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Docket No. 17-035-61, Rocky Mountain Power threatening the solar industry

1 message

Pat O'Connell <po817766@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 8:01 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Thanks for reading all these. Why would this committee let Rocky Mountain Power again hurt net metering for residential solar? It's going to hurt the solar industry and all the jobs it provides for the state and real people, while allowing Rocky Mountain Power to steal the excess energy residential systems are producing. Reject this plan. This will also hurt Utah's amazing natural landscape unnecessarily. How does this fit into Utah's COVID 19 economic recovery plan exactly? Reward RMP while hurting an industry that employs thousands? Any future requests for changes to net metering should have a cost/benefit study done by a third party to inform the PSC of the true impacts. REJECT THIS PLAN. Thanks for reading!

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Re: please help me and my family

1 message

Christian Sage <cbsboarder@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 6:40 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

this is referencing Docket No. 17-035-61

On Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 6:37 AM Christian Sage <cbsboarder@gmail.com> wrote:

I have a 16 month old daughter and wife of 5 years. we are 25 years old trying to pay rent and go to school so that we can have a better life for my daughter Belle then I had. The only source of income that we have is working at blue raven solar. This is the only way that I am able to afford food, clothes, and an apartment with Belle's own room.

This proposal by rocky mountain power will take that job away from me. this plan will make it so less people will want solar and thus force blue raven to cut jobs. I ask you to please help my daughter Belle by not letting this proposal pass.



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REJECT ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S PLAN TO BECOME A BIGGER MONOPOLY

1 message

Marcelo Correa <marcelo.correa@blueravensolar.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 7:52 AM

I came from a country that is full of government owned monopolies. I am a first witness that the result of having companies that are "too big" is that the quality of work is low is the price is super high. At this point, the sun has been the only Rock Mountain Power's competitor and they are on the verge of getting that competitor to their side.

Here are other reasons why Rocky Mountain Power's plan should not be accepted:

- The proposed changes to net-metering are not in the best interest of Utah families and businesses.
- Expansion of residential solar in Utah will end, thousands of Utah jobs will be lost, and Utah's unmatched, spectacular lands will suffer if the PSC approves RMP's plan.
- RMP's plan does not fit in the state's Covid-19 strategy for economic recovery and revitalization.
- RMP's plan decreases access, availability, and affordability of residential solar.
- RMP should not be allowed invest in large scale energy projects without first considering meeting its renewable portfolio standards by local investment and support in residential solar energy producers.
- Any request for a change to net-metering should proceed by a cost/benefit study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the PSC of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection and to promote the growth of residential solar energy producers.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 8:09 AM

- The proposed changes to net-metering are not in the best interest of Utah families and businesses.
- Expansion of residential solar in Utah will end, thousands of Utah jobs will be lost, and Utah's unmatched, spectacular lands will suffer if the PSC approves RockyMountainPower's plan.
- RockyMountainPower's plan does not fit in the state's Covid-19 strategy for economic recovery and revitalization.
- RockyMountainPower's plan decreases access, availability, and affordability of residential solar.
- RockyMountainPower should not be allowed invest in large scale energy projects without first considering meeting its renewable portfolio standards by local investment and support in residential solar energy producers.
- Any request for a change to net-metering should proceed by a cost/benefit study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the PSC of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection and to promote the growth of residential solar energy producers.

Thanks

James



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1 message

Trevor Weed <trevor.weed@blueravensolar.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 9:40 AM

Hi Utah Public Service Commission,

I'm writing to ask you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's plan. It flies in the face of Governor Herbert's intended "full-blown economic recovery" and creating "long-term prosperity". It would hurt consumers of electricity (all of us), employees of solar companies (thousands of us...maybe tens of thousands, I actually haven't counted), and anyone who enjoys Utah's outdoors (mostly people within driving distance in Toyatas and Fords...ie most of us). Please favor the livelihoods and choices available to regular people in/from Utah over the pocketbooks of Berkshire Hathaway stockholders (mostly wealthy investor-types in coastal places), PacifiCorp execs (mostly wealthy Portlandians) and Rocky Mountain Power monopolists (mostly yuppy up-towners who live in the Mill Creek area). Any request for a change to net-metering should come from a study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the PSC of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection, not from Rocky Mountain Power.

Please reject RMP's plan.

Trevor Weed | COO | C: (623) 297-2703



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In regards to Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jake Lamb <jake.lamb@blueravensolar.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 10:08 AM

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to address the recent proposal from Rocky Mountain Power to lower Utah net-metering rates. I employ you, please reject this proposal. As an employee of the solar industry, I understand that the ramifications of approving this plan will end the expansion of residential solar in Utah and thousands of jobs will be lost. This would be extra detrimental at this time with so many already out of work due to the Covid crisis.

Rocky Mountain Power's plan will decrease access, availability, and affordability of residential solar. Progress of providing clean, renewable energy to the citizens of Utah will drastically slow. Any request for a change to net-metering should proceed by a cost/benefit study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the PSC of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection and to promote the growth of residential solar energy producers.

Utah is my home and I would hate to see the PSC approve a proposal that will directly harm its citizens. Thank you for your time.

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Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 11:49 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

The constant attempts by RMP and Pacifcorp to kill net metering continues to surprise me.

I think homeowners having the option to contribute to power production in a sustainable way is awesome. Rocky Mtn is retiring coal plants and building/buying large renewable energy projects but don't want rate payers to be able to do this? Maybe it's so just Rocky Mtn can enjoy the tax credits and benefits of renewable energy ownership. Or maybe it's because they want to kill our coal jobs in Utah and make sure that Utahns don't get the solar jobs either (because they build these solar fields in other states)?

I also see many large solar companies in Utah who must account for thousands of jobs here and nationally, along with all of the other companies and industries they support.

Anything short of a neutral third party assessment and analysis seems like corruption.

Deeply troubled,

Skyler Johnson
Riverton, UT



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Once COVID19 killed COAL in the US, carbon capture on coal fired power will not pencil out - 17-035-61

1 message

Eleanor Thompson <eleanor@eleanorthompson.com>
To: PSC UT <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 12:11 PM

Dear UT PSC,

These days many research firms are publishing their take on how the US can reinvent its economy post COVID19:

Lessons from the past.....

Examining what worked in response to previous crises can help policy makers as they make plans to revive economic activity.

<https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-sector/our-insights/lessons-from-the-past-on-how-to-revive-the-us-economy-after-covid-19>

Some people assume that COVID19 will KILL COAL in the US now:

Could COVID-19 kill coal?

<https://fortune.com/2020/04/30/could-covid-19-kill-coal/>

Back in 2014.....some considered NATURAL GAS to be the Bridge to Nowhere:
US Natural Gas 'Revolution' is a Bridge to Nowhere

<https://ourworld.unu.edu/en/us-natural-gas-revolution-is-a-bridge-to-nowhere>

That sentiment got updated in April 2019:

Natural Gas Is Really A Bridge To Nowhere

<https://below2c.org/2019/04/natural-gas-is-really-a-bridge-to-nowhere/>

These days energy market economists take a hard look at if they should bother with LNG:

Did COVID Kill LNG Natural Gas Dreams?

Global economic downturn and re-emergence of COVID-19 in several main markets are still playing havoc with global energy demand. The continuing barrage of positive figures presented by leading banks, financial institutions or OPEC exporters, seems to be weakening by the day.

<https://www.fxempire.com/forecasts/article/did-covid-kill-lng-natural-gas-dreams-660124>

Even OpEds in BLOOMBERG expressed this opinion back in late March 2020:
Energy Jobs Could Be Greener After Coronavirus

Many of today's fracker layoffs might be permanent.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-03-31/u-s-energy-jobs-could-be-greener-after-covid-19?sref=w1yYx9vG>

COVID19 has given many energy sector economists and business journalists time to think about how to build the US economy:

Global Stimulus Principles: The Economy We Build Should Not Be the Same Economy We Decarbonize

<https://rmi.org/insight/global-stimulus-principles-the-economy-we-build-should-not-be-the-same-economy-we-decarbonize/>

The current PacifiCorp " trial" by the Wyoming PSC will end today, Friday July 17:

Public Hearing Begins Into "Unusual" Investigation Of Pacificorp's Energy Roadmap

<https://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/public-hearing-begins-unusual-investigation-pacificorps-energy-roadmap#stream/0>

Meanwhile PHOTOSOL US is buying land options next to the New Mexico San Juan Coal Fired plant, betting on SOLAR.....not coal or natural gas (pub 7.14.2020):

Solar firm buying land rights near coal plants with eye toward transmission

"As coal plants retire, they leave behind power lines and grid connections that can be a big asset to renewable developers."

https://energynews.us/2020/07/14/west/solar-firm-buying-land-rights-near-coal-plants-with-eye-toward-transmission/?utm_source=SolarWakeup&utm_campaign=a52a386750-SolarWakeup_2_182_16_2013_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5eaa0aab62-a52a386750-44250341&mc_cid=a52a386750&mc_eid=7b59938598&fbclid=IwAR3VAh_oI0TPBqKeU11aMIhRNp0On6epiZ7ZiZwZWAuKChjcigasMVLTYs

With Renewables, especially solar in Utah and other Western states, coming in at much lower costs than coal or natural gas, Guzman Energy is looking at similar options, working with Tri State in Colorado (pub date 1.22.2020)

Tri-State CEO says wholesaler's clean energy transition will pay dividends

The Colorado generation and transmission co-op announced a major renewable expansion it thinks can save money.

<https://energynews.us/2020/01/21/west/tri-state-ceo-says-wholesalers-clean-energy-transition-will-pay-dividends/>

In both cases, coal fired power plants are being retired and utility scale solar is being built. That is just the way the post COVID19 energy marketplace is evolving, in many Southwestern US States as well as in the Mountain West and Pacific NW..... where PacifiCorp operates in 6 states.

All of this explains why PacifiCorp is making the right choice to retire its coal fired power plants earlier than planned and get into Solar, Wind and energy storage to modernize, monetize and stabilize its grid across all 6 states.

PacifiCorp Readies Huge Solicitation for Renewables, Energy Storage

For clean energy developers, PacifiCorp's upcoming procurement stands out for several reasons.

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/pacificorp-prepares-gigawatt-scale-solar-plus-storage-wind-power-solicitation>

In California this has been going for years (pub date 7.14.2020):

Largest US battery resource connects to CAISO grid, signaling next phase in California's storage growth

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/largest-battery-resource-connects-caiso-system/581540/>

Today the big national Energy News is all about:

FERC Unanimously Dismisses Effort to Undermine Solar Net Metering

All four FERC commissioners voted to dismiss a petition to declare solar net metering policies illegal.

https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/ferc-dismisses-effort-to-undermine-state-net-metering-regulations?utm_source=SolarWakeup&utm_campaign=1c84f4b240-SolarWakeup_2_182_16_2013_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5eaa0aab62-1c84f4b240-44250341&mc_cid=1c84f4b240&mc_eid=7b59938598

and

Energy regulators uphold compensation for rooftop solar energy producers

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/507710-energy-regulators-uphold-compensation-for-rooftop-solar-energy>

When you look at RMP's request to further destroy the UT Solar Sector, ask yourselves why you would want to destroy all those green jobs in Utah..... further than COVID19 already has.

Kind regards,

Eleanor

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1 message

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Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 4:35 PM

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PLEASE Reject RMP's plan!

Here are just a few reasons to consider

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