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Members Of The Public Service Commission:

I'm submitting the following comments in response to your request concerning Docket Item #14-035-114.

Rocky Mountain Power's proposal does not present a thorough examination of load research. A costs-benefits analysis should include all metering customers - residential and commercial/institutional. The study should track both NEM and non-NEM customer's energy demand at the same time intervals. The sample sets should be broadened to include geophysical characteristics that affect energy input and output in different areas of RMP's Utah grid.

I believe that Rocky Mountain Power cannot be trusted to do thorough and objective research and analysis. Rather, the Public Service Commission should engage a reputable and experienced third party to objectively monitor all aspects of the solar NEM costs-benefits investigation in order to ensure legitimate results. Nor should this function be entrusted to the Division of Public Utilities or the Office Of Consumer Services. (These entities have already demonstrated bias favoring RMP when they previously requested a solar surcharge).

I also believe that the Public Service Commission should acknowledge and consider solar's value in offsetting the so-called "externalized" costs of burning fossil fuels to produce electricity. These real-world health care, economic, and environmental costs of burning carbon are shifted from RMP's financial calculations to our families and communities. RMP assumes it will not have to take these costs into account, because the Public Service Commission has never made it do so.

I further believe that the Public Service Commission should set a schedule of technical conferences to address these additional cost-benefits research items as soon as possible. Investigation of avoided cost factors should not be allowed to fall behind as RMP moves forward with load research

That concludes my comments. Thank you for the opportunity for their submission.

Respectfully,

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