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Utah Solar Energy Export Credit Rates

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Hello,

I am writing today in opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) proposal to decrease the solar energy export credit rate to just \$0.01, a fraction of what they charge customers for the same energy.

In fact, rather than decreasing this credit, it should be increased to match the true value of the energy rooftop solar owners are providing to RMP, which is \$0.22 per kWh of energy. RMP is already taking advantage of Utah residents and businesses with the current credit of \$0.09 per kWh, and we should not be at the mercy of this energy monopoly.

You can read more about a study of the real value of solar energy produced by Utahns here: https://votesolar.org/ files/2315/8328/4448/17-035-61 Phase 2 Affirmative Testimony of Briana Kobor 3-3-20 Kobor.pdf

Solar power provides valuable grid resilience and peak energy, as well as everyday electricity, and the Utah families and businesses producing that energy should be compensated fairly and fully.

During your deliberations later this fall, please reinstate the previous popular net metering program. Net metering provides a fair credit for the excess energy solar owners send back to the grid, allowing those customers to use the credit when their system is not producing (e.g. at night).

If RMP gets their way, not only will it hurt Utah residents and businesses, but it will stifle innovation and severely damage our growing solar economy due to significantly longer return on investment times for those who purchase rooftop solar.

Alternatively, increase the solar energy credits to \$0.22 per kWh to reflect the true value of energy provided to RMP. This will greatly benefit individuals and businesses, and help Utah modernize its energy grid by reducing our dependence on polluting fossil fuels, resulting in cleaner air for all of us.

Best, Bryan Kapustka Home Solar Owner Draper, UT