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Wasatch Hollow Community Council

1339 Emerson Avenue

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Mr. Ron Allen, Chairman
Utah Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114
Re: Docket # 13-035-184

July 12, 2014

Dear Chairman Allen,

The Wasatch Hollow Community Council, in our meeting held on June 25, 2014, voted unanimously to express our opposition to utility rate and fee increases proposed by Rocky Mountain Power and now under consideration by the Public Service Commission. While these cost increases may create financial hardships for neighborhood families, we are particularly concerned that the proposed new monthly charge of \$4.25 (\$51 per year) on solar net metering customers will discourage individual clean energy initiatives.

We are also concerned that 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 the costs of expanding and upgrading fossil fuel-burning facilities. Such 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.

Rocky Mountain Power claims that its rate increases are needed in part because of declining residential energy consumption resulting from energy efficiency and conservation measures. We believe that a new monthly charge on solar net metering customers will dissuade additional customers from investing in solar equipment and contributing clean energy to the electricity grid. Penalizing both conservation and solar initiatives flies in the face of both local and global good citizenship.

Therefore, Wasatch Hollow 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 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 Wasatch Hollow Community Council 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 Wasatch Hollow Community Council on July 12 , 2014.

Signed: Michael Dodd, Chair
Anne Cannon, First Vice-Chair
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