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Concerning Rooftop Solar

1 message

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To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 5:44 PM

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

1 message

James Catano (jimcatano@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 6:18 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear UT PSC,

RMP should be giving incentives for solar production rather than seeking higher rates and is using skewed data to do it. Let's not wind up like Nevada. Protect Utah job and Utah homeowners and businesses rather than a utility that is owned primarily out of state.

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.

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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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Docket No: 14-035-114 - Public Comment

1 message

Will Rogers <wilro85@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 7:56 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please present the attached PDF as a public comment on docket no: 14-035-114

Thank you,
Will Rogers
Sandy, UT

 **Solar Comments.pdf**
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Public Comment on Utah PSC Docket 14-035-114
Investigation of the Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net Metering Program

I'm writing to express my concerns and ideas with respect to PacifiCorp's proposed net metering changes. Firstly I will bring to light my background and biases. I hold a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Electrical & Electronics Engineering with a specialty in power systems from Oregon State University. I have not worked in the power industry, but I am familiar with the technical aspects. I am also a recent transplant to Utah from Oregon and purchased a house in Sandy which closed on December 10th, 2016. My wife and I entered into a net metering agreement with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) in January of 2017 with our new solar system going active in May of this year.

I understand PacifiCorp's argument that net metering customers are not paying their fair share¹ for the use of the power grid. However I do not believe they are calculating the cost of the negative externalities of fossil fuel based energies that are produced by non-solar customers. As of 2015, seventy-six percent (76%) of Utah's electricity generation was from coal (figure 1) and all citizens of Utah pay a price for the use of coal fired plants² in the form of visibly lower air quality, respiratory health concerns, etc.

Utah Electricity Generation 2015

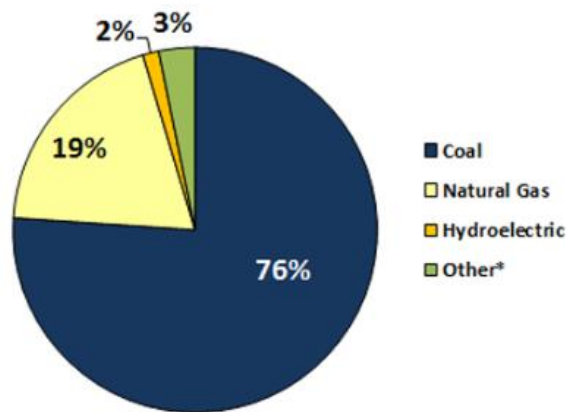


Figure 1 – Source: <http://energy.utah.gov/resource-areas/energy-information/>

For the sake of argument, let us assume every house and business in Utah were to be loaded with solar panels. There would be a significant financial strain on PacifiCorp to cover the expenses of the grid and power generation required to deliver power at night and on cloudy days. As with all things in life, moderation is the key. We don't want all of our power generation eggs in one basket.

I have two recommendations I'd like to propose to the board. The complex one and the simple one.

Proposed Complex Solution:

The Utah Public Service Commission sets a goal for solar power generation in the state; let's say 20% for this example. When the state begins to approach that goal, for example at 19% it will announce a new net metering plan will take affect for users signing up after a certain date. **But** if users after this date invest in an energy storage solution (I.E. batteries or fuel cells) of a sufficient size to further remove the burden of the user off the grid they will be allowed to stay on the current net metering plan.

The benefit of this approach is it dynamically adjusts to changes in solar system cost, adoption rate, and it incentivizes new technology development in energy storage that is key for the success of renewable energies.

Proposed simple solution:

Utah's \$2,000 solar tax credit will end in 2017 to be replaced with \$1,600 in 2018, \$1,200 in 2019, \$800 in 2020, and \$400 in 2021.

The 30% federal tax credit goes until the end of 2019, followed by a 26% tax credit that goes to the end of 2021, followed by a 22% tax credit that ends after 2022.

Technology always gets better and cheaper over time. The price of solar systems will come down over time, especially as tax incentives are phased out. I view the current net metering agreement as a tax incentive that encourages home owners and businesses to invest in solar energy. The effect is a financial increase of costs for non-solar users while indirectly offsetting that cost by reducing the state's usage of coal power which improves quality of life for the state as a whole. For a matter of simplicity I'd suggest the net metering agreement be re-reviewed for effect yearly with the possibility of being phased out with the 30% federal tax credit at the end of 2019 or with the end of all tax credits at the end of 2022.

Sincerely,

William Rogers
Sandy, UT

- 1- <http://www.standard.net/Environment/2016/11/10/Rocky-Mountain-Power-proposes-new-rates-for-rooftop-solar-customers>
- 2- https://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/text_version/locations.php?id=155

To: PSC Members
From: Russell von Koch, Moab UT
Subject: Docket No. 14-035-114 Net Metering Charges

Dear PSC Members,

My rooftop solar system became active on April 17, 2016. As I understand the proposal from Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) my start date grandfathers me into the existing rate structure. Consequently, my comments apply to the disincentive that the proposed rates and fees would apply to my neighbors considering residential solar system installation. The initiation of a higher monthly service fee and usage rate as proposed by RMP for new Net Meter customers will likely have a highly negative impact upon the installation of additional residential solar power systems in Utah with a resultant loss of power system and environmental benefits.

From a purely financial viewpoint, a solar panel system is already likely to be uneconomical for much of its life (assuming a stable rate structure). This becomes the case if one counts both amortization and investment opportunity costs (see below).

From a non-monetary perspective, residential solar power systems have the benefit of reducing costs associated with conventional power plant, insert free, efficient power into the grid, and reduce pollution and other environmental costs. In my opinion, these benefits outweigh the monetary costs of residential system installation and more than offset reduced power payments for grid maintenance. RMP should keep the current rate system and encourage customers to produce excess power to reduce their overall environmental footprint then sell that power to other customers to support the electrical grid.

Solar Power System Costs

In 2014, my average RMP bill was \$55.33 per month. This was approximately \$13.09 in fees and taxes and \$42.24 for energy use of about 480 Kwh. These numbers exclude my voluntarily purchase of 13 blocks of Blue Sky Power (an additional \$25 per month).

For the 2016 / 2017 Net Meter Year, my RMP bill was \$8.48 per month for fees and taxes and \$0.00 for energy use (not including my continued \$25 purchase of 13 blocks of Blue Sky Power each month).

The net cost of my 16-panel solar power system was \$9,419 after the Federal and Utah tax credits. For a 30-year system life, the monthly amortization is \$26.14 (assuming no system failure costs). The opportunity cost of my solar power and investment (\$9,419 capital expense x 7 percent lost annual investment income (long term (average of the S&P 500) = \$659 or \$54.94 per month.

The total of my “costs” for electric power from the solar system are \$89.56 per month or \$34.23 more per month (\$410.76 per year) than what I paid for conventional power in 2014 as summarized in the following chart.

Monthly Costs	2014 Pre-Solar	2016 / 2017 Net Meter Year
Service Fees & Taxes Approx.	\$13.09	\$ 8.48
Energy Cost	\$42.24	\$ 0.00
Solar Amortization	N/A	\$26.14
Solar Opportunity Cost	N/A	\$54.94
Total	\$55.33	\$89.56

Excess Solar Power Grid Contribution

For the period April 17, 2016 through the end of the net metering year on March 31, 2017, my rooftop system generated a total of 5,431 Kwh. During this period, I utilized 2,568 Kwh from the RMP grid. My net contribution to the grid for community use was 2,863 Kwh or 238 Kwh per month for the year. Presumably, most of this power was utilized within the grid and Rocky Mountain Power was able to charge other customers for its use.

I purposely oversized my solar power system (and continue to make my Blue Sky Purchase) to make a net contribution to the grid to help offset my other energy usage, i.e, vehicle travel, natural gas home heating, and aircraft use. The excess capacity also allows me to consider purchase of an electric in the distant future.

Rather than penalize customers for installing solar systems by charging higher fees, RMP should encourage them to install larger systems to reduce their environmental footprint and support grid maintenance costs by selling the extra power to other customers.



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Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket

1 message

Kawika Heftel <kawika@heftelstudios.com>

Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 11:43 PM

Reply-To: kawika@heftelstudios.com

To: psc@utah.gov

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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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Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 6:47 AM

Dear Public Service Commission,

I want to attend the hearing on Tuesday, but I have previous commitments so I am sending my remarks instead. Please take the time to read and consider my thoughts. Thank you for your consideration.

I am asking the Public Services Commission and Governor Herbert's office to OPPOSE Rocky Mountain Power's request to impose a fee increase on new solar rooftop net metering customers.

Such a fee would amount to discrimination against one class of customers. It seeks to gain excessive earnings from solar rooftop users.

Over the past 21 years, I have owned two different homes in this area. In each home, I installed enough panels so that each year I put more energy into the grid than I use. This action has not brought "harm" or inequity to customers who do not participate in net metering. In fact, I have helped Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and its non-solar users by adding energy-producing infrastructure. As Salt Lake City citizens continue to add solar rooftop displays, we reduce the need and cost for RMP to pay for building new energy-production plants.

To pay for my own solar arrays, I have spent more than \$40,000 out of my own pocket to have these arrays installed (that is the cost AFTER subtracting out all rebates and tax breaks). Obviously, this is not a money-making action for me. I am not likely to see enough savings in electricity prices to ever come close to compensating me for the money I have spent. Do not allow RMP to impose additional fees so that I will be even more in the hole than I already am!

I have installed solar because it is the right thing to do. I want to do my part to contribute to cleaner air. It is not just or reasonable to charge me, or any new solar customers, more than non-solar customers are charged. I am willing to freely share with non-solar customers the cleaner skies and solar infrastructure I have contributed. It is not reasonable or ethical to punish me, or any of us who are willing to step up to the plate and invest in a sustainable future, by imposing fee hikes on our single class of users.

By installing rooftop solar, I also am supporting the many small solar businesses in our area, which employ our local citizens. We must not allow a large corporation such as RMP to be given competitive advantage over our local businesses, which are so essential to the health of our community. A fee hike on solar users could put some of our solar companies out of business. RMP must not be allowed to discourage solar development by imposing discriminatory fees.

My advice for RMP, is that, rather than wasting time and money trying to extract additional fees from this very important class of customers (new solar rooftop owners), RMP should dedicate their resources toward building a sustainable future. RMP should become a world-class leader in redesigning our grid to use and store energy in smarter ways. Such smart technologies are

currently under development. RMP needs to be embracing the 21st century rather than fighting it. This approach would be a win-win solution for all.

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Thank you,

Carolyn Clark
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Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 7:57 AM

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So, what are going to leave our kid's, kid's, kids? Their future is in our hands. This state should set an example to all of the other states.

Thank you for all that you do and for your support on this issue.

Sincerely
Rick Gamble



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Steve Boulay <Steve@magicspace.net>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>
Cc: Steve Boulay <Steve@magicspace.net>

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 9:35 AM

I am writing in opposition to the aspects of the current RMP rate hike proposal that will penalize owners of solar panels participating in the RMP Net Metering program through fees and/or lower buy back rates for generated power.

I oppose this for 3 reasons:

1. Fairness
2. Sensible Economic Analysis
3. Poor Management

1. As an owner of solar panels for 10+ years I made a substantial investment in my panels based upon the belief and assertion I would receive a net metering credit that would offset that investment going forward. Changes to this model unfairly penalize homeowners such as myself who have made that investment based on existing terms and conditions offered by RMP. Any change in expenses for RMP customers should therefore be one imposed on all customers not just this subset.

2. I oppose any action on the part of RMP and supported by the PSC that suggests rate setting decisions can be made without taking into the account the significant intangible (from a simple financial perspective) benefits solar and other renewable power sources provide the general public and the costs other energy generation models impose. RMP has consistently paid lip service to the negative externalities related to high carbon energy resources and their impact on our community. They have fought all sensible efforts to place a value on those expenses and as such have forced all citizens in Utah to pay a price through increased air pollution and all the costs it imposes upon us.

3. While I do not begrudge RMP their need to address cost issues related to renewable energy and their distribution network I cannot help but note that their lack of a company wide strategic plan to address the decline in reliance on "dirty" energy sources, growth in clean energy resources and planning related to both is what has put them in this position in the first place. If and when RMP chooses to address that lack of planning they should not be allowed to peddle patchwork solutions meant to do no more than maintain profitability of a broken model on those parties it thinks it can win them from.

With all of this in mind I humbly ask the PSC to deny this rate increase and so represent all Utahans in telling RMP that they need a 21st Century model of electricity generation and distribution before they will be allowed to change the rules of the game for those who are a few years ahead of them on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Tiffany Root <sugar.root@yahoo.com>

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 10:19 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

We are writing to support the idea that roof top solar customers be handled in a general rate case by Rocky Mountain Power and not as a separate entity.

As roof top solar panel owners, we made the initial investment to help alleviate our dependence on dirty energies, like coal, in hopes to improve our air quality and the quality of life for everyone here in Utah.

Please help us encourage others to follow suit in the acquisition and use of clean energy for the future by going up against Rocky Mountain Power's profit driven agenda. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jon and Tiffany Root



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pinar bayrak-toydemir (pinbayrak@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 10:27 AM

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To: psc@utah.gov

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1 message

Steve Mastin <stevemastin@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 10:57 AM

To All:

Leave the program the way it is. We have the right to create our own energy and the right to sell it. The Net Metering Program should remain. They can make money on the net metering program because there are plenty of Utahans that do not have solar panels to power their homes.

Please do not change the current program.

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Thanks,

SteveMastin
Cedar Hills, UT



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Kathy Pope (kathyepope@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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Docket 14-035-114

1 message

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Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 12:20 PM

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Hello PSC,

I'm writing because I believe that Rocky Mountain Power(RMP) needs to itemize expenses on the monthly utility bill in Utah.

I have a brother in California who has Pacific Gas and Electric as the power company.

The monthly bill has the following base costs which do not include the usage of power from the grid:

Power Generation: \$9.45

Power Transmission: \$2.34

Power Distribution: 5.92.

I think it would be fair for all customers of RMP to know these costs and for all customers to pay these costs. This would remove some of the arguments made by RMP on Rooftop Solar. I would also be willing to pay these costs as a Rooftop solar owner.

The other comment is that RMP sells the excess generated power from roof top solar panels at the going rate. There is no Solar generated versus Coal generated power distinction so for reselling to another customer so why should there be for power generation distinction for the producer of power.

I know when I looked into a Solar solution from RMP it was completely a non-starter. If people looked int the numbers they would find that they were subsidizing RMP's investment in Solar which has not happened for Coal.

I also believe that states like Calif. and Hawaii have the right idea about renewable energy and the co-existence of coal/natural gas power plants as a solution in the next few decades.

Please do not follow Idaho's example and try to come with a solution that accounts for all 'income' sources for RMP.

Regards,

Roland Bernabe

Sent from my iPad



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Docket 14-035-114

1 message

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Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 3:02 PM

Do not change anything concerning the current policy for homeowner rooftop solar.

Thanks,

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Rocky Mountain Power rate hike

1 message

Christopher Jones <cjones3798@gmail.com>
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Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 4:55 PM

I am very skeptical that Rocky Mountain Power's rate hike for rooftop solar is justified.

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Thank you for your time.

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1 message

Jane MacPherson <janemacmd@me.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 7:07 PM

As a resident of SLC, I oppose RMPs plan to charge more for electricity provided to those private homes with solar panels. I favor solar as a source of power and feel it's important to the health of our community and other communities within Utah with more proximity to coal fired power plants to reduce coal as a source of our power.

Frankly, I, also, like the concept of energy independence by utilizing solar power.

I am not very sympathetic to RMPs claim that they will need to raise rates for non users of solar. This sounds more like a focus on maintaining profits and control over the energy supply.

PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR THIS RUSE.

Tell RMP they need to start thinking out side the box. Check out what the Green Mountain power company is doing in Vermont-- encouraging individuals to put solar panels on their roofs, both rich and poor, with their help. "The projects are part of a bold experiment aimed at turning homes, neighborhoods and towns into virtual power plants, able to reduce the amount of energy they draw from the central electric system. But behind them are not green energy advocates or proponents of living off the land. Instead, it's the local electric company, Green Mountain Power. The idea is that customers, especially when they have solar panels, heat pumps and electric vehicles, will be better able to monitor and manage their energy use." NYT, July 29, 2017

There is no reason they should be allowed to gouge the citizens of UT who are trying to be environmentally responsible. If I had a choice and could change my supplier of power, I would, but I don't, so I am relying on you to advocate for the citizens of the state.

Respectfully,

Jane MacPherson MD



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Elizabeth Shaw <liz@printwatkins.com>

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 7:43 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my opinion as a pro-solar voter. I feel that people are voting with their interest and their dollars for solar energy in Utah and I believe it is unethical for a huge monopoly like Rocky Mountain Power to be able undermine that with legislation. Rocky Mountain power is company, making millions of dollars. Why should they get to make laws simply because they have the money and legislators in their pockets to do so? Please, don't let this happen. It will cost our state thousands of jobs and put us back years if RMP is allowed to move forward with this morally wrong action.

Elizabeth Shaw



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Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Laura Gee <geelaura83@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Aug 6, 2017 at 8:59 PM

Dear Public Service Commissioners,

I'm appalled by Rocky Mountain Power's efforts to undermine the use of solar power in Utah. Considering Utah's dismal air quality and the impacts — that are every day more apparent — of climate change, we should be encouraging the use of and investments in solar energy. Perhaps you feel that this particular docket item is not about whether or not Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate structure will kill solar power in Utah. If that's the case, I nonetheless urge you to require Rocky Mountain Power to initiate a general rate case in which they must review charges for all customers, not just those homeowners who have solar panels.

Thank you,

Laura Gee
Salt Lake City



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket

1 message

Chris Winter <cdw_mmn@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 7:51 AM

Reply-To: Chris Winter <cdw_mmn@yahoo.com>

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

Please do not allow Rocky Mountain Power to raise rates on solar panel users.

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1 message

RANDY JAMES <randyjames1208@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 10:50 AM

Reply-To: randyjames1208@gmail.com

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14-035-114

1 message

Nick Norton <nick.norton@comcast.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 10:50 AM

To PSC concerning the raising the costs to rooftop solar residents:

I am a retired 63 year old living in Salt Lake with my 68 year old wife. We have recently begun to contemplate moving due to the bad air in SLC. I am writing to ask the PSC to facilitate a clean, intelligent policy for our future. American is being passed up by much of the world in solar development. The economic handcuffs put on the solar industry in Nevada should not happen in Utah. Solar should be supported, not hampered. Jobs, jobs, jobs is what is being produced by the solar industry (in addition to clean power!). Please encourage this industry, not hamper. We must lead the world in this endeavor. Coal is killing us...observe the last 15 years of climate change in Utah!! Do the right thing and support solar. I did myself, by installing panels at a cost to me of \$20,000. Do not penalize me for doing the best thing for everyone!

Thank you,

Nick Norton
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1 message

Nicole Jeffreys <ndjeffreys@gmail.com>

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Nicole Jeffreys, MD

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Solar energy

1 message

Nick Norton <claudianorton1@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 11:05 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

The goal in the current rate changes requested by RMP should be clean air. Many of us in the state have put environmental concerns above financial concerns by installing solar panels. RMP should do the same. There is no more pressing issue facing the quality of life in Salt Lake City than our toxic air. The governing bodies in Utah continue to pursue development of fossil fuels in spite of the obvious environmental detriment. Now RMP seeks to discourage renewable solar development in the quest for higher profits. We live with some of the dirtiest air in the world, yet RMP evidently does not see the benefits of putting air quality as their #1 priority. This must change! Claudia Norton



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Linda Johnson <gostalinda73@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 12:27 PM

I am not in favor of removing or changing net metering rules. I hope you can settle this issue once and for all, as I spent 5 hours at your meeting a couple of years ago waiting to speak along with hundreds of other people.

I have several objections:

1. This was an ALEC idea a few years ago; they wrote the regulations for the benefit of their businesses. IT IS NOT A USER-FRIENDLY IDEA. They conned Arizona into adopting this harmful rule, and now the AZ regulators have rescinded the changes, I have heard.
2. I understand Rocky Mountain Power's arguments that lines and repairs have to be paid for. However, they've found a way to manage this problem in the states where rules are stricter. Utah should not be the first PacifiCorp state to allow these charges.
3. We must use clean energy and we must utilize our rooftops to do it. Climate science is accurate. Conference with solar people and find a mutually adequate solution. I can recommend several profitable solutions easily, so I am sure the experts can manage some really good ones. There must be a better way, let's use Utah brains to find it; a solution is essential.

Thank you for your patience in hearing and rehearing this subject; RMP won't give up easily.

I cannot be present at the August 9 meeting, a health department committee I serve on is meeting regarding our water pollution problems, and I must attend.

Respectfully,

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Docket #14-035-114 comments

1 message

Dave Imlay <powerdave@infowest.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 1:20 PM

To Public Service Commission,

Comments on **Docket 14-035-114**

In 2015, Hurricane City Power went away from “Net Metering” for residential customers using grid tied solar panels. Hurricane City opted for an alternative method that equates to a lower compensation rate for energy generated that comes onto our power grid from these solar installations. The new method more closely follows market forces.

In short, Hurricane City attempts to find the lowest cost electric energy to purchase and distribute to our customers. Purchasing solar generated electricity from customer’s solar installations at Hurricane City’s retail rate, deviates from Hurricane City Power’s goal of providing the lowest cost power at lowest possible rates.

No Power Company should be forced to purchase electric energy from any given source, especially at the Power Company’s own retail rate.

If a Power Company is forced to purchase electric energy from grid tied solar installation at retail rate, the Power Company should be able to raise base rates accordingly to help cover the cost of maintaining the system. There is also a cost of supplying the capacity for when the solar installation is not producing.

The benefits of grid tied solar on the system are minimal.

Most solar panels are mounted on south facing rooftops. This tends to have the solar production peak five hours before the system peak. By the time the system peaks, the south facing solar panels are producing a small fraction of their capacity. This provides very little help in relieving transmission, substation and distribution obligations of the power system during peak.

However, grid tied solar on a system can be a good public relation policy for Power Companies that chose to incentivize grid tied solar. This should be a Power Company decision. Not a PSC’s or the Rooftop Solar Advocates’ decision.

Please consider my comments.

Thanks,

8/7/2017

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Dave

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1 message

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1 message

Jennifer Bunker <Jenniferlbunker@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 1:22 PM

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Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket1 message

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1 message

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1 message

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Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 1:33 PM

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As is true of many others in Utah, we have installed solar panels on our home. This was an economic as well as environmental decision. If the PSC allows Rocky Mountain Power to add fees that are not reasonable, as proposed, it will be the death of home owner's ability to contribute to both the economic and environmental wellbeing of the State through progressive investment in renewable technology.

Thank you for your time.

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Susan Stevens <susanstevens222@gmail.com>

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Susan Stevens, Salt Lake City

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1 message

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Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 1:41 PM

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1 message

Julie Chard <julie.chard@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 1:58 PM

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket 14-035-114

1 message

Jacob Smith <jacob.mark.smith@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 2:19 PM

Dear Commissioner,

I can understand RMP's comment that there is a cost of a rooftop solar customer remaining tied to the grid and that the cost should not be shifted from one customer to another. That cost of being a grid-tied customer should be determinable and should be shared by every single one of RMP's customers. This would necessitate that the entire billing structure be revamped for everyone, not just rooftop solar customers.

Revamping this could include a higher flat "connection fee" that would apply to ALL customers who are grid-tied but then adjust the Kwh rates down by a fraction. This flat fee should attempt to recover the costs of maintaining the power grid, while the Kwh fees obviously should be aimed at covering the variable costs of producing electricity.

In summary, I acknowledge the reality that everyone connected to the grid should participate in RMP's maintenance costs; however, I find the three prong rate increase for rooftop solar to be overly oppressive. Please strive to find a happy medium that will not completely squelch this environmentally crucial movement by the drivers of our great state's economy (you and I).

Thank you for your consideration,
Jake Smith



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

14-035-114 comment

1 message

Mike Basquez <mjbasquez@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 2:38 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear PSC,,
I'm contacting you as a home owner with solar and a employee in this growing industry. Please consider what is best for the public and factor all the aspect of residential solar. My wife and I invested in solar to reduce our impact on the public and pollute less. Saving money was secondary. Being in this industry give me great satisfaction knowing I'm making a difference in people's life and in the community. A demand charge is not acceptable. An additional charge because I have solar is discriminatory. Please keep my net metering grandfathered in because it's unfair to change the rules once the game has started. Please service the public when deciding a solution. I know a fair solution is difficult but it can be done. The public is counting on you!

Sincerely,
Mike Basquez
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Docket No.14-035-114

1 message

Alan W <awheelwright@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 2:50 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please consider the repercussions of the proposed new rate schedule on solar. Rocky Mountain Power should charge the true cost of power, not averaged as it currently is, by using TOU metering. This will show that rooftop solar is very beneficial because it produces power during the greatest demand and highest cost to the utility.

Thank you,

Alan Wheelwright
Eden Utah



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Net Metering 14-035-114

1 message

Joshua Ipsen <jipsen@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM

To Whom It Concerns,

and to whom makes the decisions regarding my family's future of obtainable renewable energy.

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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. For great example, I own an older home. Before I could install solar I had to pay out of pocket to upgrade my service line from the 65+ year old "grandfathered" meter and service drop. I had no ground wires, no main breaker, and the meter had evidence of getting hot and melting causing a fire hazard for me and my family. Leaving this in place would in my mind "bare" a burden for the power company as it was unsafe and inefficient for transmitting power to my home. Because I made an investment in my future and for my children's future I have all new electrical service. Our service line was not more than 9 feet from the ground posing a risk to my children and the connections and wires were so outdated and not even close to being "up to code" that my home "needed" the work. For RMP to say it is okay to "grandfather" outdated and unsafe service lines and equipment tells me they aren't too concerned with actual "costs" of servicing net metering customers but the actual "servicing" of net metering customers. In many ways I have improved the efficiency in my neighborhood and lowered the burden of my home being tied to the grid.

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. With that, for Rocky Mountain Power to say we cause loss of revenue by being net metering customers is quite embarrassing to say the least. Rocky Mountain Power states to me as the consumer that the power my home generates has no monetary value to it so it is a straight across trade kilowatt for kilowatt. For RMP to say we as net metering customers are not contributing and paying our fair share to help support the grid is just a flat out disrespectful as we pay the same as the neighbor next to us without a solar array on their roof. Also, not all net metering customers have a system designed for a 100% power bill offset so you cannot lump them all into their own group for having a few panels on the roof. Any credits that have not been allocated or applied are kept by the RMP and do not "roll over" from year to year, however they claim that those KWH credits are "donated" to the heat program. For RMP to tell me the excess power my home generates has no "value" is a flat out lie because how is anyone supposed to "donate" anything if it holds no value to anyone.

do·na·tion

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noun

noun: **donation**; plural noun: **donations**

something that is given to a charity, especially a sum of money.

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. All solar customers are required to have an up to code service drop before the jobs are completed and signed off by inspectors for RMP to re-connect service. My home was overhauled internally and externally for electrical to support the install of the solar PV system.

If the commission does some how approve and pass this crazy hike in fees and tariffs only affecting net metering customers, I will invest further in going "green" despite the monopoly RMP is already controlling and purchase a battery bank to store my excess power and have the net meter removed from my home rather than supplying the grid with the power my home generates. I believe many net metering customers will follow suit to protect their hard earned dollar and reinvest in their homes and future of our children and NOT the pockets of the shareholder's. This will also become very obtainable as the cost of battery banks are being driven down rapidly by the energy giants and their reckless treatment of their "valued" customers.

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.

Given Utah's climate and abundance of solar energy potential, failing to invest and encourage investment in developing solar energy in the state would be a missed opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

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1 message

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1 message

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1 message

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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. It's bad for many reasons. I do not believe the utility has proven that these customers burden other ratepayers or the system with significant costs.

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Luke Garrott

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1 message

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Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 4:44 PM

Dear Sirs,

Please register me as a participant in the oral hearing in this docket that is scheduled for 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 9, 2017. I request to be allowed to participate by telephone, since I will be out of town on that day. Please advise me as to how much time will be allotted for each oral statement.

Thank you,

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1 message

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Thank you for your time.

Joyce Otterstrom

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