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

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear UT PSC,

Please help new solar technology get a strong foothold. We should all remember that new tech is accessible to the lower income population when rates are low. Computers would not be in every household if rates went up instead of going down. Our future generations will benefit from solar, now is the time to nurture solar tech, please dont squash it by increasing rates. Please dont penalize the individual pioneering individuals who have started putting solar panels up on their roofs. I see them in Glendale and other neighborhoods. It is smarter to look at Rocky Mountains problems in other ways then to make individual home owners bear the rate burden. Thank you.

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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