



Comments on Docket 13-035-184

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I write to express my strong support for Utah rooftop solar customers, and my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed fee increase of \$4.25 per month targeting these customers. Utah's solar owners are making critical investments in clean energy at a time when Rocky Mountain Power is not.

Because Rocky Mountain Power's energy mix predominately relies on burning coal, it is a huge source of air pollution. In fact, among all Western utilities, Rocky Mountain Power is the single largest source of air pollution.

When rooftop solar customers plug their solar panels into Rocky Mountain Power's grid, they offset some of that dirty energy with pollution-free solar power. I have personally invested over \$10,000 to produce over half of the power I personally use. I still pay Rocky Mountain Power for over 600 kW of power per year and thus contribute as well to the underlying infrastructure for power distribution. Where are the numbers that show I am not paying my share of the power distribution and maintenance of the grid. Why should I not receive a discount because I am helping reduce air pollution, providing clean energy jobs, and a least doing something to move us to a more sustainable form of energy production. My system has produced 7 MW of power since being installed a year ago.

Each individual rooftop solar installation is relatively small, but together their contribution is growing -- projected to comprise 20 MW capacity by the end of 2014, of which mine is only 5 kW.

I can only wish Rocky Mountain Power would do what I have done and that is invest in Utah's renewable energy resources and plan for a sustainable future, not be tied to a polluting, toxic and damaging old tired system of our current power generation. All of us should be promoting and supporting movement to a clean energy future.

Penalizing solar current and future roof top solar sources is counterproductive. It may be the desire of Rocky Mountain Power, its lobbyists, and politicians owned by the fossil fuel industries to discourage solar and wind power, but it is not in the best long term interest of the people.

I stand with the rooftop solar energy producers of Utah and ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty not be approved. Their personal investment in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health, environment, and economy. They should not be penalized; rather, they should be commended.

Sincerely,

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