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## Docket 13-035-184 Opposition to proposed Monthly Net Metering Fee

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We write to express our opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed monthly fixed residential net meter fee (Docket 13-035-184).

1) We installed west-facing PV rooftop Solar panels on our residence that provide energy late in the day and early evening to assist in off-setting peak energy, time-of-day patterns. We believe in leading by example and hope our children and grandchildren will have clean air to breath in the future.

2) Our solar electrical energy is first self-consumed by our household lowering the impact on the electrical grid and also reducing our carbon foot print. We believe RMP is threatened by our step toward energy independence, rather than seeing the bigger rooftop solar picture which benefits all Utah families.

3) Secondly, any excess solar electrical energy we produce is sent back to RMP using grid-coupling (aka as net-metering). The infrastructure impact on the grid is minimal, because the energy is consumed by our nearest neighbors' air conditioning, clothes dryer, or home theater. Our net metering doesn't significantly impact the grid as RMP claim.

Our locally generated power doesn't ever travel past the local RMP transformer or substation, before other RMP customers benefit from our clean, efficient, local, co-generated electricity. If anything, our efforts help sustain the existing grid infrastructure, making future RMP upgrades less likely.

4) For Rocky Mountain Power to propose a flat, one-size fits-all fee) for all residential net-metering customers, makes no sense to us. If anything, the PSC should require RMP to provide an extra incentive (CREDIT not TAX) for the contributions of residential PV Solar Net Metering on their grid, especially during high demand, on peak hours.

5) If 13-035-184 is approved by the PSC it will ONLY discourage Utah families from investing in clean, solar PV power. One need only look at Arizona to see how their misguided PV rates have hurt the alternative energy industry.

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