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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Renewable Energy Supporter,

Thank you for your continued individual and group efforts to promote clean air in our state. With your help, Utah is experiencing amazing growth in public awareness and political engagement on clean air issues. My group, UCARE*, promotes clean air solutions through our advocacy for clean, renewable energy sources that reduce Utah's reliance on dirty fuels: especially coal and gas.

Unfortunately, one of the renewable energy catalysts for achieving clean air is under attack from the fossil fuel industry. Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has recovered from last year's solar fee setback and is again trying to limit the growth of customer-generated renewable energy. The utility's solar rate hike is now being revisited as the Public Service Commission (PSC) launches a costs-benefits study required by the State Legislature.

Solar and other renewables need your help!

RMP wants to limit the PSC study to criteria the utility selects, claiming this will show that net meter (NEM) customers' solar facilities yield a net loss to the electrical system. UCARE argues that NEM solar energy provides a net benefit to all ratepayers, the utility, and the general public.

We are urging the PSC to address the entire spectrum of relevant cost and benefit variables in its investigation. This means incorporating all within-grid factors as well as health, economic, and environmental impacts that occur when renewable energy sources replace fossil fuel combustion.

I hope you will add your group's voice to ours in this effort. A ruling in RMP's favor would slow solar's growth and help the utility continue to burn coal as its primary fuel well into the future. A ruling for solar would represent a pivotal victory for clean energy and clean air. We are convinced that a thorough investigation will leave no doubt that solar's benefits far outweigh its costs.

Sincerely,

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