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**FW: Docket Number: 16-035-T14 - Net Metering Tariff**

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Dear Commissioners,

We would like to state our strong opposition to PacifiCorp-RMP's "Advice No. 16-13", filed Nov. 9, 2016, that would change the rate structure for rooftop solar customers. In particular, We would urge the Public Service Commission to suspend the tariff and not let it take effect December 9th as Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has proposed and require it to use the normal rate-making process for its proposed changes. RMP wishes to unfairly penalize those who take advantage of the Federal and State rebates which encourage clean solar power. RMP argues that those with solar panels are not paying for their fair share of the transmission costs, when the Net Metering customers generate excess power. First, residential customers are using most of the power generated by their solar panels and if there is some excess power, it is being used within a very short distance from where they live. No real use of the transmission system is being used by these customers. Secondly, RMP unfairly clears, or eliminates, any credits accumulated to any Net Meter customer each year, without any compensation for that lost credit. This is already over compensating RMP from the New Metering customers. It is already difficult for Net Meter customers to be able to break even on their investment in solar power or afford to install a solar system in the first place. Most of us are doing it to be more responsible for the environment and are helping to produce clean power, as well as help RMP meet the demands of the future growth, without needing as much generation capacity. I hope that you will continue to support the people you have been put in a position to protect as you have done in the past. RMP should not be allowed to unreasonably raise the costs for new rooftop solar customers, restrict free trade, and limit access to clean & efficient energy.

We constantly receive and listen to information from RMP asking people to be more energy efficient, talking about ways to save power so that there would be enough for all customers. Now they are complaining that those with solar panels on the roof and who put power back into the grid are unfairly affecting those who don't have solar power.

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

Sincerely,

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