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**RE: Referral for RMP Solar Tax Comment**

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Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 12:31 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Thank you. I'm not sure of the docket however it seems right. Whatever has been on the news lately is the one I'm targeting.

I have concern in why solar panels are the only targeted technology by RMP. There are many facets of a home which contribute to lower energy bills. Insulation investment greatly reduces the needs, quality in windows, design of the home and external materials drive passive solar loading along with landscaping design. Why not go after these as well? All contribute to lower energy bills and to similar effect as panels as in the end we're talking about efficiencies and materials which reduce power usage. The gas company isn't calling me to pay a fee due to me having solar hot water, so why should panels or other energy saving approaches be targeted? Gas company has lines run in the ground just like the power company. What if I use candles and shut off my solar panels, which would reduce my power use so my bill is same as it is currently with solar assist. Would I then also be billed a fee just because I have a net meter installed even though not producing? On paper the same size home would have the same power bill, except one home has solar assist and one uses candles. This unfairly discriminates against panel users who are trying to do a better part for the world and already incurred significant costs for procurement/installation? Meter costs more, connection fee is more to the user while RMP cost is same. Really struggling to see how other residential users without solar are footing the bill for those of us with solar. I produce for the grid if I don't use what I produce, which RMP gets to manage however they see fit and sell at higher rates if they want based on time of day, but I suppose I can't charge a fee for my over-production to RMP when this occurs, I just get a use or lose credit on a yearly basis with no carry over.

Very discouraging with the water and energy conservation efforts needed to sustain our society this approach is being proposed, which will deter others from doing the planet good.

Thanks, Chris

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**From:** [laurieharris@utah.gov](mailto:laurieharris@utah.gov) [mailto:[laurieharris@utah.gov](mailto:laurieharris@utah.gov)] **On Behalf Of** PublicService Commission**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 11:55 AM**To:** Raemer, Chris J @ CSG - CSW**Subject:** Re: Referral for RMP Solar Tax Comment

Chris,

You are welcome to submit a comment to this email address. I believe you are referring to Docket No. 14-035-114 before the Commission. Once you submit a comment regarding this docket, it will be processed and become part of the docket, as well as being reviewed by the commissioners. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 11:50 AM, <[chris.j.raemer@l-3com.com](mailto:chris.j.raemer@l-3com.com)> wrote:

Good morning. Who might I direct a comment in response to RMP's proposed solar user fee?

Thank you,

Chris