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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 5:45 AM

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 3:21 PM

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 3:36 PM

Dear Commissioners,

As a Utah resident, I am writing to ask you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate (Docket No. 17-035-61).

We do not (yet) have solar. But we are planning on installing it in the future. Rocky Mountain Power's proposal would make that prohibitive.

Reject it for our kids and grandkids and the future.

Regards,
Harold Carr, Ph. D.

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 4:35 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Utah resident, a customer of Rocky Mountain Power, and I have rooftop solar on my home. I urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate change. (Docket No. 17-035-61)

I made the investment several years ago to have rooftop solar installed for several reasons. I am very concerned with Utah's consistently poor air quality which affects my health, (I have asthma), and my family. I am also deeply concerned about climate change, and I want to do my part to reduce our collective consumption of climate-warming fossil fuels (which is still the source of most of RMP's electricity). I also like the independence of being a power customer who can also generate my own electricity during certain periods of the day and throughout the year. My investment in solar PV helps the overall grid to be more flexible, resilient, and reliable during peak consumption periods, and it helps RMP reduce its long-term maintenance costs. I also wanted to make a free market-conscious decision to contribute to the clean energy economy that I know provides jobs in my community. It was also my hope that my investment would help bring down the overall costs of solar PV, allowing more people to afford it. My household has a combined income that is just about average for Salt Lake County. At the time, in 2015, the relative net metering reimbursement rate for having solar in Utah was also favorable, which ultimately, I think helped our household make the financial commitment.

In other words, while I have had many thought-out reasons to invest in solar, it was the financial affordability and economic incentives available at the time that allowed my family to make the decision.

The utility's proposal to significantly reduce the export credit rate would bring many negative and long-term repercussions to our overall health and economy, and it would prevent other households, similar to my own, from being able to invest in solar. It is unfortunate that Rocky Mountain Power continues to devalue the true economic and environmental benefits of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change. Households and businesses that make the long-term investment in solar should be given an adequate and reliable return on that investment. The proposed changes would drastically inhibit individuals and businesses from investing in solar energy, even as our society must urgently and rapidly transition towards renewable energy sources.

Thank you for including my comments in these proceedings,

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