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solar surcharge

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Utah Public Service Commission

Re: Proposed surcharge on residential generated solar energy

Commissioners,

Our community is opposed to the \$4.25 surcharge Rocky Mountain Power proposes on residential solar systems attached to the "grid". We fail to find the logic in this request though Rocky Mountain Power states it will assist in preserving the infrastructure carrying power from their generated sites throughout their service area. Currently customers are charged each month fees for power that allow the maintenance and installation of new power infrastructure. If a new structure is built outside a service area, consumers at said location must pay to have the service brought to the new service site. Monthly electrical services already have the cost of doing business with the power company built in. Therefore, we cannot understand how an additional fee charged to individuals who have installed solar power at their homes makes economic sense for consumers or for our state.

This concept amounts to no more than the continued greed of utility companies seeking additional funds where none should be charged. It is not a question of homeowners gathering together to form a consortium and sell their power at competitive rates. To the contrary, the power company sets the price consumers pay as well as the price they will pay consumers for power generated by solar. Additionally, power companies benefit by having power produced and supplied to the grid at a fraction of the cost with absolutely no impact on the environment by consumer generated solar power. It seems like a win/win, but any charge on clean generated power puts the consumer at a disadvantage.

We are the stewards of our earth and charged with the wellbeing of all of our natural resources. Continued reliance on fossil fuels proves over and over again to be a losing proposition and we are the ones who suffer. Promoting "clean energy" choices is to the advantage of all. We as a congregation would humbly request that you consider our futures, and the future of our planet. Help to clean up the systems currently employed to provide power, and allow consumers to continue producing clean efficient electricity.

In sincere stewardship to all,

Rev. Patrick Lewis

Reverend Patrick Lewis

And the congregation of

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



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