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Dear Public Service Commission:

I'd like to comment on what the excess credits for solar go towards.

The best way to make the transition to a carbon-free energy system -- which is important for future generations -- is to use economic incentives.

Keeping solar panels economically should be your main goal. So I suggest you allow all excess credits to offset any residual utility costs, e.g. excess fees that target NEM customers, or residual monthly fees from Rocky Mountain Power.

These extra credits are paid for by people who risk significant capital and bear the risk of that investment over a 25+ year period. I think these excess credits should belong to the people making the investment rather than being spent to subsidizing low-income customers. I am not against subsidizing low income customers. However, I think that it make sense that customers who are better off should contribute to the subsidy, not just those who invest in distributed generation.

If there are any credits left over after paying residual costs I think Rocky Mountain Power should have to buy the excess power and pay NEM customers, although at a rate rate that makes sense, i.e. below retail but high enough to maintain the economic incentive to promote distributed generation.

Utah has a choice. We can either look backwards and make small incremental changes to a mainly coal based system. Or we can take a bold initiative towards a carbon-free energy system through investments in energy efficiency, a modern grid, time-of-use metering and energy diversification. I think you hold the key to which path we take so I hope you make a wise choice.

Thanks,
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