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**Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket**

1 message

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**Annette Yates** <annette3c@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 7:03 PM

Reply-To: annette3c@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

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:

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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 have filed.

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

Thank you for your time.

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

1 message

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**Craig Provost (cprovost@att.net) Sent You a Personal Message** <automail@knowwho.com> Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 11:30 PM  
To: psc@utah.gov

Dear UT PSC,

I have owned solar panels for two years, hoping to minimize my carbon footprint and to contribute to a solution to our climate problems. Please help support those effort to provide and maintain sustainable energy solutions and not penalize those trying to do so.

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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**Bruce Chapman** <brucewc7@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 30, 2017 at 4:04 PM

Reply-To: brucewc7@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

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Thank you for your time.

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**Standard Examiner article 31 Jul, 2017**

1 message

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**Jim Healey** <JIMANDKAYH@msn.com>

Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 9:47 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;, A Kay Healey &lt;kayandjimh@msn.com&gt;

I am a retiree of 25 years and I have been concerned about the loss and destruction of the Earth's resources. The people in the world are continuously reminded of being conservative of our resources. But very little heed is given. Those that do are hindered by increasing costs of products and services.

I grew up in 1940s and 1950s, and have lived in and seen the abundance and beauty of this Earth's resources. Most devastating to me are the loss of the wild Salmon, the Redwoods, the hunting of many animals and fowls, pollution of the air and water, the loss of interstate public transportation via railroads, ETC. (excluding air flights) Many other of the advanced countries in the world are trying to improve their transportation and living commodities and, at the same time, preserving their natural resources; in comparison to the U.S.'s greedy industries to concentrate on how to make more and more money. These industries will never be satisfied with making a simple profit. They will continue try to use the Earth's resources or any other means to get more and more \$\$\$.

My wife and I are trying to conserve our resources and 3 years ago decide we would save to purchase solar power on our home. We have been saving during this time and 3 months ago decided to do it. We found out that before adding solar panels to our roof we would need a new roof. So now we are up to \$30,000. We say, "let's help conserve the Earth's resources and do it". We are almost done. Oh, by the way, Rocky Mountain Power wants to charge an additional cost to solar power customers!!!

It does not make sense to me and I am not in favor of an additional charge.

At our age, we will not recover from the solar panel expense. But Rocky Mountain Power is making it worse...

Jim and Kay Healey

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## Rocky Mountain vs. Solar

1 message

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**Frost, Curtiss L.** <cfrost@co.weber.ut.us>

Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 10:06 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

We have made quite an investment in our solar system. We did this to help the air quality in the Salt Lake Valley. The air quality in the valley affects all of us and our children. To hinder solar in any way is going to cost all of us health issues. Please don't fall into the presser that Rocky Mountain is putting on you to increase their profits. We all need to commit to making this valley a better place to live. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Curtiss Frost

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**richpenman@gmail.com** <richpenman@gmail.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 3:22 PM

RE: Docket No. 14-035-114

Dear Utah Public Service Commission:

Once again the citizens of Utah are called upon to demand the rejection of the punitive rate changes proposed by Rocky Mountain Power affecting those of us who have embraced solar power for the undeniable benefits it provides for Utah and its constituents.

I implore you to see the proposed rate changes as nothing more than an effort by a corporation to increase its profits at the expense of the health and wellbeing of Utah citizens and the air quality in general.

When we installed our 15KW residential system Rocky Mountain Power was promoting the idea with current financial Net Metering benefits and now that the install base has grown, not surprisingly, RMP wants to penalize those of us who have invested in our solar infrastructure.

Residential solar is a net benefit to customers and producers such as RMP because the residential solar power providers generate a distributed source of clean renewable power thus stabilizing demand loads and reducing the need for construction of more polluting power plants. Of course this limits the control RMP has over the market and as such RMP wants to inflict financial penalties on those it once encouraged to invest in solar power.

Neighboring states recognize the benefits that residential solar power provides; the same benefits RMP would prefer to discount or neglect all together.

It's time for Utah leaders to accept the science and common sense attitudes regarding residential solar power generation displayed by states around Utah.

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's unreasonable and punitive rate changes proposed for residential solar consumers.

Regards,

Richard Penman

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## net-metering comment

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**Diane Krantz** <dkrantz12@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 4:29 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

As I understand the issue, Rocky Mountain Power wants to charge those using solar panels more for their use of electricity from the grid and to credit them less for what they contribute. I object to this. I'm sceptical of the company's claim to fairness for all users of the grid and suspicious that solar is threatening their bottom line.

I also wonder if the present state of national politics, with its emphasis on business profits before either the common good or environmental sustainability, is at work.

Less my comments be taken as self-serving, here are two important bits of information about my use of RM Power. I pay extra each month to help subsidize their "Blue Sky" program, and I have "bought" a block of solar panels on their large scale solar farm. Since my bill for electricity never approaches third-tier pricing, even at the height of the summer heat, I am consistently paying more for my electric consumption than I would otherwise.

But I pay more because I know it is critical that we reduce our production of green house gasses. When I taught High School physics in the 70s and 80s, I received several NSF grants to study energy conservation. I can't put solar panels on my condo, but I am paying extra so the use of solar and wind energies becomes more and more prevalent.

M. Diane Krantz, Ph.D.  
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