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Commission Chairman Ron Allen
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Dear Commission Chairman Allen,

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.

Also, I find it abhorrent that RMP would be able to charge a fee for not using their power. If I went to Smith's, they would not be able to charge a fee to every customer that also shopped at Whole Foods that week. Why does it make sense that RMP can charge people for using another source of energy?

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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