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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 seems to be plenty of evidence suggesting otherwise.

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.

Rooftop solar helps to address the problem of power loss due to transporting power long distances.

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'm very disappointed that the fact that solar power generation reduces pollution is not taking into consideration. It may not be possible to totally eliminate our footprint on the planet but we should be doing everything we can to reduce it.

I'm also very concerned that Rocky Mountain Power's proposal is going to threaten my job and the jobs many other people as well.

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. Please do what is right for the citizens of Utah.

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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