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Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket

1 message

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Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 5:31 PM

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Re: Docket #14-035-114 Public Comment

1 message

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Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 6:18 PM

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Subject: STORAGE.....what'd I say

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Battery Storage: The next disruptive technology in the power sector

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<http://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/sustainability-and-resource-productivity/our-insights/battery-storage-the-next-disruptive-technology-in-the-power-sector?cid=eml-web>

Check out this article. Same deal. Calls Solar + Storage a National Trend in the USA:

Maryland, Hawaii turn to storage incentives as state markets gain momentum

A new report examines Hawaii and Maryland as examples of a trend in state energy storage incentives.

<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/maryland-hawaii-turn-to-storage-incentives-as-state-markets-gain-momentum/444261/>

California Senate passes bill for residential energy storage incentives

<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/california-senate-passes-bill-for-residential-energy-storage-incentives/444135/>

I really think that the Utah Public Service Commission is asleep on the job. Or is it Governor Herbert.

With all due respect + support,

Eleanor

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1 message

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1 message

David Folland <dsfolland@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 6:40 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear PSC,

I'm writing to ask you to structure your fees for rooftop solar customers in a way that takes into account the community benefits of rooftop solar. It's well known that the damage that fossil fuels cause is not priced in to the fuel. We all pay for the damage to our health from air pollution, but it comes out of our taxes, insurance premiums, and pockets. We all pay for the costs of damage to the climate, whether it be reduced income to our ski resorts from shorter winters and less snow, increasing extreme weather events, pine bark beetle infestation to our forests, and the list goes on. Electricity produced from rooftop solar does not create these external costs. It's only fair that these benefits be recognized and considered in the price structure of net metering.

Sincerely,

David Folland, MD

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



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Proposed new fees for rooftop solar customers

1 message

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Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 7:46 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I oppose the new fees proposed by Rocky Mountain Power for rooftop solar customers (Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket), which are unnecessary and harmful, and the rationale for raising rates is unfounded. Rooftop solar offers significant economic and environmental benefits to all of us and should be encouraged, not discouraged.

- The utility has not proven that rooftop solar customers burden other ratepayers or the system with significant costs that merit the proposed fees
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Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Solar power net metering increase (RMP)

1 message

Bruce Edgar <bruceaedgar@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 8:43 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear PSC-

I write to oppose Rocky Mountain Power's recent request to increase net metering fees for customers with home solar power installations. As a citizen of Salt Lake City and taxpayer, I believe Salt Lake should promote renewable energy as much as possible to combat local and global pollution and stimulate a modern economy. The current system is fair, and offers just barely enough incentive to homeowners to install solar power. Any further restrictions, fees, or loss of tax incentives will block the expansion of solar power installations in Utah, leading to more air pollution from coal and gas fueled generators. For a state with such a wealth of solar energy possibilities, and some of the worst air quality in the US, this would be socially irresponsible. Please do not reduce the financial incentives for solar. Please give Utah a clean future. Please reject RMP's request for net metering rate hikes for new solar producers.

Furthermore, I'd like to suggest that Utah go to a free market energy system, and abandon the monopoly arrangement the state currently has with RMP. Opening the market to other electricity suppliers will increase competition, increase efficiency, and lower costs to consumers.

sincerely yours,

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1 message

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Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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Hello Public Service Commission,

I am a 16 year resident of Utah. I would like to request that you deny Rocky Mountain Power's requests for rate hikes for rooftop solar in Utah. With the recent Paris Accord actions taken by our President, it is up to the states to lead the charge to slow climate change. Utah is the perfect place for solar, with our gorgeous sunshine. Please do not do anything that impedes the solar industry. Rocky Mountain Power needs to realize that solar is the future, and needs to work towards converting as much of our energy generation towards solar as possible. Their three proposed rate hikes are ridiculous. These costs need to be considered a cost of doing business. The upgrades to the grid are necessary costs to move us into the future. There is no reason these costs should be born solely by the few individuals that have already taken it upon themselves to invest in solar. These costs should be spread out over the entire population, just like any other infrastructure costs are. Thank you for listening.

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