

November 21, 2019

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Utah Public Service Commission Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Gary Widerburg

**Commission Administrator** 

RE: Docket No. 17-035-61 - In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain

Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity

**Courtesy Notice and Status Update** 

On May 8, 2019, the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") issued an Order on Motion for Formal Discovery in the above referenced docket ("Order"). In accordance with the Order, Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP") and Vote Solar have agreed on a mailer that will be sent to all RMP customers on Electric Service Schedule Nos. 135 (Net Metering Service) and 136 (Transition Program for Customer Generators) on Monday, December 2, 2019. A courtesy copy of the mailer is attached to this letter.

Informal inquiries may be directed to Jana Saba at (801) 220-2823.

Sincerely,

Vice President, Regulation



Customer Name Address City, ST Zip

## Dear [Customer Name],

The Public Service Commission of Utah is currently considering rates for excess solar generation in Docket No. 17-035-61. This proceeding will determine the compensation that Utah residential solar customers receive for electricity generated by solar panels that the household does not use that is then exported to Rocky Mountain Power's ("RMP") grid and ultimately sold to other customers. This rate will apply to new customer-generators beginning in 2021 and will impact existing customer-generators beginning in 2032-2035.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about a proposed study of solar customers in Utah sought by Vote Solar. Vote Solar, a non-profit organization advocating for solar power, has intervened in the proceeding and seeks data concerning RMP's solar customers. Specifically, Vote Solar seeks information from RMP and solar installers about the specific equipment, location, and energy usage of RMP's solar customers. Vote Solar plans to use this information in a study it will present in the proceeding referenced above.

If you desire to participate in the study, you must inform RMP by opting to participate as follows:

- *First*, you can authorize RMP to identify to Vote Solar which solar system belongs to your household by providing your specific address. Releasing your address to Vote Solar will allow Vote Solar to link your usage information with your location allowing for further study.
- *Second*, you can authorize your solar installer to provide Vote Solar with information about the characteristics of your specific system.

Your participation is voluntary. If you DO NOT want your identifying information shared with Vote Solar, no further action on your part is necessary. Rocky Mountain Power protects its customers' identity, location, and usage data and will only provide identifying information to Vote Solar with the property owner's advance knowledge and express consent.

If you would like to opt-in to the study, please visit the website below where you will be asked to input certain information and select either or both of the study options described above.

## www.rockymountainpower.net/solarcreditstudy

RMP makes no representation as to the security or use of information you agree to provide to Vote Solar. Vote Solar has committed to both RMP and the Public Service Commission of Utah

that it will only use your information in the context of this proceeding. For its part, RMP cannot control or guarantee how your information is used once it is released.

If you choose to participate in the Vote Solar study, but then later chose to opt-out of it, please send a written request to utahdockets@pacificorp.com and to RMPstudy@votesolar.org. Vote Solar has informed RMP that it will stop using and destroy your personal information in its possession if you request to opt-out of the study.

If you have any questions about this letter please contact Danny Martinez with RMP at (801) 220-4003 or by email at utahdockets@pacificorp.com. If you have any questions about Vote Solar's study, please contact Vote Solar's Regulatory Director, Briana Kobor at (801) 899-0100 or by email at RMPstudy@votesolar.org.

Sincerely,

Joelle Steward

Vice President, Regulation

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Docket No. 17-035-61

I hereby certify that on November 21, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by email on the following Parties:

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