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I have invested a considerable amount of money in a new roof-top solar photovoltaic system for our old home. I strongly oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposed fee increase of \$4.25 per month for us solar owners. We should all be collectively supporting rather than dis-incentivizing such investment.

We solar owners are making critical investments in clean energy at a time when Rocky Mountain Power continues to burn considerable coal and contribute significantly to fouling the air we all must breathe. Why is Rocky Mountain Power the single worst polluter among all Western utilities?!

We rooftop solar customers offset at least some of Rocky Mountain Power's pollution by plugging into their grid and offsetting some of that dirty energy with pollution-free solar power.

And we solar customers used our own money to buy solar equipment, happily willing to share the benefits with our neighbors--in the form of reduced air pollution, protection against fossil fuel price swings, and the creation of clean energy jobs right here in Utah.

I'm proud of the 7.5 megawatt hours our modest system has generated over the last 18 months.

We solar customers are doing exactly what Rocky Mountain Power should do as a responsible citizen--invest in Utah's renewable energy resources! I am very concerned that a solar penalty will stop some customers from "going solar" and impede progress toward renewables across the grid.

As a rooftop solar energy producer of Utah I respectfully ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty NOT be approved. Our personal investment in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health, environment, and economy. We should not be penalized; rather, we should be commended.

Respectfully yours,

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