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Dear Commissioners,

Please see below some links to show what other states are doing in support of renewables. Thank you for listening!

~ In South Dakota, another carbon-centric utility is feeling the heat from its solar customers. See the news article below. You may recognize as familiar some of the arguments Black Hills Power put forth in an attempt to justify its proposed solar fee. They've withdrawn the proposal...for now.

"Following backlash, Black Hills Power withdraws proposed charge on solar producers"

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/following-backlash-black-hills-power-withdraws-proposed-charge-on-solar/article_971d6e1d-d6b1-54d4-aab4-9b4bdb4da010.html

~ In Mississippi, a study conducted for the state's Public Service Commission found that net metering provides a net benefit to the state and ratepayers. The findings will be used to inform the PSC's proceeding on developing a statewide NEM policy. The report presents a nice overview of net metering and identifies many solar benefits. It's a good source of points to raise as we submit comments to our own PSC. Read the report at:

http://www.psc.state.ms.us/InsiteConnect/InSiteView.aspx?model=INSITE_CONNECT&queue=CTS_ARCHIVEQ&docid=337867

~ The NAACP has released a national report linking energy policies to civil rights issues. The report charges that environmental, human health, and economic costs associated with fossil fuel pollution hurt everyone, but place an even greater burden on minority families.

A Utah-specific supplement makes recommendations for "just" energy policies in our state. This report identifies some of the social costs of carbon that our PSC should consider in its upcoming inquiry into solar energy benefits and costs. It is another good source of points to include with our PSC comments.

Read the report at: http://naacp.3cdn.net/65ceef04a8572daf81_tym6blqfc.pdf

~ The University of Utah's "U Community Solar" program deadline has been extended to October 24th. If you are interested in having solar panels installed at a discounted rate, check

<http://www.mycommunitysolar.org/ucommunitysolar/what-is-u-community-solar/about-u-community-solar> You do not have to be on staff or enrolled at the U to participate.

Thank you,
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