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On November 9, Rocky Mountain Power filed a request before the Public Service Commission to raise rates on rooftop solar customers. I oppose this fee request. I do not believe the utility has proven that these customers burden other ratepayers or the system with significant costs.

There are many problems with the utility's claims, including:

Rocky Mountain Power's Cost of Service study dramatically over estimates the cost of servicing rooftop solar customers while underestimating the benefits solar provides to the grid and other ratepayers.

Almost 60% of the "costs" in Rocky Mountain Powers study are actually lost revenue for the utility, rather than actual engineering and maintenance costs. It is not appropriate that the utility seeks to force solar customers to fill its shareholders' pockets.

Lastly, the utility has failed to fully account many of the grid benefits which rooftop solar provides, such as transmission upgrades, deferred capital costs and avoided environmental compliance costs.

I hope the governor's office and the commission take a hard look at the many detailed and thorough testimonies which the solar industry and clean energy advocates will file in June 8.

Rooftop solar is not a "cost" for the grid, but a valuable resource and should be treated as such. These studies will prove it.

Additionally, the population of Salt Lake and surrounding areas where air quality is an issue ALL benefit from Solar Power through cleaner air.

Finally, the Solar Energy sector is creating good paying jobs in a sustainable industry that is good for our economy as well.

Please don't squash the momentum of this up and coming industry by forcing home owners to pay extra fees that don't correlate with their usage of infrastructure.

Thank you for your time.

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