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Dear Public Service Commission,

As a Rocky Mountain Power customer who is considering installing solar panels at my Salt Lake City residence, I urge you to reject RMP's proposal to impose a monthly surcharge on their customers who contribute solar energy to the system.

RMP's call for what amounts to a penalty against renewable energy producers seems a contradiction of the message they project with the oft-touted Blue Sky renewable energy program. Is the Blue Sky program just a PR ploy whose real intent is to mask Rocky Mountain Power's actual commitment to continued --and increased-- public consumption of coal- and gas-generated electricity?

At the residential level, RMP offers solar incentive grants via lottery to a few customers; but now wants to levy an additional fee on all customers who "go solar". Something is wrong with that picture. Again, is it just part of a marketing strategy to dupe the general public into thinking RMP is seriously committed to the renewable energy our citizens increasingly want...and definitely need, given the health impacts of fossil fuel pollution?

I urge you to thoroughly investigate the validity of Rocky Mountain Power's claim that it needs the added revenue from solar-producing customers. I'd also appreciate your assessment of the extent to which RMP is really committed to weaning our community from dirty energy. And, would you please estimate the health and economic costs to the public if RMP successfully hobbles progress toward clean energy?

In addition, I ask you to direct RMP to immediately curtail the solar incentive lottery and to set those lottery funds aside for the benefit of all solar and net-metering customers. Don't let Rocky Mountain Power ingratiate itself with a few to the detriment of many.

The right thing for me to do is to move forward with my solar installation; but, first I need to know if I can afford what it is really going to cost.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Yours sincerely,

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