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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 5:15 PM

Reply-To: Stephen Stolley &lt;sstolley9957@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Cc: "Bettina M. Gebhard" &lt;bettinagebhard@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Commissioners,

Even though we already have rooftop solar as well a signed Net Metering contract with Rocky Mountain Power and would be grandfathered, we are in adamant opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. We strongly urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

We sincerely thank the Commissioners for accepting public input, and feel that the deadline for input should be extended to allow more interested parties to voice their concerns.

We respectfully request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Stephen Stolley and Bettina Gebhard

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**Aaron London** <alondon@me.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 6:12 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. Please deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

RMP should not be allowed to raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers without a thorough, public, and unbiased process. We are putting solar on our house near Trolley Square in Salt Lake City this fall, hopefully before the end of the month. We planned the project based on no surprise changes. This change will definitely impact us. On a wider perspective though changing the rate structure will seriously hurt solar in Utah. Solar jobs are good jobs and solar is good for the Utah economy.

Thank you for accepting public input. The deadline must be extended. I respectfully request, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, that you reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Thank you,  
Aaron London  
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**Duane Jennings** <wasatchaff@aol.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 7:33 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,


I'm writing a quick letter to state my opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed No. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers.

It's distressing to learn of PacifiCorp's attempt to fast-track a huge increase in rates. I urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

They should not be allowed to raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers, people who are concerned with our environment and the terrible pollution problems we have along the Wasatch Front. Such a move by PacifiCorp would greatly decrease the number of people who could help in this effort, thus reducing the move away from fossil fuels.

Finally, I would like to thank the Commissioners for accepting public input. Additionally, I respectfully request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

Thank you,

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

1 message

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**Ryan Jensen** <wickedfan2@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:17 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infrastructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer, not a monopoly.

Our government should be looking out for citizens and not monopoly corporations. Nevada citizens have pushed for deregulation due to the harsh tactics of their utility killing solar and we will do the same thing in Utah if our choices are yet again eliminated to 1 option that takes advantage of our pockets.

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

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**Matt McCune** <mattbmccune@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 9:56 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff of Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infrastructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer, not a monopoly.

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Best Regards,

Matthew B. McCune, Esq.



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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

1 message

**Tessa Burningham** <tessa.burningham@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 10:25 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infrastructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer, not a monopoly.

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**Tessa Burningham** <tessa.burningham@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 10:33 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioner,

I just emailed you a long email that explains in detail why you should deny the rocky mountain power proposal. But what I didn't say is that my husband recently started up his own business. It is a solar sales force. This is our livelihood. If this bill passes we will be forced to leave the state.

We just moved back a few months ago to start this venture. I'm due with our second child on December 11 and I really, really don't want to move away from our families, again. If this bill passes it will destroy so many jobs. Please consider me and so many like me when deciding to pass this bill or not.

Thank you for your time and service.

Tessa Burningham  
Ogden native



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**Carol Hansen** <chansen@weber.edu>

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 11:01 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

RMP should definitely NOT raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers. This is price gouging of consumers and an unfair punishment of those who are trying to make the air cleaner and the planet cooler and safer for ALL.

Thank you for accepting public input, though the deadline should be extended. I respectfully request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request!

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering T ariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

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**Chris Poulsen** <chris.smartenergy@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 1:23 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infrastructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer, not a monopoly.

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Thank you and best regards,

**Christopher Poulsen****UTAH** RegionPhone: [208-351-5540](tel:208-351-5540)**\*\*\*\$\$\$ EARN \$250 for each referral**

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## vote no on solar rate hikes

1 message

CClark &lt;dr\_carolyn@yahoo.com&gt;

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 7:10 AM

Reply-To: CClark &lt;dr\_carolyn@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to state that I oppose Advice # 16-13, which was filed Nov 9, 2016 by PacifiCorp- Rocky Mountain Power, regarding changing the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. Please do not grant fast-track decision making on this item. It is only fair to follow the normal rate-making process.

It is inequitable to allow a fast-track process, especially when the rates of so many customers are at stake. There is no reason that this item has to be rushed, unless the utility wants to prevent evidence from being heard. A rush decision shortcuts the democratic process and should not be condoned in our great state of Utah. Circumventing the established process would create a black mark on our record. If there is to be a rate hike, it needs to be thoughtfully considered during a normal timetable. Besides, a decision that is railroaded through would leave the decision open to continual challenge and perhaps lawsuits on the basis of improper procedure.

Moreover, the utility has not demonstrated proper care and correctness with its measures and statistics. "Behind the meter" consumption and energy production have not yet been adequately measured. No rate hikes should be allowed before complete data has been collected and analyzed. That could lead to an unsound decision that would just have to be researched and reviewed again.

The claims of the utility are not logical. Solar customers are helping to add power to the grid. Because the power we create can be used by our neighbors, we reduce transmission costs. We are not a nuisance; we are contributors to a better power system. We have spent large sums of money to install our rooftop solar arrays. We should not be penalized for improving, diversifying, and modernizing our utility's power sources. Rather than having to pay extra fees, we should be compensated for the additional energy we add to the grid.

Solar rooftop users are doing our part to clean the air and reduce particulate emissions, thus improving the health and quality of life of all Utahns. These contributions can only be partially measured in monetary terms. The sense of well-being created by cleaner air is a spiritual value that can't quite be quantified, but must not be shoved under the rug. Clean air should be a goal for the power company as well. Why is the power company trying to charge more on the very individuals who are doing the most to clear our air? Don't let the power company bite the hand that feeds them and is doing the right thing.

A rate hike would be likely to set us many steps backward in our progress toward cleaner emissions. This may drive out of Utah several of our productive solar companies, by creating unfair obstacles to their business models. Even Governor Herbert is trying to encourage clean companies to locate in Utah.

In sum, there are many reasons why this rate hike would be a very bad idea for everyone except the executives of the utility company. I understand that your mission is to ensure safe, reliable,

adequate, and reasonably priced utility service."If you allow an expedited decision on this proposed rate hike, it will create the appearance of favoritism and lack of fiduciary responsibility. I exhort you to uphold your mission by serving the best interests of your many solar constituents.

Please oppose Advice # 16-13. Do not allow a fast-track decision for rate-hikes on solar customers.

Sincerely,  
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**Denise Morita** <denise.morita@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 7:25 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I oppose "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. The PSC should require Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to use the normal process for proposed changes.

The Public Service Commission has an obligation to provide utility regulation that is fair and well-thought out. The current process is designed to achieve this. Circumventing the current process is unnecessary and could lead to poor decision making that may be of no benefit or even detrimental to the public interest.

The mission of the PSC includes ensuring 'reasonably priced utility service.' Adding cost to utility customers who have already invested in rooftop solar is unreasonable. Rooftop solar decreases energy cost for the community at large. Rooftop solar decreases peak capacity requirements and since the excess energy is consumed locally, energy transfer efficiency is increased (less power is lost over rail) and wear and tear on transformers is decreased, for example. RMP needs to be held accountable to show all the benefits of rooftop solar in their calculations so the PSC can make the best decision on behalf of our community.

If RMP is successful in persuading the PSC to go along with its proposal to change the rate structure for rooftop solar, we can anticipate a reaction similar to that in Nevada, with loss of jobs in the short term, and continuing and worsening impact of fossil fuel energy use in the long term. I hope the PSC will take the public interest to heart in this issue. A first and necessary step is to ensure that the normal process for proposed changes is followed.

Thank you for accepting public input on this matter.

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**psc@utah.gov**

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**Brian Behle** <brian.behle@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 7:34 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please hear my opposition to "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, and its fast track. Rooftop solar offers you an opportunity to be a leader in the future of energy and positive community partner. Your support of rooftop solar strengthens your relationship with customers, especially future customers. Discouraging solar development weakens that relationship. I appreciate you offering solar power, but this should be a 'yes and yes' win instead of a 'yes and no' when consumers are looking for options.

Thank you, Brian Behle, Salt Lake City customer and citizen



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**melhardm@aol.com** <melhardm@aol.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 7:52 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Lara Hardman

-----Original Message-----

From: melhardm &lt;melhardm@aol.com&gt;

To: psc &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Sent: Mon, Nov 14, 2016 4:12 pm

Subject: Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

Dear Commissioners,

I am fully opposed to PacifiCorp-RMPs "Advice No. !6-13" which was filed November 2015. This would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers and I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power (RMP)'s request for a fast track.

This is too important of an issue to avoid the normal rate-making process for proposed changes.

I am a physician that works in Salt Lake City with patient's who suf fer from respiratory conditions. The daily monetary cost that is incurred by people with lung disease is tremendous, and rooftop solar is one of the ways to help defray some of these medical costs by reducing emissions. By implementing RPM's proposed changes, this will increase the costs for new rooftop solar customers, and infringe on innovation and change that would benefit the entire state, and absolutely here locally in this location of inversion and pollution.

Thank you for accepting public input, although there was certainly little time for it. I am requesting the PSC, in the interest of ratepayers, and all of Utah's public, reject PacifiCorp-RPM's current rate change request.

Lara Hardman, M.D.

Brad Flitton

this is a duplicate email, but I wanted to be sure you had my full information

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

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**M Schloesser** <margieschloesser@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 8:16 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016 that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I ask that you deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

RMP's proposal does not take into consideration the long term benefits that increased solar usage has on the environment and the health of Utahn citizens. The utility continues to ignore rooftop solar's contributions to reducing its peak capacity requirements, which reduces the need for building more power plants and burning more fuel. If RMP's proposal is accepted, it will have a negative impact on the use of solar in Utah in the future.

Thank you for accepting public input. Please consider extending the public comment period so that more Utahns may have a chance to comment.

Sincerely,

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**Felicia Olivera** <felicia.olivera@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 8:54 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking public input on PacificCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13."

I hope you will deny RMP's fast track request and require them to go through the normal rate-making process. Their rate change discourages consumers from using solar energy - the best alternative, clean source of energy available to Salt Lake City residents. It is unfair to consumers and unjustified.

Thanks for your consideration,

Felicia Olivera  
Salt Lake City  
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## Solar

1 message

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**Jechelle Secretan** <jechelle@msn.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 8:57 AM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff f Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infustructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer , not a monopoly.

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Yes, this information above has been copied and pasted from a trusted friend. ~~W~~Must made the jump to a very expensive solar system on our home, hoping to help the environment and especially the a quality in our area. Please consider listening to the voice of the people and not big companies that are forced to use because there are no other options. I whole heartedly ask you, PLEASE do not approve the net metering tariff.

Thank you!

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

1 message

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**Curtis Carter** <cmcarter06@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 10:04 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in reference to Docket No. 16-035-T14 concerning the Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. I urge you not to approve this new tariff. It will without a doubt limit the installation of consumer solar in Utah. In a world dependent on non-renewable energy sources it does not make any sense to give Rocky Mountain control over a renewable source. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed to turn a profit because the consumer has no other choice. Rocky Mountain Power is crying foul because consumers are exploring alternative power sources. Rocky Mountain Power will only recognize the benefit to a renewable energy source as long as it increases their bottom line. Please do not restrict us consumers of the ability of choosing an alternate energy source by passing this tariff.

By passing this tariff you are sending the message that the profit of big corporations are more important than consumer choice and environment awareness. Our government should be pushing for the acceptance and expansion of renewable energy sources. The solar industry has seen significant growth over the last several years due to lower costs and consumer demand. If the proposed net metering changes pass then the demand in the Utah market will decrease.

Please help protect consumer choice in Utah and do not pass this tariff.

Sincerely,

Curtis Carter

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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

**Travis Pearce** <travispearce1972@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 10:37 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am strongly opposed to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. Further, I urge the PSC to deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

My main reason for opposing this proposal is that I believe that any impediment or cost placed in the way of someone trying to do the right thing should be removed. Rather, my perspective is that that PSC should be providing large incentives to entice more residents and businesses to invest in rooftop solar. Raising costs is simply a step in the wrong direction, as doing so will have a chilling effect on the growth of rooftop solar as a sustainable and clean power source.

More specifically, though, I believe that other strong arguments exist for denying the RMP request: due process problems, flaws in research methodology, and cost shifting. With respect to due process, RMP appears to be attempting to circumvent the normal rate-setting process, which includes opportunities for expert testimony, in-depth examination of evidence, and public hearings. Its proposal should be thoughtfully and formally considered through proper channels, not swept through as a hastily arranged substitute for normal procedure. Frankly, having slid this proposal to the PSC the day after federal elections just doesn't smell right. Secondly, the utility wants to impose increased rooftop solar fees on a newly-created, experimental class of solar customers [those applying after Dec. 9], then see in June 2017 whether such fees were justified, which seems to be putting the cart before the horse. Finally, if the stated mission of the PSC is "to ensure safe, reliable, adequate, and reasonably priced utility service", an expedited vetting of the utility's proposed rate changes will not assure that this primary responsibility to the public has been served.

RMP has made the false argument that solar customers are not paying their fair share of infrastructure costs, and that these costs are being shifted to non-solar customers. I believe that the cost shift is taking place in the other direction. The utility's cost-of-service model does not address all relevant costs, such as the the contribution that rooftop solar makes toward a reduction in peak capacity requirements, in turn reducing the need to build more power generation infrastructure and burn additional fossil fuels. Additionally, since rooftop solar is consumed near its source—usually by non-solar next door neighbors-- the utility avoids transmission line energy losses and transformer wear and tear, which saves even more money.

With respect to validity, RMP has had problems with its net metering-related research from the outset, ranging from difficulties with sample size and composition, to metering equipment limitations, to the actual research methodology. Frankly, the science underlying the proposed rate changes warrants closer examination. Additionally, the utility has again failed to measure "behind the meter" energy production and consumption by rooftop solar customers to see how they actually reduce the grid's power demand during peak load periods, something that does not show up on RMP's data and charts. Then there is the issue of the cost-shifting that occurs outside of the grid. There is a set of externalities that the PSC has thus far allowed RMP to avoid: the environmental, public health, and economic impacts that are caused by fossil fuel combustion, but reduced by clean energy like solar. More rooftop solar means less carbon dioxide and particulate emissions from traditional power plants. Until now, the utility and traditional grid customers have passed the giant costs of climate change and respiratory illnesses to the general public. And there does not appear to be any acknowledgement within this dialogue that over 3,000 solar jobs in Utah would be put in jeopardy by RMP's move to halt the growth of non-utility [i.e. rooftop] solar. Understandably (but not justifiably) the utility prefers to concentrate Utah's future solar growth in limited-scale solar programs [e.g. Subscriber Solar] that it can control. Why else would PacifiCorp's 20-year resource plan call for reducing the percentage of renewables in the corporation-wide energy mix? I'm sure RMP would be elated to keep solar energy at 1% of Utah's energy mix, but doing so would be an awful way to proceed.

Although I do believe that the public comment period should be extended, I do appreciate you accepting and considering public input. In the interest of ratepayers, the Utah public, and the health of the planet, I respectfully request that the PSC

reject the PacifiCorp-RMP current rate change request.

Sincerely,  
Travis Pearce  
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**Oliver Brown** <brownoliver@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 11:13 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Service Commission-

I have a few comments concerning Docket 16-035-T14, of which I am concerned about.

**Cost and Allocation of Cost**

It is true there is a yearly infrastructure cost to provide power.

It is also true that without that infrastructure, nobody would have power.

Therefore, everybody should pay her/his own portion of the infrastructure costs.

Certainly Rocky Mountain pays the majority of for infrastructure, but there are others too. Anybody who produces power, and that power is used in Utah, pays for infrastructure to generate that electricity. We must take into consideration fair allocation of costs, not just cost to Rocky Mountain, but cost to everybody in the state who generates power. As a whole, working together, we are ALL solving Utah power needs.

For example, solar rooftops already offset peak power usage, especially in the summer. By solar panels producing electricity at the same time of high summer temperatures (and therefore much electricity consumed for air conditioning), it is easier for Rocky Mountain to supply what electricity is needed. Without solar rooftops, Rocky Mountain would need to spend more money on infrastructure to keep up with peak demand.

Another example is those with solar rooftops are providing local energy to her/his neighbors via local power lines. Most often, the excess power generated doesn't even interact with transmission lines (which inherently cost more). So as a way of cost consideration, those with solar rooftops help lighten the load on transmission lines, lowering the power infrastructure cost to everybody.

Senior vice-president of Rocky Mountain, Gary Hoogeveen, believes that those who are producing their own electricity receive a \$400/yr subsidy from those who are NOT producing their own energy. But really, solar paneled homes/businesses are already paying their fair portion to generate Utah power, and they are doing it more "green" than Rocky Mountain could do. If you look at costs, and allocation of power costs, as a whole you will see solar rooftops actually cost more to individuals than the said subsidy.

It's not a matter of proposing rate changes, it is evaluating the cost of Utah power as a whole. There is no way this proposal can properly be looked at without looking at ALL the costs – including ALL the costs to Rocky Mountain – including ALL the costs to those with alternative forms of energy production.

Oliver Brown

Resident, Saratoga Springs, UT

Ps As a way of caution, there should be a differentiation between costs of clean energy and costs of environmental hazard energy. It is a fair way to look at current expenditures and will provide a clear representation of actual Utah State's energy production costs.



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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

**michael buttars** <mbuttars@yahoo.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 11:57 AM

Reply-To: michael buttars &lt;mbuttars@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Commissioners:

I strongly opposes PacifiCorp-RMP's advice no. 16-13, filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for solar customers. I think they have been very sneaky in trying to fast track their request and by pass the normal rate-making process. It's sad to think that they are so scared of solar that they would stoop so low I am a solar net metering customer and have been for over 6 years now. I've read their arguments and requests for rate changes in the past and find their arguments lacking evidential support and have appreciated the Commissioners reviews and rulings against their proposed requests. I urge you to reject this proposal as well. I'm outraged at the idea of paying \$9.02 per KWH for high demand. We are being treated worse than schedule 6 customers who are stuck for a full year paying an outrageously high penalty fee for breaching 15 minute peak demand draw which is imposed on top of their per kilowatt uses charge. When PacifiCorp-RMP says "Peak Hours", what exactly do they mean when referring to Solar? Is it a summer day that's hot and everyone is using their air conditioners, or a cloudy day when solar production is low and you simply need a little extra energy to run the dryer, bake a loaf of bread, or run a space heater to take the chill off? However it is defined, the rate change of \$9.02 per kilowatt hour could mean something like paying \$8.88 for a single loaf of bread or more for a load of laundry (I used the Michaelbluejay.com electric calculator to arrive at the figure). That's crazy expensive! This is made even crazier if you are a net meter customer that has a small solar system who buys half of their power from RMP every month anyway. This would result in a higher monthly cost than someone who doesn't have any solar.

Systems that do not cover the solar customer's full electric usage get penalized for producing less than their current needs. They would have to pay the larger basic rate fee simply because they have "some solar". Many solar customers have a small system because that's all they could afford or that's all that would fit on the roof top or non shaded yard area. Why should they have to pay the larger basic rate fee as well as the other inflated rate changes simply because they wanted "Some Solar" in their energy mix? Some solar has proved a great value to our electric grid. It can not be denied that solar reduces the amount of demand on the grid. Don't let PacifiCorp get away with killing Solar and all the valued good it does for everyone.

Another argument PacifiCorp-RMP has made is that Solar customers don't pay their fair share, where it's the upkeep cost or new equipment cost are concerned. What a wrong idea that is! Cost of equipment for solar arrays are paid for by the customer and not RMP which saves millions in building large facilities. We also have to purchase our own transformer if RMP says the existing one is too small or too old. Not only does the customer have to pay for the transformer but RMP retains the ownership of the transformer. How is that not paying our fair share of the equipment cost? Everyone, when they build a new home pays for the equipment cost. That's what the \$10,000 and up connection fee is all about. Yes, we have all paid for the equipment that it takes to bring electricity to our homes.

Since our Solar system supplies electricity to the homes close to us, there isn't a need for all that "up Keep" for long distant transmission. Solar is good, very good for our state electrical needs.

If Solar is so bad, why does PacifiCorp-RMP build solar farms to produce some of the electricity in the energy they provide? Could it simply be that they are scared of losing control of the energy dollar?

Isn't something that everyone needs supposed to be public, like energy? If it were truly public or with

the public's best interest in mind, wouldn't we want every home to be not only energy efficient, but also self sufficient? Solar is the champion of self reliance. During a major disaster or emergency, we all know that we will be on our own for at least a first week and maybe longer. We have evidence from our near past to support this idea. Solar technology and especially the new technology coming out next year does and will improve our ability to be more self reliant. Those of us who have solar are in a far better position to help others who do not.

If for no other reason than encouraging self reliance, I urge all the commissioners to not only reject this proposal from PacifiCorp-RMP, but all proposals that limit our ability to become a more self reliant people and country as a whole.

Thank you for your time,

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**1 message

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**Travis Jorgensen** <travisjorgensen@email.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 12:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not approve the new Docket No. 16-035-T14 Net Metering tariff of Rocky Mountain Power is trying to obtain approval on. It will without a doubt destroy solar in Utah. With our horrible air quality it makes no sense to eliminate solar as a practical option for consumers nor does it make any sense to give Rocky Mountain complete control over our power source like they have had for way too long. Rocky Mountain Power is a monopoly in our community that is guaranteed profit, is perpetuating an antiquated and expensive grid system, and sees the benefit of solar as long as it is theirs and they can continually charge rate payers to build their infrastructure. If it's good to have choice, that choice must be for the consumer, not a monopoly.

Our government should be looking out for citizens and not monopoly corporations. Nevada citizens have pushed for deregulation due to the harsh tactics of their utility killing solar and we will do the same thing in Utah if our choices are yet again eliminated to 1 option that takes advantage of our pockets.

Do the right thing, help us change our energy future.

&lt;div&gt;Travis Jorgensen &lt;/div&gt;

&lt;div&gt;"You can say a million things, but if you can't sing it then it's not much of a song."&lt;/div&gt;



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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

**Sydney Husseman** <husseman@me.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 12:23 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

My family purchased 31 rooftop solar panels at great cost to ourselves (\$40,000) because we wanted to do our part to create cleaner air for all Utahns to breathe. It will take years for us to recoup the cost of the panels. We feel absolutely punished by Rocky Mountain Power's insatiable appetite for rate increases. All Utahns should be encouraged to do their part to improve our air quality—whether installing solar panels, or driving hybrid cars. Clean air is an issue that affects all of us. Rocky Mountain Power needs to stop punishing families who are trying to clean our air and do more to embrace clean fuel technology themselves!

Please oppose PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. We ask that you deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

Reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request. The individuals who install solar panels are working toward the collective good. Rocky Mountain Power is simply greedy!

Sincerely,

Sydney Husseman  
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Layton, UT 84040



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Rooftop solar customer rate structure concern

1 message

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**Jason Mellor** <jason.mellor@ashgrove.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 1:20 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

I am very much opposed to RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I urge you to please deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes.

RMP should not be allowed to raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers. This will directly affect my family in a negative way.

Thank you for accepting public input, though the deadline should be extended. I am also very grateful in your interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.

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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

**Sid Embree** <sid@atmosclear.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 2:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioner s,

I am opposed to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. Please deny the utility's fast-track request and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes. RMP is trying to circumvent the normal rate-setting process, which includes opportunities for expert testimony, in-depth examination of evidence, and public hearings. Its proposal should be thoughtfully considered in the next general rate case, not in a hastily arranged substitute for normal procedure.

RMP should not be allowed to use a fast-track process, which would undoubtedly raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers. I am working with colleagues on new residential development in Wasatch County and Summit County, and we want new homeowners to be able to choose if they want to generate their own power using roof-top solar. Beyond that they should be able to choose if they want conventional solar photovoltaic systems or perhaps even newer technologies such as solar roof tiles. Please look at the experience in Nevada of allowing PacifiCorp-RMP to exert control over what homeowners can do or not do to generate their own power. As you will find, in Nevada, consumers now have fewer choices for generating their own power; control has been ceded to PacifiCorp-RMP!

RMP argues that solar customers are not paying their fair share of infrastructure costs, and that these costs are being shifted to non-solar customers. The cost shift is more likely in the other direction. The utility's cost-of-service model does not address all relevant costs. Experience shows that the utility has failed to measure "behind the meter" energy production and consumption by rooftop solar customers to see how that actually reduces the grid's power demand during peak load periods. The utility is ignoring rooftop solar's contributions to reducing its peak capacity requirements, which reduces the need for building more power plants and burning more fuel.

The over 3,000 solar jobs in Utah would be put in jeopardy by RMP's move to halt the growth of non-utility (i.e. rooftop) solar. The utility prefers to concentrate Utah's future solar growth in limited-scale solar programs (e.g. Subscriber Solar) that it owns and can control. This is not in the interest of consumers that should be able to choose from whom they wish to buy solar (and preferably locally, and not from a large project located far away in another part of Utah).

Thank you, Commissioner s, for accepting public input. I respectfully ask that the deadline for public input should be extended, and request the PSC, in the interests of ratepayers and the Utah public, to reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request.



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## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

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**Jerry Harris** <dinogami@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 2:00 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13," which was filed on Nov 9, 2016. This proposition would drastically change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers, making solar a far less attractive option to anyone interested in moving toward sustainable energy sources for at least part of their power needs. I urge you to both (a) deny PacifiCorp-RMP's request to fast-track their proposition and use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes, by which they would avoid public hearings, expert testimony, and a thorough examination of evidence, and (b) deny PacifiCorp-RMP's proposition in its entirety.

While I understand PacifiCorp-RMP's desire to maximize the funds they can collect to support their infrastructure by making alternative, sustainable energy sources less attractive for individual homeowners, I understand that there are many problems with the current proposal. For example, their requested rate increase comes *before* they know whether or not such fees are justified in any way. Also, the basic science and statistical methods and data sample sizes that PacifiCorp-RMP has used through the present are problematic and should be thoroughly reviewed as part of an investigation into the legitimacy of their proposition.

Ultimately, PacifiCorp-RMP's proposition comes across as an attempt to mandate how any individual homeowners obtain their energy is unethical in the extreme--no corporate entity should ever be granted the right to penalize their customers for *not* using the products they offer and for using an alternative product instead. As analogies, imagine if garbage collection agencies could penalize their customers for recycling rather than putting all their waste in the garbage, or if UPS could penalize their customers for using FedEx or the U.S. Postal Service to send a package. These may be absurd, but really are equivalent examples of corporate overreach. PacifiCorp-RMP's proposition is a transparent attempt to obtain a power no corporate entity should have.

I thank the Commissioners for their openness to public input on this issue and encourage them to extend the deadline for such input--please do not view a dearth of responses from the Utah public in the short time prior to the current deadline as support for PacifiCorp-RMP's proposition! In the interest of the rate-paying Utah public, I respectfully request that the Commissioners reject PacifiCorp-RMP's current rate change request as well as any future rate change request that is, in essence, a penalty for its customers opting to use alternative, sustainable energy sources. Thank you very much for your time and attention!

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**Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14**

1 message

**McKay Selph** <mckselph@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 2:45 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

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Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14

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Our government should be looking out for citizens and not monopoly corporations. Nevada citizens have pushed for deregulation due to the harsh tactics of their utility killing solar and we will do the same thing in Utah if our choices are yet again eliminated to 1 option that takes advantage of our pockets.

Do the right thing, help us change our energy future.

I have solar on my house and I would love others to benefit the way I have. Please don't allow RMP to bully the solar industry

Thanks,

McKay Selph - Pleasant Grove



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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## Net Metering Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T14

1 message

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**John Chappell** <jcchaps@rapidwave.net>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 3:32 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

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**Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment**

1 message

**Jim McCormick** <jmccormick@hydroblaster.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 4:32 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Please place me on the notification list for the above noted docket.

I installed rooftop solar because it made sense to reduce my power costs and power requirements while simultaneously reducing RMP's need to burn coal and natural gas to produce power for me and further pollute the air along the Wasatch Front.

I encourage everyone that asks to install rooftop solar for the same reasons.

Once again Rocky Mountain Power has filed a request before the Public Service Commission to raise rates on rooftop systems. I wholeheartedly oppose this request!

Regardless of their single minded and wildly stilted studies I believe the real reason they are opposed to rooftop solar is that they don't like the competition. Why else would they be willing to spend millions of dollars on customer installed power saving devices but be so opposed to customers installing solar at no expense to RMP?

The fees they are proposing are very high and will seriously impede the growth of rooftop solar in Utah. I understand that there are a lot of Utah jobs at stake and obviously a lot of associated economic activity that would be negatively affected if these fees are put into place.

Consider what happened in Nevada when their commission imposed outrageous fees on existing owners and new installations. Even though the measure was changed to grandfather existing solar customer a lot of solar industry jobs were lost and a lot of citizens were upset. Attempts were made to place a referendum on the ballot which was stopped by legal actions which will no doubt continue for several years. The end result may be that energy becomes unregulated all together.

I feel that I installed the equivalent of a small business investment on my roof. Something that will pay out in 6-8 years and provide excellent returns after that. I believe that everyone in Utah should be allowed to make a similar investment in the State and that Utah should support and continue to invest in private solar installations.

I hope you will support these entrepreneurial efforts as well.

11/15/2016

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Sincerely,

James McCormick

Sandy, UT 94092