

November 1, 2020

Utah Public Service Commission
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160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0807

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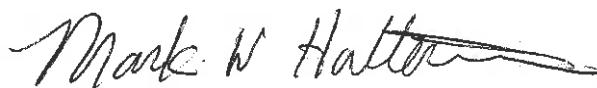
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With that in mind we believe that it is not in the interest of Utah customers for Rocky Mountain Power to be granted an increase in retail rates based on the following:

1. Rocky Mountain Power should not be granted a higher rate of return to justify a rate increase. Rocky Mountain Power's rate of return should be in line with historic levels and similar to other Investor Owned Utilities at or around 8%.
2. Rocky Mountain Power should be required to reevaluate its interruptible Irrigation rate program which has decreased in value from a 20% discount 10 years ago to around a 7% discount in recent years. The availability of Rocky Mountain power to have the ability to interrupt irrigation customers has increased in value as power prices between the time of 5-9 p.m. in the summers continue to grow due to the integration of large scale solar projects, which have created a strain on the electric grid as solar comes off line in the afternoon. An example of this was on August 19, 2020 when wholesale market power prices climbed to \$1,600 an MWH.
3. Rocky Mountain should not be granted any increase in retail rates until they provide needed maintenance in rural areas like the Parowan Valley to reduce outages. We continue to receive electric service that is not at the standard provided by other utilities or by Rocky Mountain Power in more populated areas.

We hope you will carefully review the issues we have presented, and we would expect answers to the points raised above.

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Please reduce rates for Rocky Mountain Power customers (Docket 20-035-04)1 message

Martin Rachels <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Reply-To: Martin Rachels <skiyaker@icloud.com>
To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 10:19 PM

Nov 13, 2020

Utah Public Service Commission
UT

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a customer of Rocky Mountain Power, I urge you to support the Office of Consumer Service's position in Docket 20-035-04 to reduce rates for Utah customers rather than increase them as proposed by the utility. The Office has shown that by reducing the amount of profit and employing less costly debt and equity ratios, Rocky Mountain Power could nearly eliminate the entire need for a rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration of Utahns who are deeply impacted by this proposed increase and I urge you to support lower rates for Utah customers.

I sent a message earlier about folks living on social security. Just An additional thought.....lower rates for seniors ?

Sincerely,

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Please reduce rates for Rocky Mountain Power customers (Docket 20-035-04)

1 message

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

Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 11:49 PM

Nov 14, 2020

Utah Public Service Commission
UT

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Utah has become unaffordable and I know how my kids will be ever to afford a home let alone the increasing costs of all utilities and now the power! Please listen to your customers and do not raise the rates...please.

Thank you for your consideration of Utahns who are deeply impacted by this proposed increase and I urge you to support lower rates for Utah customers.

Donna Thomas

Sincerely,

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Please reduce rates for Rocky Mountain Power customers (Docket 20-035-04)

1 message

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

Sat, Nov 14, 2020 at 1:50 AM

Nov 14, 2020

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Sincerely,

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Please reduce rates for Rocky Mountain Power customers (Docket 20-035-04)1 message

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

Sun, Nov 15, 2020 at 12:21 AM

Nov 15, 2020

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Sincerely,

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1 message

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

Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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We have implemented the controls suggested by Rocky Mountain Power and sacrificed comfort to control our bill. It's frustrating to see that the big corporation will not implement the controls of their own to control costs. They need to step up to sacrifices like they are asking their customers to do.

Thank you for your consideration of Utahns who are deeply impacted by this proposed increase and I urge you to support lower rates for Utah customers.

Sincerely,

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