

RE: Netmetering Input

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To: psc@utah.gov

Thanks for the response. My comments are included below.

Please vote NO on the Rocky Mountain Power proposal to charge a NetMetering Fee for Solar Power Users. Each winter citizens in the state of Utah, and especially along the Wasatch front, hear requests to reduce the use of fossil fuels to improve air quality for our entire citizenship. Then again in summer, TravelWise Alerts and other voices continue to assert that we need to be environmentally focused as communities and individuals to provide a higher quality of life to our selves, our children, and visitors to our wonderful state. Approving the NetMetering fee will only reduce incentives for our citizens to be greener in our use of energy production. Wouldn't it be great if every new subdivision were to include solar producing energy options without the threat of paying additional fees for supporting local government requests for reducing energy consumption generated from fossil fuels? Once the door of NetMetering fees is opened, history shows that additional requests for increasing those fees will follow and who knows where that will end. As a solar power user, it was a serious decision to look at the initial high cost of solar panels and installation weighed against the long-term investment recover costs to make the decision to invest. If NetMetering fees had been in place at the time of my decision, and knowing that fees typically increase, I would likely have not made the choice to utilize solar energy. For those currently facing that decision the additional NetMetering charge will only reduce the incentive to invest in solar energy. As a community we all need to support the request to become wise energy consumers. Approving the NetMetering fee will only slow that progress.

Thanks very much,

Roger Baker