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No to Rocky Mtn Power Renewable Fee

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I am writing to urge you not to approve the proposed fee for people using solar (and wind) power. I do not have a renewable energy system, so this is not a personal matter for me in that way. However, these people are contributing to cleaning our air which does personally affect me (in a positive way). I see no reason that Rocky Mountain Power needs this fee, other than they are scared of losing profits. Many of these people with renewable systems would probably choose not to use RMP's lines if that were an option, but as it is a monopoly they have no other choice. Forcing fees on them for services they are forced to use makes no sense. Nor does RMP's argument that these users are costing them money by using their lines. In the Salt Lake Tribune, RMP's own spokesman says, "It (power generated from homes with solar) doesn't contribute to system peaks. It doesn't forestall generation from power plants or supply energy to neighbors in any meaningful way. That's the reason for the proposed charge." In my mind, that is the reason to NOT implement the fee. If the power generated is so minimal and has so little of an effect, then obviously it is not costing Rocky Mountain Power any money! This is nothing more than a corporate cash grab. As the PUBLIC (not corporate) Service Commission, I strongly urge you to say no to this proposed fee.

Thank you,
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