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Comments on Docket 13-035-184

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Hello,

I am writing to oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposed fee increase for rooftop solar customers.

I am currently considering installing a rooftop solar array at my residence in Sugar House. However, this proposed fee increase will likely make this change infeasible and cost prohibitive.

Rocky Mountain Power has been granted a monopoly trust from the public. Thus, the Public Service Commission should consider more than just the company's bottom line when reviewing this request.

The public would benefit greatly if more homes made use of rooftop solar arrays for power production. This would help address pollution levels in the state and valley as well as eliminate the need for new, costly sources of electric generation as population increases. On balance, it is likely that the public is much better off with more solar than without.

Before considering any increased fee for solar users the Public Service Commission (PSC) must monetize the health benefits to the public of reduced air pollution and carbon emissions that result from increased solar use. The PSC must also consider the decreased need for future increases in utility-scale power generation as a result of increased rooftop solar arrays.

Finally, the PSC must also consider Rocky Mountain Power's data related to peak use and backup power. Rooftop solar customers may generate significant levels of electricity during peak periods and make increased capacity arguments moot.

Thank you,

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