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comment on RMP Solar Fee

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing to request that you reject the fee on solar power users that is proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. I recently installed solar power on my home, and think we should be encouraging more people in Utah to do the same to help clean our air and lower our carbon emissions. While I respect the need for RMP to charge everyone equally for the cost of grid maintenance and am happy to pay a fair share, such a fee should be justified based on strict accounting of costs and applied equally to everyone and not to solar users alone; the proposed fee is not justified on actual costs and appears to be a punitive measure designed to discourage the spread of solar power. While RMP claims solar users impose additional cost on them, in fact there is a benefit from solar production because it reduces the peak power load which occurs here on hot summer afternoons; this reduction means that eventually fewer power plants will need to be built providing significant future savings for all rate payers. Furthermore, many solar power users currently give free energy to RMP. For instance, this year we produced more power than we consumed by about 350 kWh; since we were not reimbursed for this power, this was in essence a donation of ~\$35 to RMP.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter,

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