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Concerns Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

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Christopher Strong <christopher.strong84@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 8, 2020 at 12:27 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's removal of the Net Metering program for residential solar.

While this would benefit RMP, this can only hurt Utah families who are trying to do the right thing by installing solar power for their homes. Incentivizing small scale solar systems allows Utah families to make positive contributions to the Utah economy and environment in many ways:

- Small scale solar systems reduce the overall demand on the taxed electrical grid (especially in summer months).
- System installations add hundreds of long-term jobs to the Utah economy. Promotion of this industry makes Utah's economy resilient to changing technology and infrastructure
- System generation allows Utahns to use battery backups which protect their families and property during electrical blackouts, especially during severe heat in summer months
- Systems reduce the dependency on coal and other fossil fuels, helping keep Utah water and air clean

Please help keep Utah a leader and a positive example for other states in our region. Reject Rocky Mountain Power's plan to remove the Net Metering program. These incentives are good for Utah families.

Sincerely,
Christopher Strong



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Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 12:44 PM

I have communicated with you over the last few years.

I am sending this to let you know that it would be morally and ethically wrong to change net metering to what RMP is asking for at your next meeting. The costs associated with RMP creating infrastructure have long been written off and, therefore, you and I have already paid for it over the years.

Also, RMP was considered long ago to be monopoly because there was only room for one power company. Now there really is room for more companies because of the word everyone hates "change" and there is no need or reason for them to be a monopoly anymore. They should compete like everyone else. That is the American way and the definition of free enterprise. Monopolies are only authorized if competition will not work in that industry. Why should Warren be able to make money without competition? Solar and Wind create many more jobs in Utah than RMP and the coal industry combined, so it is time to move on and let the chips fall where they may. LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD!

Lastly if you do what RMP is asking you to do, we will just move heavily into Energy Storage, such as batteries and generators for backup. The cost of batteries is way down and the technology is rapidly changing. If we all went to battery and generator storage/backup then you and RMP will really lose because anyone on solar won't need either of you at all.

Vote for 1 for 1 NEM like before. Do not let the tail wag the Dog!

(Actually, I would not be surprised that in the near future you and RMP could be sued for falsely categorizing them as a monopoly.) They should not control the infrastructure any more.

I don't think RMP is a B Corp nor do they subscribe to the Triple Bottom Line.

Thank You

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