



Do not pass the RMP solar fee

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I have been making all of my home's power with solar for over a year now. I currently pay a fee to be connected to the grid (a net meter fee) and Rocky Mountain Power is proposing an additional fee for customers generating power via solar and wind who are attached to the grid to "pay their fair share" of fixed grid costs, which are mostly built into the kWh price of electricity currently. This fee is wrong. I believe the fixed costs should be built into the cost of the product (electricity), like with most other industries. Net-metering customers are generating clean energy and transferring excess to Rocky Mountain Power (during peak energy hours in the case of solar). They are providing RMP a service, and RMP is providing them a service, so both benefit already. Each year, RMP zeros out excess energy generated, and it cannot go toward paying fees, so customers have "donated" it to the RMP. There are many incentives in place to encourage clean energy generation. A permanent, monthly fee for all net-metering users would seriously undermine those efforts and discourage clean energy generation. This proposal needs to be stopped.

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