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Extending Solar Energy Program

RMP's solar program has been a good thing. However, it is far too small and it pays too little. It needs to be expanded and the rebates, credits and power buy-back system currently in place must be expanded, deepened and made more cost effective.

When individual citizens are willing to make the investment necessary to bring clean energy to the grid, they don't ask for (or expect) the rate of return granted Rocky Mountain Power is granted as a regulated monopoly. Thus, the relative cost to the public is diminished. Yet, their investment in solar reaches its peak potential in late afternoon - at exactly the time when John Q Public has the AC running full tilt.

Solar is uniquely positioned to stop brown-outs. In a nutshell, the relatively small production occurring from solar has an outsized high-value benefit to the whole system. Every rate payer benefits from a solid solar installation.

The program should be supported and expanded. I urge you to adopt a forward looking model that supports, encourages and assists people willing to put in solar installations at their homes or businesses.

They deserve more than they are getting.

Cordially,

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