

## Docket #16-035-T14 Public Comment

1 message

**Beck Locey** <beck@mimislodges.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 9:43 AM

Dear Commissioners.

Thank you for accepting public comment. My wife and I are small business owners and have been considering solar panels for our business.

We recently became aware of PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov 9, 2016. This proposed change to rate structures would ruin any chance for us to install solar panels on our buildings. We urge you to suspend the tariff and not let it take effect December 9th.

We request that RMP use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes. This will allow more time for every interested party to weigh in and more time for analysis to help all of us make a better informed decisions regarding solar power.

We understand that RMP needs to stay viable, however, this approach feels like it is punitive to those of us that are considering rooftop solar energy.

Thank you again for considering public input. We ask that you consider extending the deadline for public comment and reject RMP's current request for a rate change.

thank you
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**Emmanuel llunga** <emmanuel.ilunga@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 10:17 AM

Dear Commissioners.

I oppose the recent proposal from Rocky Mountain Power, "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I urge the Public Service Commission to suspend the tariff and prevent it from taking effect on December 9 as Rocky Mountain Power has proposed. Rocky Mountain Power should be required to use the normal rate-making process.

I believe it is unfair for Rocky Mountain Power to raise rates for customers who wish to use rooftop solar. I am deeply concerned about the future of our planet, and I believe solar gives people access to a cleaner, more reliable source of energy. Utah's air quality needs to improve, and I believe rooftop solar should be part of that solution.

Thank you for accepting public input on this important issue. I respectfully request that you put the interest of ratepayers and the Utah public on equal footing with Rocky Mountain Power, and reject Advice No. 16-13.

Sincerely,

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**rex weston** To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 10:28 AM

Dear Commissioners.

I am very alarmed at the rate changes that are being proposed to basically stop the advancement of solar energy. For years I thought that an electric car would have no place in our society, but yet here today the electric car is right at the start of being a common part of our society.

With the changes proposed, it will not only very much put a stoppage on further solar development but it will have wider ramifications on other areas such as with the electric car.

Years ago the phone company tried to stop other phone providers from entering the market, making it very difficult for those using their services. It was the regulators like yourself that allowed the advancements to happen. Just look at the advancements that came about because of it!

Now we are facing a similar attack from the power industry. It will be your good sense that will curtail a dominate power from squelching any thing out of their interests. Please stop this fast approach to passing a rate change that will have such huge impacts. Let the Public utilities commission use a normal process for making these types of changes. The country has been searching for ways to get Solar energy into the system and now this Rocky Mountain Power proposal will do just the opposite. A rate change that will add such large burdens on those that are actually relieving the power company when it need relief the most, seem just the opposite of society's interests, after all, all solar providers already pay a set price of the working needs of the power infrastructure and maintenance through a monthly service fee totally separate from the energy usage charges.

Thanks for hearing my concerns, Please stop these almost knee jerk changes that have been proposed.

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1 message

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 12:08 PM

To whom it may concern at the Utah Public Service Commission,

I am a current Rocky Mountain Power customer, I have been working in the solar industry for 5 years now, and have dedicated myself to Utah's solar industry. I am recently married 4 years ago and will soon be starting a family with children. I have lived in Utah since I was 9 years old. I love this state and want to be able to raise my family here. I know of thousands that will be moving out of state or at least out of a job soon if this is allowed to pass. I am one of them.

I would like to express my concerns of the new tariff RMP has proposed and why it is harmful to Utah. We need to deny this request from RMP as it will put an end to all solar installs going forward. You can see the history of this as NV energy passed a similar rate through Nevada's PUC last year. This can impact a few major areas in my mind. First, the biggest benefit to living in Utah is the Business and economic freedoms we enjoy that spurs job growth and wage growth locally. This tariff would put an end to 100+ local companies and countless jobs that go along with it. Second, it would end a growing industry that is making our air cleaner. Our inversion problem can be greatly reduced as more and more customers have the freedom to go solar. Lastly and most importantly to me, it takes away Utah's consumer freedom of choice. If this is passed through the PSC or if you even allow the December 9<sup>th</sup> start date to occur we are effectively protecting a monopoly that RMP has on our energy options. We are saying consumers do not have freedom to choose their power source and freedom to own it. I understand RMP has painted a rosy picture for the tariff, but you can see the true damages with the NV energy and Nevada PUC for the last year.

Please also review the recent nationwide studies showing both sides of the argument. It show a majority of the Utility companies in the US actually benefited financially from having roof top solar installations. We need to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and independent study done to prove how roof top solar efects the whole state and other homes on the grid. We cannot base our decision on RMP's personal studies. See the studies here...

https://www.brookings.edu/research/rooftop-solar-net-metering-is-a-net-benefit/

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Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 2:32 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly oppose the recent proposal from Rocky Mountain Power, "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. I urge the Public Service Commission to suspend the tarif of and prevent it from taking effect on December 9 as Rocky Mountain Power has proposed. Rocky Mountain Power should be required to use the normal rate-making process.

I believe it is unfair for Rocky Mountain Power to raise rates for customers who wish to use rooftop solar . I am deeply concerned about the future of our planet, and I believe solar gives people access to a cleaner , more reliable source of energy.

Utah's air quality is in dire need of improvement , and I believe rooftop solar can be a major part of solving the problem. Enacting a policy such as this would show clear intent to disregard the problem.

Thank you for accepting public input on this important issue. I respectfully request that you put the interest of ratepayers and the Utah public on equal footing with Rocky Mountain Power, and reject Advice No. 16-13.

I hope you have a lovely day.

Sincerely,

Arthur Veenema