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Dear Members of the Utah Public Service Commission;

Most of us in the energy sector, which includes those of us in Solar in Utah, have been watching the sale by Dominion and Duke Energy of their Natural Gas pipelines in the east, etc. to Warren Buffett / Berkshire Hathaway Energy in the last week:

Utility Giant Kills Gas Pipeline, Sells Assets to Berkshire

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-05/berkshire-hathaway-buys-dominion-gas-assets-in-9-7-billion-deal?sref=w1yYx9vG>

That said, it is no surprise to us that PacifiCorp is also buying MWs of Wind and Solar plus storage:

Pacificorp looks to add 4.3 GW of renewables and storage by 2023

The utility giant is making this procurement in accordance with its 2019 integrated resource plan, under which Pacificorp intends to add 11 GW of wind and solar by 2038, with an additional 2.8 GW of battery storage.

https://pv-magazine-usa.com/2020/07/08/pacificorp-looks-to-add-4-3-gw-of-renewables-and-storage-by-2023/?utm_source=pv+magazine+USA&utm_campaign=c87b69925a-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_80e0d17bb8-c87b69925a-159285901

Since RMP + PC are investing some BHE money in renewables plus storage, why would the UT PSC allow RMP to destroy the Utah Solar Sector by lowering the existing Net Metering for Utah Solar / residential and commercial.

As per the SL TRIB who reports daily on Utah unemployment caused by COVID19, Utah cannot afford to lose any more jobs.

Utah governor's latest COVID-19 plan focused on 'full-blown economic recovery' (pub date 6.17.2020)

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/17/utah-governors-latest/>

Utah's unemployment claims stay flat as U.S. reports an 11.1% jobless rate for June (pub date 7.2.2020)

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/07/02/utahs-unemployment-claims/>

With COVID19 spiking in Utah one more time, what Utah's GOV tries to do to reverse unemployment in Utah and what it is accomplishes over time may be different:

Utah sets one-day record for new COVID-19 cases and passes 200 in its death toll (pub date 7.8.2020)

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/07/08/utah-sets-new-one-day/>

Please consider all the Utah Solar Sector jobs you will destroy if you allow RMP to lower the current RMP net metering rate at all. Just rule to keep it as it is.

Kind regards,

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