



DOCKET NO. 13-035-184 (RMP Proposed Fee on Solar Power Users)

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To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

This email will serve as our formal comments in connection with the above-referenced Docket.

When we decided to build our home in Daybreak, South Jordan, Utah, we chose to go with a builder who was "green." Our home has solar panels and this helps lessen OUR dependence on other means of fuel i.e., coal.

Now, RMP would like to asses those residents, who have already spent a great deal on adding solar power/panels to their home, a \$4.25/month fee to help "cover" costs RMP incurs in distributing the power on the power grid to other homeowners.

Homeowner's that have incurred the costs of placing solar panels on their rooftops paid a "base" fee to RMP to be hooked up (approximately 14.00/month) and an additional \$7.00 month for power even if WE DO NOT USE ELECTRICITY.

How can RMP justify imposing an additional fee on solar rooftop owners when RMP is on a massive marketing campaign to REDUCE ENERGY COSTS by using more energy efficient appliances, etc. and to turn off lights? Do they now want to impose a fee on residents for having energy efficient refridgerator, washer & dryers, etc? Maybe charge them a fee at the time of purchase? What RMP is trying to do is impose a fee on people who are going out of their way to help REDUCE energy costs. Perhaps RMP should impose the \$4.25 fee on those homeowners who have high-energy consuming homes. I mean, Utah has become a state where the "mini mansion" is common. Maybe imposing this fee on the building permit at the time is more appropriate. The bigger your home, the more you should have to pay.

One thing I've learned about "utility" companies is they know they have the citizens in a choke hold at times. We need natural resources to live but when those natural resources are becoming depleted, it is up to the utility companies to work with the citizens to find alternative solutions. Instead, RMP would like to penalize. I also know that if utility companies can assess ridiculous fees to its customer base, then it can continue to operate. To me, the fee is not about helping distribute costs, it is to help cover "management" and associated internal personnel fees. Having experts from the "energy" sector is ridiculous. Of course they are going to claim RMP needs to do this because it helps them out in the end.

I stand with the rooftop solar energy producers of Utah and ask that the \$4.25 solar penalty not be approved. Their personal investment in clean energy creates clear benefits to Utah's health, environment, and economy. They should not be penalized; rather, they should be commended.

Sincerely,

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