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Solar Net Metering

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Dear Commissioners Allen, Clark, and LeVar:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NEM Docket 14-035-114 that addresses net metering. I hope that you will require a comprehensive and fair analysis framework that includes externalized costs of coal and gas (increased air and water pollution) vs renewable technologies such as wind and photovoltaic energy generation.

It is understandable that PacificCorp/Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) wants to continue operating in a subsidized, protected, business as usual arena without having to face competition from renewable energy sources. Unfortunately, their adherence to a 20th Century centralized fossil fuel based power generation model puts the company at risk of becoming irrelevant like the whale oil industry. Technological advances in the 21st Century will be dominated by decentralized power generation and storage within a matrix of interconnected smart grids. RMP can only survive if it adapts to this new reality. You can help RMP understand this by requiring a fair cost/benefit analysis, to include fossil fuel subsidies, fuel costs, power capacity requirements, transmission and distribution costs, health effects, and environmental costs.

Please do the right thing for our community, and thank you for considering my comments.

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