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Mr. Ron Allen, Chairman
Utah Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Chairman Allen,

The East Mill Creek Community Council in their meeting held on June 5, 2014 moved to adopt the following resolution as an expression of our concern over utility rate and fee increases proposed by Rocky Mountain Power and now under consideration by the Public Service Commission (PSC):

Whereas Rocky Mountain Power proposes to increase residential customers' utility bills by 5.1% to include increases in the monthly customer charge from \$5 to \$8, increases in monthly minimum bills from \$7 to \$15, and a new monthly charge of \$4.25 on solar net metering customers, and

Whereas these customer cost increases may create financial hardships for neighborhood families, and

Whereas Rocky Mountain Power now generates two-thirds of its electricity from burning fossil fuels, plans to remain heavily invested in fossil fuel combustion for decades to come, and justifies its rate increases in part on costs of expanding and upgrading fossil fuel burning facilities, and

Whereas fossil fuel combustion emissions are known to contain pollutants that negatively impact the health, health care costs, social and economic well-being, and overall quality of life of our neighborhood residents, and

Whereas Rocky Mountain Power seeks to justify its rate increases in part on the basis of possible decreased in residential energy consumption resulting from energy efficiency and conservation measures taken by residential customers, and

Whereas the new monthly charge on solar net metering customers will likely dissuade additional customers from investing in solar equipment and contributing clean energy to the electricity grid, and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the East Mill Creek Community Council calls upon the Utah Public Service Commission to DENY Rocky Mountain Power's rate increase request of January 3, 2014 until such time as the following criteria are met:

1. The past, present, and future costs to our neighborhood of the negative health, economic, social, and other quality of life impacts of Rocky Mountain Power's use of fossil fuel combustion to generate electricity have been identified, quantified and assessed.
2. Rocky Mountain Power's submits to the PSC an energy generation model that does not merely rely on expenditures for the continued maintenance and expansion of fossil fuel-based energy production, but instead gives preference to renewable energy sources wherever possible..
3. The aforementioned model shall contain, but not be limited to, proposed rate structures that
 - (a) reward customers who conserve energy and produce clean energy and
 - (b) recover any additional system costs from those customers using the highest volumes of energy.

The East Mill Creek Community Council of further requests that:

1. All information generated in response to this resolution be distributed to the general public through the media and
2. This resolution be recorded with PSC Docket #13-035-184 for the public record.

Respectfully submitted by the East Mill Creek Community Council on June 5, 2014.



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