



Proposed Rooftop Solar Tax

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Services Commission,

My wife and I believe that this tax is sending the wrong message to consumers. At the moment, the tax is small but leaves open to the power company to raise the tax whenever they think there is a need. We bought this home because we knew that it would help the environment and other non-solar consumers by leaving more electricity for them. Isn't that enough? And what about the buy back by the power company? Who's to say if they are really paying us a fair price? My wife and I are very conservative when it comes to utilities so I don't think subsidizing non-solar consumers (who use a lot more electricity than us).

Another reason that this is wrong is that we have maintenance costs too. This situation is similar to government retiree benefits. Everyone thinks that these retirees are receiving "great" benefits. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Those that oppose the retirement benefits would have you believe that retirees will be paid a lot more in retirement than what they put in. But, what the opponents don't take into account is the use of the retiree's money. The government, if smart, can reinvest that money and make a lot more than what they pay out to the retiree over their lifetime. So the power company isn't taking into account hidden benefits for them as well as non-solar consumers. Are these consumers going to help us out down the road when we will have maintenance costs for our solar energy systems? We think not.

For these and other obvious reasons, my wife and I ask that you vote against this tax. Solar power has been around for a long time and, now, Rocky Mountain Power wants to implement this tax? This is unfair to us and just plain wrong.

Sincerely,

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