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Dear Commissioners,

I appreciate being able to contribute my voice to this debate. I hope you will find the wisdom to weigh all ramifications in your decision.

The corporation is in pursuance of a narrow scope in this inquiry because Berkshire Hathaway Energy's business model is heavily weighted in extraction, distribution and burning of fossil fuels. The impression is that to broaden the outlook to include other benefits of net metering would impede this exaction. They want to keep things as they are, and why not? They are making a consistent profit. It could be argued that RMP is already benefitting from net metering due to increased capacity without expenditure on new production facilities and assistance during peak power load periods just to mention a couple.

The Public Service Commission exists to limit a monopoly's demands while protecting the good of the community it serves. As a member of that community, I have invested in solar energy not solely on a financial basis, although I'd like to eventually see a return on my investment. Ecology and even morality were involved in that decision. I feel that humans have been poor stewards of this beautiful planet we live on. It makes me proud to compensate in my small way to the coal fired plants belching pollutants into our atmosphere. The evidence of the good to the people of this community is obvious to all air breathing creatures in this valley. I contend that your interest in public well-being should be a large part of your decision.

You have an opportunity to shape our future and our reputation here. Do you cave to corporate pressure and suppress renewable energy, or do you move to support clean energy? Frankly I'm surprised that RMP doesn't embrace this trend given the EPA conditions they will soon be forced to comply with. I implore you to include Social, ecological and community interests in your decision. Broaden the scope of this study to include of cost/benefits for all customers. In my opinion, you should be the ones directing RMP as to what information is required. It seems as if it's the other way around.

Sincerely

Rich Petty