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Comment for Docket 14-035-114

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 8:47 PM

See attached comment/state re: Docket 14-035-114.

Thanks...

Mark

 **Docket 14-035-114 Net Metering Comments - Mark Holt.pdf**
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DATE: August 14, 2017

NAME: Mark Holt

SUBJECT: Comments on Docket 14-035-114

- * As a matter of disclosure: I do not have solar panels installed on my home.
- * I have been proud of Utah's current rate structure in regards solar PV. It has made it possible to (finally) expand Utah's solar infrastructure in a meaningful way. A way that can eventually reduce the pollution we deal with in this state in particular, and the world in general.
- * At this very same moment, Rocky Mountain Power has initiated an effort to stop this.
- * RMP's premise is that the current rate structure is unfair by shifting cost to those who do not have solar panels.
- * As one of those people, I want to state that I do not feel cheated by my neighbors who do have solar panels.
- * I support the present rate structure that has made it possible for my neighbors to install solar generation. This promotes clean air - air we all breathe and depend on.
- * The present rate does not now include the cost of pollution that non-solar customers introduce into our air. I would encourage you to look into rate policies that charge non-solar customers for this pollution. Other countries and states have done this - and are doing this.
- * Discussing this issue with my friends and colleagues, without exception, they desire rates and incentives that promote solar growth and clean air.
- * Although my present living arrangement does not allow me to have a solar system installed on my home, I hope to do so in the future. Please don't modify the rates so that it becomes difficult or impossible for us future adopters.
- * Rocky Mountain Power has a "Solar Subscriber Program" for people like me who are not able to put solar systems on their homes. This program is currently sold out and unavailable.
- * Clearly, there is a desire for more solar power in this state.
- * I encourage you to keep the current rate structure in place and explore other means to expand the availability of a Subscriber Solar programs and solar power in general.



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Net Metering Docket 14-035-114

1 message

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Comments to Rocky Mountain Power about Roof Top Solar

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I am a net metering customer and strongly oppose the punitive pricing strategy reported by media sources. There is no reason that those who do the right thing, often at great expense should be punished by the utility. Especially at a time when we are choking on our own waste and should be doing whatever we can to provide and use cleaner sources of energy. I would like to provide my support for a transparency proposal where the infrastructure and the electricity are uncoupled.

Bill all customers the same rate for access to the grid. Calculate what it actually costs to run and maintain the grid and charge that to all customers regardless of where they generate power. There is no reason why roof top solar owners should have to pay more for access to the grid than those without solar. I have no problem paying my fair share for the cost of providing transmission lines and backup power generation. Then charge all customers the real price for the power they use. Solar generators would pay less since they use less.

I think it is also fair to pay roof top solar generators for the excess power generated. I understand that this may be less than the retail rate since there is some inconvenience to getting power from widely distributed generators. But, we should also factor in the 7% to 10% loss that is incurred by transmitting over the power lines which are not incurred when my neighbor uses power that I have generated. It seems only fair to pay people for the power they provide to the grid, the cost of that reimbursement might be debated but it should at a minimum be a percentage above wholesale.

Roof top solar has been supported by the Rocky Mountain Power and we are a better place for it. Please do not let them back slide away from a policy that has worked well. And realize that at some point the cost of proposed increases may make it attractive to move off the grid entirely. At that point Rocky Mountain Power will be left with no revenue for their electricity or need for their transmission lines.

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I support solar energy

1 message

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Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 12:13 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am a resident of Herriman, UT and I am concerned about the environment. I do not think it is wise to allow business practices to negatively impact the production of solar power.

I do not think it is wise for our State to be seen as a "fossil fuel only" type of State. I grew up in Carbon County, my family all earned their livings from the coal industry, but I am not blinded by that. We lived through the boom and bust periods. We mourned with our neighbors when their family members died in mine accidents...and ever so humbled that in one accident where the roof section that gave way only smashed my Sister's husband's foot but killed the man standing next to him.

We need to embrace alternative fuels. As a State, we need to give our men and women alternative career opportunities. But when the State Government determines policies that limit or adversely impacts potential industries, it isn't allowing those alternative opportunities. When a company that has the monopoly on a resource can change business practices to impact both potential industries and the pocketbooks of Utah Residents, that is a problem.

Frankly I am sad that with all the new home construction happening along the Wasatch Front that there isn't more solar panels being installed. More homes means more energy need, so it seems like having more roof top solar would help cover that need.

Unfortunately it appears that profit means more than increased industry or the cost to the consumer that would already be paying out lots of money to install the solar panels.

I hope someone actually read this message. I also hope the State will start looking forward and embracing new technology and new industry.

Thanks, Teresa Perry - Herriman



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1 message

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Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 2:13 PM

To: Psc@utah.gov

I was signed up to make a statement at the public hearing, but I had to leave to work before my turn came. Therefore, I am emailing my statement:

I see where Rocky Mountain Power is coming from and I respect their concerns that they are trying to address, but I think their proposal unjustly hurts the solar industry. Not only does the solar industry generate millions of dollars for Utah's economy, but the upcoming generation is very concerned with sustainable and clean energy, and the current proposal by RMP would make it too financially difficult for most people to continue going solar. This would greatly damage the solar companies in Utah, possibly resulting in the loss of hundreds of jobs. I think both parties need to find a common ground where they are willing to give in to each other in order to appease all parties involved.

Thank you,
Chipper Whatcott
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Docket 14-035-114: Rooftop Solar PSC Docket

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. 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:

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.

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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1 message

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Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 4:07 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I appreciate the public hearing you conducted last Wednesday in Salt Lake City. I attended and put my name on the speaker list #106 but was unavailable when you reached my number. My comments would have been brief, but would have focused on the following:

August 2017 is a significant moment in time for the PSC. When we all look back in 20 years, what impact will your decision have made on the people of Utah? We all know that in 20 years, the country will have moved on from the use of fossil fuels as a primary source of energy and will be relying much more heavily on renewable sources of energy including rooftop solar. Will Utah be leading the way with encouragement from the Public Service Commission or struggling to catch up with the remainder of the country because of limited foresight on your part.

Thanks for your efforts to do the right thing.

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