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## Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 5:51 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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This utility's proposed export credit rate reduction from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh is nothing more than an attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to misrepresent the value of rooftop solar in order to stifle competition and monopolize renewable power generation. The evidence provided throughout this solar export proceeding has both demonstrated the value of customer-generated exports and shown that Rocky Mountain Power has failed to adequately assess the value of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change.

A better solution than the proposed rate, which, if approved, would be among the most punitive in the nation, is to return to net-metering. Net-metering has been widely demonstrated as generating a positive value for solar and non-solar customers (Brookings Institute 2016), making it a best-case scenario for all - including the utility, which will benefit from avoided infrastructure and other costs.

The Vote Solar Load Research Study demonstrates the value of customer-generated exports at 10.57¢/kWh from utility-based benefits alone. This valuation does not include the avoided environmental and social costs associated with Rocky Mountain Power's coal-heavy generation portfolio. Even without those benefits, the study has demonstrated that distributed solar benefits outweigh the costs.

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 7:16 PM

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