

# Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

**Kris Johnson** <kris7777@gmail.com> Reply-To: Kris Johnson <kris7777@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely, Kris Johnson 2558 Scenic Dr Salt Lake City, UT 84109 Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 5:07 PM



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Sincerely, Robert Webb 2575 Larkspur Drive Park City, UT 84060 Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 5:48 PM



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The export credit rate is a tool that should be used to incentivize solar power generation on every rooftop of every building in Utah. This is a much better way to generate power than by having solar farms that degrade pristine habitats elsewere.

With the vast wildfires this summer and the repeatedly record breaking heat and lack of rainfall, it's clear that we are way past time to encourage alternative sources of power. Please reject this reduction in the credit rate, or consider increasing it to encourage more rooftop solar power generation.

Thank you for your time to consider my comments.

Sincerely, Rachel White

Sincerely, Rachel White 897 SOUTH 800 WEST WOODS CROSS, UT 84087

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Sincerely, Shelly Edmonds 737 East Altara Hills Drive Sandy, UT 84094

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Sincerely, Wayne Peay 8804 S Tracy Drive Sandy, UT 84093 Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 4:55 PM



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Sincerely, Alan Ernstsen 867 Yale Avenue South Salt Lake City, UT 84105



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Sincerely, Mary Eddy 776 Emerson Ave SLC, UT 84105 Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 6:40 PM



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Leslie Miller <lesliepw@xmission.com> Reply-To: Leslie Miller <lesliepw@xmission.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely, Leslie Miller 165 East 100 North midway, UT 84049 Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 8:44 PM



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Sincerely, Michael St.Clair 4614 S LEDGEMONT DR Salt Lake City, UT 84124 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 6:42 AM



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Raoul Nelson (raouldnelson@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 7:18 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

It is extremely important for our environment locally and worldwide to continue support for the solar industry. Rocky Mountain Power clearly is a heavy handed industry that would like to continue their regressive approach to electricity generation and distribution. They need to move into the for front by supporting decentralized solar power. They also need to upgrade the grid to better support local electricity generation. There is so much untapped potential. I urge the Utah Public Service Commission to think about the future when making decisions. Just look around the country to see the consequences of inaction.

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Sincerely, Harold Young 1436 Marilyn dr. Ogden, UT 84403 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 7:51 AM



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CHRISTOPHER PITCHER <cbpitcher@gmail.com> Reply-To: CHRISTOPHER PITCHER <cbpitcher@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 8:14 AM



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Jason Utgaard <jbutgaard@gmail.com> Reply-To: Jason Utgaard <jbutgaard@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely, Jason Utgaard 873 PrincetonAve Salt Lake City, UT 84105 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 8:21 AM



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Janet Scott <keepscore@gmail.com> Reply-To: Janet Scott <keepscore@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely, Janet Scott 1026 Woodside Avenue Park City, UT 84060 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM



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Sincerely, David Saltsman 142 East Edith Ave Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 9:18 AM



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Sincerely, Marlynne Pike 4668 So. Ledgemont Dr. Salt Lake City, UT 84124 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 9:04 AM



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Graig Griffin (graigdgriffin@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 9:43 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I support a fair and equitable option for homeowners to use rooftop Solar. Rocky Mountain Power should pay export credit in a formula equivalent to other markets where this has been successful, and should not make it so that those citizens who wish to work towards a better environment are blocked from doing so. It will help RMP work towards better, healthier decisions for all and higher efficiency within their system. If they are structured so that homeowners can damage their business model, they are an unhealthy monopoly.

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Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM

# Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Christine Barker <christineb48@msn.com> Reply-To: Christine Barker <christineb48@msn.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely, kathleen boynton 3020 thackeray place salt lake city, UT 84108 Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 1:59 PM



# Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

**David Domin** <bzncptndj52@allwest.net> Reply-To: David Domin <bzncptndj52@allwest.net> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 3:50 PM

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Sincerely, David Domin 791 Sage Lane Kamas, UT 84036