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Commission Chairman Ron Allen
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Dear Commission Chairman Allen,

PLEASE DON'T PENALIZE CUSTOMERS FOR DOING THE RESPONSIBLE THING:
HELPING THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL, REDUCING AIR POLLUTION AND HELPING TO
CLEAN THE AIR. RMP SHOULD REWARD--NOT PENALIZE--CUSTOMERS FOR
PROVIDING, CLEAN POWER TO THE GRID AND REDUCING THE NEED TO BUILD MORE
DIRTY POWER PLANTS. RMP SHOULD ITSELF SWITCH TO CLEAN, SAFE RENEWABLE
ENERGY ASAP! THANK YOU.

I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rooftop solar fee of
\$4.25 per month. 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 predominantly 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 clean
solar power.

Rooftop solar is also saving solar homeowners money. More rooftop solar
means fewer investments in power plants and other expensive
infrastructure, creating savings for all RMP customers.

Meanwhile, rooftop solar is actually benefiting RMP's bottom line. The
latest analysis shows that homes with rooftop solar would help save
over \$1.4 million dollars in avoided energy and transmission costs for
the utility in one year, but RMP still wants solar customers to pay
more.

I stand with the rooftop solar energy producers of Utah and ask that
the \$4.25 solar penalty not be approved. Homeowners' personal
investments in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health,
environment, and economy.

Sincerely,

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