their impact on the grid in a fair and equitable manner. See the following document for more details:  
<https://ilsr.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MN-Value-of-Solar-from-ILSR.pdf>

This is a complex and multi-sided issue and RMP has only presented one side. Please do not rule on this issue until you have explored all sides.

RMP's extreme fee proposal will make it impossible for our company to do business in Utah, which represents a large portion of our nationwide solar portfolio. Over 150 people currently work for Blue Raven Solar in Utah, including 75 high-paying corporate jobs here in our headquarters in American Fork. Our company will for certain see layoffs if the PSC implements the outrageous charges that RMP is requesting.

Our company will not be alone: there are currently thousands of people in Utah who rely on their employment in the solar industry to pay their bills. These jobs will all be seriously threatened if these proposed fees are implemented.

I strongly urge you to consider the consequences for the jobs that will be lost, as happened in Nevada last year when similar anti-competitive changes were implemented. Nevada effectively killed solar overnight and saw an immediate 99% drop in solar projects across their state. As a result, thousands of layof fs occurred in the solar industry in Nevada over the ensuing months.

Equally depressing: when the PSC in Nevada allowed solar to be killed, it effectively stamped out a source of clean energy for the state (and nation). Whether you believe carbon consumption contributes to climate change or not, there is no denying that clean energy generated by the sun has a positive impact on our environment, by reducing the reliance on carbon-based energy sources. Please don't let Utah be next in losing a positive force to reduce pollution to our already dirty air. Utahns are tired of the inversions and want to do anything we can to clean up the air.

Finally, I urge you to look at the study that the Pew Research Center recently did on solar . They found an astounding 89% of Americans strongly favor expanding solar power to help address costs and environmental concerns. I can't think of anything else that 89% of Americans agree on. In addition, Pew found that 52% of people in the American West have considered solar panels.

Solar is one of the few bi-partisan issues that almost all Americans (left, right and center) can agree is a good thing. Please do not let RMP stamp out the Utah solar market with these proposed fees.

Let the people and the market decide—not the utility company .

Sincerely,

Ryan Lee  
CEO, Blue Raven Solar

Regards,  
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**Gary Gurney** <ggurney13@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: ggurney13@gmail.com  
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:04 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

Please Reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to implement demand charges on solar customers. Demand charges are confusing and extreme.

Surely there must be other ways to make infrastructure costs fair to everyone while encouraging solar adoption. And surely there is another side to the story beside that provided by Rocky Mountain Power .

Across twelve states, all investor owned utility proposals to implement demand charges on residential or solar customers have either been rejected by the state's regulatory body or withdrawn entirely.

Solar customers and businesses need certainty . RMP's proposal puts local solar jobs across the state at risk. Please reject RMP's demand charges proposal and keep existing rates for rooftop solar customers.

Regards,  
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Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:04 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

As an existing solar owner these changes won't even affect me, but I'm still speaking out about them. Every winter the air becomes unbreathable in the Salt Lake valley. We are doing untold damage to the health of our citizens. Now is the time to open up opportunities for clean energy, not roll back progress.

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**Scott McCarty** <scott@metajinx.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:05 PM

Reply-To: scott@metajinx.com

To: Utah Public Service Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Public Service Commission,

Two and a half years ago I installed 16 solar panels on my roof with the goal of reducing our CO2 footprint. We're generating a bit over 100% of our annual electricity use (using the grid as the "battery" when we overproduce).

I recently read that Rocky Mountain Power is asking the Utah PSC for a change in how net metering works. While I'll be grandfathered in (until they want to revisit it) new net metering customers would apparently get a much smaller credit for electricity returned to the grid. That by itself will greatly reduce the appeal of rooftop solar to many people considering it, and while I don't know if "the greater public good" is part of the PSC directives, this impact certainly should be considered.

I am very willing to pay my fair share of maintenance costs for the grid—something that RMP says rooftop solar users aren't doing—but I haven't yet seen any such breakdown by an objective third party (such as the PSC). Until I see that I am not paying my fair share I ask you to reject the RMP changes to net metering customers.

If the RMP rate change is approved and my bill goes up I will likely consider dropping off the grid entirely by installing more panels, along with a battery system and a natural gas generator. I don't think that's what RMP is looking for in the end.

Regards,  
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**Emma Stoker** <emmyjm@gmail.com>  
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Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 5:05 PM

Dear Public Service Commission,

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Solar customers and businesses need certainty. RMP's proposal puts local solar jobs across the state at great risk. Please reject RMP's demand charges proposal and keep existing rates for rooftop solar customers.

This doesn't just affect the thousands of solar jobs all over Utah, but the millions of solar customers, present and future, who want solar for themselves, their families, and their futures. Solar energy is clean and renewable energy. Just because Rocky Mountain is epitomizing corporate greed does not mean that the rest of the state of Utah should be punished. Please let us have the freedom to choose solar for ourselves and not be penalized for wanting to protect the environment and our families' health and future.

Regards,  
Emma Stoker

Provo, UT 84604



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**Marjorie McCloy** <margiemccloy@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 9:39 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Rick Whitson &lt;rickwhitson55@gmail.com&gt;, Brenda Ruthizer &lt;skirockgirl@gmail.com&gt;

Dear People,

I am extremely concerned about Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to place additional fees on rooftop solar. The projected fees of \$20-\$30/month, among the highest in the country, would effectively double the time needed for consumers to cover their upfront installation costs, from an average of 10 years to 20 years. Since few people in today's world stay in their homes for 20 years, these proposals are likely to stop or severely slow down the demand for rooftop solar.

My husband and I purchased rooftop solar two years ago. Because we are very careful about our carbon footprint, our average electric bills before our panels were about \$35-\$40/month. Now we pay the \$9 fee RMP currently imposes, for a savings of \$25-\$30/month. In addition, we (like all rooftop solar users) contribute our overage to RMP at the end of March each year (many other US utility companies buy back consumer overage). I can live with this arrangement--it seems fair to me that we pay something to maintain a grid that we occasionally use. It will take us more than a decade to break even on our investment, but that is also OK with me. Our main reason for installing panels was not to save money, but rather to do the right thing for our air quality and for the world's environment in general. But if we had been told that our monthly fees would be \$30--nearly the cost of our bills before our panels--and that the utility would still take our overage every spring, we simply would not have been able to justify the initial costs.

I am not alone in this assessment. I have two friends who have been gathering bids on solar panels for their homes. Both couples have now suspended their investigations while they await the decision on RMP's fees. Both have said if the fees are passed they will not pursue the panels.

Cutting off rooftop solar is wrong in so many ways. In a valley with some of the US's worst air pollution, we need all the non-polluting energy we can get. In addition, the fledgling industry employs about 4,000 people; killing this industry will put these people out of work. And it will put Utah on the back burner for 21st-century economic development. Much of the US sees clean energy as the economic way forward; shall Utah fall behind just so one powerful monopoly can (temporarily) further enrich its management and shareholders?

RMP does not need the increased fees to remain extremely profitable. The percentage of its users who have rooftop solar is minuscule. We users cover our costs to the grid through the current \$9 fee and the donation of our overages to the grid each spring. PLEASE reject RMP's rate increase proposal. It's the right thing to do for our city, our country, our state, our country, our world.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie McCloy

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Sent from my iPad



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**Marjorie McCloy** <margiemccloy@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 9:43 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

My apologies, I also wanted to ask that you extend the public comment period past November 22. People are only now becoming aware of this issue, and the holidays are busy times for Utah families. Please give the opportunity to comment to the broadest number of people possible.

Thank you,  
Marjorie McCloy

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marjorie McCloy <margiemccloy@gmail.com>

**Date:** November 20, 2016 at 9:39:22 AM MST

**To:** psc@utah.gov

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**Colleen Bliss** <ctbliss@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 20, 2016 at 5:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

My husband and I installed solar Nov. 2014 so, though we will not be affected by the rate increase because we are "grandfathered" in, it is important to see that our children, who would like to install solar, have the same incentive we had. Our health may depend on this.

1. Please **deny the fast-track request** and require the normal rate-making process for these proposed changes. This decision is so important to the solar industry and future clean air in this state. This is not a normal rate change. It has far reaching affects.

2. We produce probably 15 megawatt hours per year and use about 10 of those. We are donating the rest to PacifiCorp. Our bill each month is the current base rate of \$9.01. We feel this covers PacifiCorps costs. We have received a "net meter" from PacifiCorp but we are not aware of any other costs our system has required of PacifiCorp. Our power lines and infrastructure were installed by the power company more than 35 years ago and have probably been depreciated of by now. We are saving PacifiCorp from installing more transformers in our area. Power we generate goes to our closest neighbors. Utah is burning less coal to generate power because of our system and others like it. We could go off the grid and install batteries which would mean that our excess power would not be donated to PacifiCorp. They would lose the **benefit of our solar panels** but we have chosen to stay with PacifiCorp and work together for clean energy.

3. Our incentive for installing this system was not just economic. We are looking to somehow **improve future air quality** in the state and consume less. Our children and their families would like to do the same. Their future health and ours depends on it. We should provide incentives, not additional costs.

4. By increasing rates you are discouraging not just individuals from installing solar panels, but the solar industry from locating in our state and providing **good jobs that currently support Utah families**. We need this kind of industry to grow here in this beautiful sunny desert and **create even more jobs**. This rate change could kill the solar market in Utah.

Thank you for accepting public input. Please extend the deadline and have a conversation. I respectfully request the PSC, in the interest of ratepayers and the Utah public **reject** PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

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