



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

**Docket No. 14-035-114**

1 message

**Glenn Johnson** <gjohnson@gcmetrix.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, May 15, 2017 at 11:54 AM

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

I understand that Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has proposed new fees for rooftop solar customers, and that this is the PSC will be the body to ultimately rule on this issue. The proposed fees would more than double the monthly service charge for new solar customers, and includes many other changes that effectively disincentivizes Utahns from personally investing in clean energy.

There are economic reasons to support renewable energy: in 2016 more people were employed in solar power than in generating electricity through coal, gas and oil combined (See Forbes Article dated 1/25/17 here). Granting RMP's new fees will stifle the growth of this emergent industry.

There are consumer protection reasons to oppose these new fees: RMP is proposing to punish customers who (1) are trying to save money by using less power and/or (2) feel an ethical obligation to reduce their personal carbon footprint.

But this issue goes beyond economics and consumer protection. I am not being hyperbolic when I say that the warming of our planet poses perhaps the greatest challenge that human civilization has yet faced. The science is compelling. I am sure you have heard the statistic that 97% of scientist concur that global climate change is happening, and that it is caused by humans putting excess carbon dioxide into the atmosphere through burning of fossil fuels. I myself am a scientist with a Ph.D. and nearly 30 years of experience, and you can count me among that 97%.

The threat is also clear. The consequences of a changing climate predicted 20 years ago are now occurring, and have implications for national security, food, water, land, the economy, and public health.

And finally, the solution is clear: we must find ways to provide energy to the human species in such a way that we do not further exacerbate the problem by pumping even more CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. That means shifting to renewable energy. which in turn means that governmental entities such as PSC must make long-range energy decisions that incentivizes both private and corporate citizens to invest in clean energy. Rocky Mountain Power's plan will have exactly the opposite effect.

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1 message

David Folland &lt;dsfolland@gmail.com&gt;

Mon, May 15, 2017 at 10:38 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask you to set a rate structure for rooftop solar power that will incentivize solar power. The entire community benefits from rooftop solar, not just the owner. If the world is to have a chance of keeping earth's temperature below 2 degrees centigrade rise, as agreed upon in the 2015 Paris Agreement, every individual, every community, and every country must do their part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The consequences to Utah for a continued rise in greenhouse gas emissions includes risks to our ski industry and water supplies, increased severity of droughts and floods, death of forests from pine beetle infestation, worsening of algal blooms, damage to our health, and more. Moving to this clean energy source will also improve our health from reduced air pollution.

We need to make a transition to 100% renewable energy sources for our electricity, as Salt Lake City, Park City, and Moab have committed to do. Our rate structure for rooftop solar must support this transition.

In advance, thank you for considering my view on this issue.

David Folland

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**"Climate change is a problem that can no longer be left to future generations."** Pope Francis



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**Public Comments on Docket No. 14-035-114 in opposition to proposed rate change**

1 message

**KnowWho Automail (automail@knowwho.com) On Behalf Of Jane Carlston Myers (myersjane2004@yahoo.com) <automail@knowwho.com>**  
To: psc@utah.gov

Sat, May 13, 2017 at  
10:10 AM

Dear UT PSC,

Our excess power goes to our neighbors, not 100-500 miles away. Our use of the grid is minimal. It is completely unfair, after purchasing the solar panels and assisting the grid nationally, for the security of our family and the country, to be charged an extra rate that is merely to discourage individuals from producing their own power. All people should be encouraged to, instead of discouraged from, purchase solar panels for our national security in case of a national disaster or war.

Dear Utah Public Service Commission Chair LeVar, Commissioners Clark and White,

I strongly urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to impose punitive rates that would unfairly penalize Utah's rooftop solar customers.

Rooftop solar benefits all customers by reducing the need to build new polluting power plants, saving all customers money. Rooftop solar also protects our air and water by using clean, free sunshine as opposed to dirty fossil fuels. These benefits far outweigh the cost shifts alleged by Rocky Mountain Power, which at most amount to only a penny or two per month for average non-solar customers.

Utah should learn from neighboring states that have been down this road before. States where utilities succeeded in implementing similarly discriminatory rate designs like the one proposed by Rocky Mountain Power have suffered a near complete loss of rooftop solar development. This loss has meant less economic growth and fewer choices for customers. Rocky Mountain Power's plan to kill rooftop solar is the wrong path for Utah, a bad deal for customers, and hobbles Utah's vibrant solar industry.

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's punitive rates for rooftop solar customers in favor of a rate structure that recognizes the enormous benefits that rooftop solar provides to all customers. Don't let Rocky Mountain Power's monopoly take away our rooftop solar!

cc: Cindy Crane, President and CEO, Rocky Mountain Power

Sincerely,

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**Casey Preece** <pinknapkin@comcast.net>

Sat, May 13, 2017 at 12:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I implore you to deny any attempts by Rocky Mountain Power to make rooftop solar problematic for residential customers to afford. As a homeowner who has recently installed solar panels this issue is very meaningful to me. Solar is good for the planet and good for Salt Lake's air quality..please do not allow a coal burning power company to dictate renewable energy and it's affordability for the average consumer.

Sent from my iPhone



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1 message

**Marjorie McCloy** <margiemccloy@gmail.com>

Sat, May 13, 2017 at 3:13 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

Please, please, please deny Rocky Mountain Power's request to impose punishing rate increases on rooftop solar customers. You well know that they are asking for this increase to benefit their own coffers and not to benefit their customers.

Rooftop solar is a win-win for our environment and our economy. With SLC's dirty air, one would think the city would APPLAUD citizens who take both the initiative and the upfront cost burden to add rooftop solar. Rooftop solar has no footprint, so it doesn't damage the land. It alleviates the pressure for more energy from RMP, so it may be able to reduce the number of lines and power stations, saving everyone money. And, once customers are online, their contribution of unused power to the grid each March/April should more than compensate for their use of the grid during off-production hours.

The fees they are suggesting are outrageous. Before we installed our solar panels, our electric bill was about \$45/month. As-is, we will not be in our house long enough to benefit financially from our decision. We did it because we wanted to be part of the solution for our bad air, not part of the problem. We felt it was the right thing to do. The additional proposed fees would raise our rates to HIGHER than they were before we installed solar.

And we could afford to make this choice. But what of young people, who also want to do the right thing? Or those for whom the investment is a burden but still choose to make it? What message are you sending them?

Look what happened in Nevada, when a similar measure was forced on electric companies. It destroyed the whole industry, laying off hundreds of people. That's exactly what will happen here if these rate hikes are approved.

We who believe that alternative energy is the best part of the "all of the above" solution to our dirty air and warming planet beg you not to turn your backs on us. We did the right thing. Now it is your turn.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad



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Sat, May 13, 2017 at 6:07 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

RE: Docket 14-035-114

I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's attempt to discourage roof-top solar by imposing unreasonable fees on net-metering. In considering RMP's request, the PSC should include ALL costs to society of providing fossil fueled electricity to all users AND the benefits of roof-top solar in reducing ALL such costs to society including pollution and climate damage. The PFC should encourage RMP to look at their own LONG TERM profits and viability, not short term quarterly reports. In the long run, Rocky Mountain Power will be better off to encourage solar and other renewable sources of electricity to replace fossil fuels. That is the wave of the future and in the long run, society will demand it.

As fossil fuels are economically outdated, which is happening with coal(!) and the cost of solar electricity continues to drop (!), the State of Utah will be benefited by encouraging Rocky Mountain Power to start shifting their sources to solar, not encouraging them to continue with old technologies! Jobs follow demand, and RMP stands a better chance of future viability by encouraging renewables, not discouraging them!

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## Rate structure for UT solar

1 message

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To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, May 15, 2017 at 4:03 PM

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**Richard Whitson** <rickwhitson55@gmail.com>

Mon, May 15, 2017 at 3:59 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to add my name in support of rate structures that will help promote rooftop solar. Anyone who is forward thinking should realize that this is correct solution for our future. I'm sure you've heard all the reasons that so many of us are for this but its up to you to help realize this goal.

I have added rooftop solar to my house and don't regret it one bit. We need to be encouraging others to do the same. To think of short term profit is immoral and is entirely in the wrong direction. Utah, with its abundant sunshine could be a leader in this field. The rate structure you have proposed is utterly ridiculous and a total disservice to the people in Utah. Please re-think!

Richard Whitson