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Utah's energy policies welcome and support all sources of energy -- traditional, alternative and renewable. However, while using renewable energy might be a priority and socially desirable for

some, the official policy of the State of Utah is that renewable energy sources **SHOULD** pay for themselves without cash subsidies and without the rest of us bearing the higher cost of wind and solar power that is used by a few people.

Still, residents who install rooftop solar panels **enjoy a federal tax credit equaling 30% of the retail cost of their solar equipment and a state tax credit equaling 20% of the retail cost.**

Evidently, that's not good enough for some.

THE solar energy LOBBY IS urging the Utah Public Service Commission to authorize a subsidy for residential electric customers who install roof-top solar. While such customers do use less power from the grid, they still need power from their utility when it's dark or heavily overcast. They also use the wires, poles and substations to sell their excess power back to the utility. This process is called Net Metering.

THE solar LOBBY DOESNT want to pay for the wires and poles that connect them to the grid. But they don't want to go off the grid either. Instead, they want to get their wires and poles for free, which means you and I get to pay for the hardware they inevitably use.

Power utilities have proposed a policy solution to fix the Net Metering program and to ensure these customers are paying their fair share and not shifting costs to other customers. ([Click here to better understand how the subsidy is created through cost shifting](#))

The Office of Consumer Services and the Division of Public Utilities are state government entities with the specific responsibility of representing residential and commercial electric customers in the electric rate setting process.

Both entities have publicly noted the unfairness of the Net Metering subsidy, but solar advocates won't back down. Rather, THE SOLAR LOBBY IS rallying OTHER renewable advocates and SOME RABID ENVIRONMENTAL activists to lobby state officials at the Public Service Commission and in the Legislature to keep POLICIES IN PLACE THAT FORCE your grandma in Rose Park to pay for the rooftop solar installation on trendy houses in the Avenues and Park City.

WE THINK THIS IS BAD POLICY AND NEED YOUR HELP.

Over 100 public comments were submitted to the Public Service Commission IN support of keeping the subsidy in place. Your voice is needed to counter this movement. Please follow this

link, [SIGN THE PETITION](#) and let your voice be heard!

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