

**Glendale Community Council
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Resolution

- WHEREAS, Salt Lake City municipal government has, through its *Climate Positive 2040* strategic plan, prioritized a near-term transition from carbon-generated electricity to clean renewable energy as a means of protecting the public health and safety of its residents; and,
- WHEREAS, Salt Lake City Mayor Jacqueline Biskupski and every member of the Salt Lake City Council on November 1, 2016 signed a joint resolution *Establishing Renewable Energy and Carbon Emissions Reduction Goals for Salt Lake City* that includes 100% renewable electricity city-wide by 2032 and carbon emissions reduction of 80% (from the 2009 baseline) by 2040; and,
- WHEREAS, the joint resolution acknowledges that "there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the connection between human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, and warming of the planet", and that Salt Lake City is "already feeling the effects of climate change locally through increased temperature, changes in water systems, extreme weather events and other disruptions that threaten our economy, residents and overall quality of life;" and,
- WHEREAS, Salt Lake City's electricity provider, PacifiCorp [dba. Rocky Mountain Power], generates most of its electricity by burning fossil fuels and plans to do so for the next 20 years; and,
- WHEREAS, Salt Lake City's *Clean Energy Implementation Plan* recognizes that rooftop solar investments "contribute towards the 100% renewable electricity goal" while creating local jobs; and,
- WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Power has filed a rate increase request with the Utah Public Service Commission for a new, three-part rate for its rooftop solar net-metering customers that would double the monthly customer charge to \$15, impose a "demand" charge of \$9.02 times the monthly kilowatt peak, and reduce by 64 percent --from 10.7 cents to 3.8 cents-- the rate of compensation for solar energy exported to the grid; and,
- WHEREAS, the proposed rate increase may adversely affect the future of solar installations through Salt Lake City and Utah, and undermine the City's *Climate Positive 2040* strategic plan and the associated renewable energy and carbon emissions reduction goals.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Glendale Community Council as follows:

1. SUPPORTS the Salt Lake City municipal government's commitment to achieve its strategic goal of transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources including rooftop solar; and,
2. CALLS UPON the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) to DENY Rocky Mountain Power's solar net-metering rate increase request; and,
3. URGES the PSC to direct Rocky Mountain Power to develop an energy generation system and corresponding rate structure that does not perpetuate dependence on fossil fuels, but gives preference to renewable energy sources and the conservation of natural resources.

Passed and adopted this 21st day of June, 2017



Sean Crossland, Chair