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

1 message

Laura Cotts (cotts_l@emeriti.suu.edu) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 5:23 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear UT PSC,

I have supported RMP's Blue Sky Wind Generating program for many years, voluntarily my own power bill to support clean non-polluting energy production.

Now that solar technology has reduced costs, my next step is to install solar panels on my roof. But with RMP's proposal I would not be able to recoup my costs for many years, if ever.

The solar energy that each rooftop can produce means that RMP will save costs of building new power plants. The excess power that rooftop customers return to the grid is very efficient, for transmission losses are reduced.

Whether or not humans are causing climate change, the evidence is clear: the earth is getting warmer. As responsible citizens, we should do what we can to REDUCE the amount of greenhouse gases. Rooftop solar makes good sense.

Please reject RMP's proposed harsh rates for rooftop solar customers.

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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Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 5:29 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Sirs,

Even in electric utilities, things change. You gentlemen, set the pace. Solar energy costs have dropped substantially in recent years. Many Utah homeowners have made significant investments in solar equipment and have entered into contracts for net metering with Rocky Mountain Power.

The rate increase requested and the limited grandfathering of existing systems will all but end the rooftop solar business in Utah. It is time to look to future, not to the past, for our energy sources. Other utilities have and are facing changes in their markets, too. As cell phones became a must have device, land lines are disappearing. Have you seen a pay phone recently? Cable/Satellite TV is giving way to streaming. Free markets and innovation are driving change. Free markets should drive our electric utilities rates as well.. Please do not kill the rooftop solar by granting RMP's rate request. Even more drastic changes are ahead as better battery storage becomes available. By killing rooftop solar now, RMP hopes to prevent the inevitable future of their customers going off the grid.

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My Saint George Spectrum letter-to-the-editor re: #14-035-114

1 message

Richard Spotts <raspotts2@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 6:38 PM

July 26, 2017

RE: #14-035-114

Dear Utah Public Service Commissioners:

Please see my letter-to-the-editor below that was published in today's Saint George Spectrum newspaper.

I respectfully request that you learn from Nevada's mistake (that nearly killed its rooftop solar industry) and thereby reject Rocky Mountain Power's punitive solar related rate changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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<http://www.thespectrum.com/story/opinion/2017/07/26/let-shine/508964001/>

Let it shine

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Utah ranks as one of the best states for solar exposure, and solar energy creates good jobs, helps the economy, and is clean and renewable.

Sadly, Utah's leaders prefer dirty, non-renewable energy sources. In fact, 76 percent of Utah's energy is from coal with less than one percent from solar.

Utah is dead last among western states when it

comes to renewable energy.

On Aug. 9, the Utah Public Service Commission will consider Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate change that would punish those who install solar panels. This proposal would greatly increase the monthly customer charge, create a new demand charge, and reduce the net metering credit for providing energy to the grid.

Nevada approved a similar rate change that nearly killed that state's growing solar industry. The Utah Public Service Commissioners should learn from Nevada's mistake. Instead of going backward, Utah should move forward and embrace solar energy with its many benefits.

Richard Spotts

St. George



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Net Meter / Solar Homes = RMP's cheapest source of electricity to sell

1 message

Chris Miles <chrismilesbasketballacademy@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 10:37 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

My name is Chris Miles. I have Solar Panels on my home. I sold Solar panels to my family, friends, and others through out the state of Utah. My panels produce more electricity each month than I am able to utilize. The electricity that I over produce every single month, is free to Rocky Mountain Power to resale. Rocky Mountain Power claims they aren't buying electricity at a fair rate from net metered homes. But I'm not hearing any mention, in any article, about the free electricity RMP is receiving and reselling from the homes that over produce, (the homes that give them free product to sell.) RMP is not representing this benefit that they are receiving. Which is a huge benefit. Solar homes like mine are Rocky Mountains cheapest source of electricity. Whatever we use from our own production is a net zero to RMP. Whatever we don't use is free power for them to sell at full price. But this is not the story they are telling.

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