

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

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Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 6:01

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We must save our planet from climate change !!!! Using solar is a large step in that direction. The higher rates for net metering is a must to help reach goals. Electric companies have been getting lots of law changes increasing their profits, rocky mountain power is no exception. Rates should even be higher to promote this area!!!

As a resident of Utah, I am urging you to reject Rocky Mountain Power?s proposal to reduce the export credit rate of rooftop solar by up to 85%. The change in value for residential customers from 9.2?/kWh to 1.5?/kWh is not supported by sound science, as demonstrated by the vastly different valuations between the Rocky Mountain Power and Vote Solar studies. The rate change would result in drastic job losses for an entire industry, compounding the hardship of the current economic crisis in this state. Additionally, by allowing this change, the Public Service Commission would be condoning Rocky Mountain Power?s monopolization of sun power, and cutting off Utahns' right to energy choice.

Our energy grid is rapidly evolving. The future of the grid must include a diversity of resources, including distributed generation which supports greater community resiliency. If the Public Service Commission allows Rocky Mountain Power to undervalue the contributions of rooftop solar, then it is essentially stifling millions of dollars of potential crowd-funded investment in our grid infrastructure. A decision to approve a 1.5?/kWh rate is a decision to support corporate welfare over the future stability and sustainability of our energy grid.

I implore you to serve the best interest of the people of Utah over the shareholders of Rocky Mountain Power. Reinstate net-metering and afford the people of Utah our right to choose the clean, distributed energy choice we deserve.

Sincerely,

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Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 9:41 PM

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Sincerely, Suzanne Kanatsiz 2147 Pierce Ave. Ogden, UT 84401



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Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 7:55 AM

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Sincerely, Maggie Topalian 3860 Brinker Ave Ogden, UT 84403



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Sincerely, Celeste Kelty 10137 s. Majestic Canyon rd Sandy, UT 84092



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Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 3:34 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Hello,

I am a Utah resident, and while I do not have solar panels on my home, I support and encourage my fellow citizens who have them, or who plan to install them in the future. I also have purchased a block of my power from RMP's solar program. Therefore, I am writing to ask you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate (Docket No. 17-035-61).

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RMP profits from being given status as a legal monopoly so it flies in the face of this privilege when they fight to deny citizens the right to choose to be independent in their energy choices. This is not a free market driven approach that Utah so proudly extols. It could result in the loss of an industry that employs many more Utahns than provided by the fossil fuel industry.

We should stop subsidizing fossil fuel extraction and shipping and incentivize locally "grown" renewable energy generation more; no matter the source. We are seeing the apocalyptic effects of our carbon based addiction in fires, heat waves and flooding due to storms.

I want to deny RMP's proposal to drastically reduce the export rate. Give homeowners the economic incentive to invest in solar panels.

Thank you, Paul Zuckerman Salt Lake City

Sincerely, Paul Zuckerman 1105 1ST AVENUE SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84103



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Sincerely, Maxine Haggerty 2630 Lincoln Lane Salt Lake City, UT 84124



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Sun, Sep 13, 2020 at 7:20 AM

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Sincerely, Sienna Scheid 867 Browning Ave Salt Lake City, UT 84105



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Emma Woolf <emmigator@hotmail.com> Reply-To: Emma Woolf <emmigator@hotmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Sun, Sep 13, 2020 at 1:31 PM

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Sincerely, Emma Woolf 1325 S 200 E APT 1 Salt Lake City, UT 84115



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Sincerely, Julie Parsons 415 east 200 south Wellsville, UT 84339



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Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 8:26 AM

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Sincerely, **EVE TALLMAN** 261 E 200 S MOAB, UT 84532



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Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 9:55 AM

To whom it may concern;

My name is Ari Barusch and I am an attorney focusing on energy law, and land and resource use. I ask that the Utah Public Service commission reject Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) Export Credits plan and implement Vote Solar's proposal to increase the Export Credit to 22.22 cents per kilowatt hour. The views I express here are made in my personal capacity and do not reflect the views of my employer. I have three major concerns.

First, the administrative code requires certain components to a rate setting application and RMP has not satisfied the requirements for a properly filed rate setting petition. Among these components are the actual, unadjusted results of operations, including all regulated costs and revenue as well as the operating costs of a proposed plan and capital expenses. (R746-20). In RMP's exhibits and testimony it has failed to identify the operating costs or capital expense of providing power to an expanding population in the Salt Lake Valley, with additional distribution lines and increased operation at generation facilities.

Further, in the publicly available filings, RMP failed to address the increase in distribution cost as the State of Utah grows, and additional consumers are no longer incentivized to produce localized, consumer generated energy. Finally, RMP did not address not only the increased cost of sourcing and distributing fuels like coal and natural gas, it also failed to include the cost of certain externalities, including the increased cost of coal over time as a result of the difficulty of extraction. RMP did not include a discussion of the consequences of using fossil fuels and the emission of greenhouse gases. Even the ninth district court has found that, when exploring a project under federal legislation, the consequences of these emissions must be considered in the required analysis. See Center for Biological Diversity v. Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Admin., 538 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2008).

Second, RMP's proposal runs afoul of Utah law. Utah Code requires the Public Service Commission to engage in long-range planning to conserve utility resources. Ut. Code Ann. 54-1-10. The expert testimony presented in this matter makes clear that the chilling effect on residential solar installations would result in a direct trade off with other, finite, generation sources, including coal and natural gas. Not only is this a failure to conserve resources, it necessitates additional extraction of coal and gas. Either this results in additional, unreported costs for extraction and interstate transportation, or would require additional consumption of Utah's public lands.

Additionally, Utah law requires rules and regulations made by a utility to be "just and reasonable." The Utah Supreme Court has measured the reasonableness of these charges by looking at comparable utility charges in the area. See Banberry Development Corp. v. South Jordan City, 631 P.2d 899 (Ut. 1981). The testimony of Kate Bowman on behalf of Utah Clean Energy demonstrates that the revised Extraction Credit substantially undervalues consumer generated solar energy compared to other nearby utilities and is neither just nor reasonable.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Ari Barusch, JD Resident of Sugarhouse, Salt Lake City, Utah abarusch@gmail.com

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

1 message

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Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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Sincerely, Paula Monaco 12190 S 2240 W Riverton, UT 84065



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Sincerely, Ralph Ferrara 261 E 200 S Moab, UT 84532



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

1 message

Laura McCullough (Saura23@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 11:19

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I live in Salt Lake as well and we need clean solutions. Their wind power is not enough on it's own. They should not go the way of the dinosaur!

As a resident of Utah, I am urging you to reject Rocky Mountain Power?s proposal to reduce the export credit rate of rooftop solar by up to 85%. The change in value for residential customers from 9.2?/kWh to 1.5?/kWh is not supported by sound science, as demonstrated by the vastly different valuations between the Rocky Mountain Power and Vote Solar studies. The rate change would result in drastic job losses for an entire industry, compounding the hardship of the current economic crisis in this state. Additionally, by allowing this change, the Public Service Commission would be condoning Rocky Mountain Power?s monopolization of sun power, and cutting off Utahns' right to energy choice.

Our energy grid is rapidly evolving. The future of the grid must include a diversity of resources, including distributed generation which supports greater community resiliency. If the Public Service Commission allows Rocky Mountain Power to undervalue the contributions of rooftop solar, then it is essentially stifling millions of dollars of potential crowd-funded investment in our grid infrastructure. A decision to approve a 1.5?/kWh rate is a decision to support corporate welfare over the future stability and sustainability of our energy grid.

I implore you to serve the best interest of the people of Utah over the shareholders of Rocky Mountain Power. Reinstate net-metering and afford the people of Utah our right to choose the clean, distributed energy choice we deserve.

Sincerely,

Laura McCullough 73 F St Salt Lake City, UT 84103 Saura23@yahoo.com (801) 550-3469

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Sincerely, Laura Davidson 2787 S Beverly Street salt lake city, UT 84106



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1 message

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Sincerely, Giovanni Stensaas 321s 1200e SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102



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1 message

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Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 11:42 AM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely, Sonja Peterson 902 W. Melody Ct. South Jordan, UT 84095



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1 message

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Dear Commissioners,

As a Utah resident who cares deeply about the impact climate change is having on our beautiful state and beautiful people, I am writing to ask you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate (Docket No. 17-035-61).

As a homeowner who is doing all that she can do reduce my footprint, minimize my impact, and restore the land, solar is vital to my home's future. But not at gutting rates.

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Sincerely, Jess Vice 65 W Crystal Ave Salt Lake City, UT 84115



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1 message

Kate Wheeler <kathleensusanwheeler@gmail.com> Reply-To: Kate Wheeler <kathleensusanwheeler@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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Sincerely, Kate Wheeler 565 N Dexter St Salt Lake City, UT 84116



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1 message

Kylie Bytendorp <kylie.brea@gmail.com> Reply-To: Kylie Bytendorp <kylie.brea@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 12:02 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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Reducing the credit rate from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh is a scam and a monopoly on the industry by Rocky Mountain power. In Utah we value being self reliant and we value Mother Nature and the outdoors. Changing this credit throws out the things that make us proud to be Utahns.

There is evidence for the benefit of rooftop solar. 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 take into account the value of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change. More likely they are ignoring the benefits to increase their own monopoly.

A better solution than the proposed rate, (which is a punitive rate rather than an incentive) is an increased solar export credit rate.

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Sincerely, Kylie Bytendorp 1723 East 1700 South Salt Lake City, UT 84108



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1 message

Robin Hoover <robindhoover@gmail.com> Reply-To: Robin Hoover <robindhoover@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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Sincerely, Azalea Thompson 4320 South 700 East Millcreek, UT 84107



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1 message

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Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 12:50 PM

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Sincerely, Kiki Hudson 1754 26th St. ogden, UT 84401



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1 message

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1 message

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1 message

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Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 2:22 PM

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1 message

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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).

I purchased a home 4 years ago and the first thing I did was install rooftop solar to minimize my impact on power created with fossil fuels. If the value of solar created by residents are reduced as proposed, this industry will fail and thousands will not only lose jobs, but thousands will be deterred from making this investment. This seems to be your goal which is short sighted and will further damage the air quality in the valley which is already at dangerous levels. Let the people support the solar initiative, often providing you with free power!

This utility's proposed export credit rate reduction from  $9.4\phi/kWh$  to  $\sim 1.5\phi/kWh$  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 customergenerated 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 an increased solar export credit rate. The Vote Solar Load Research Study demonstrates the value of customer-generated exports at 22¢ per kilowatt-hour. This value includes 10.57¢/kWh from utility-based benefits alone. Environmental and social benefits add an additional 12/03¢ of benefits.

While it is important to recognize that rooftop solar customers are still very much on the grid, utilizing utility infrastructure, one cannot fairly calculate the cost of this over the many benefits to the grid, customers, and community provided by rooftop solar.

Rooftop solar creates many system-wide benefits enjoyed by all Rocky Mountain Power service area customers and the utility itself. Distributed energy generation from rooftop solar contributes to grid flexibility and resilience and avoids costly transmission upgrades. Additionally, rooftop solar helps create consumer choice and keeps customer dollars local. Reducing the export credit by 84% would also jeopardize thousands of local jobs and create additional cost risks for customers through fuel price volatility and major infrastructure development.

Rooftop solar helps to ensure safe, reliable, adequate, and reasonably priced utility service, the guidance by which the Commission is to assess rate proposals. Evidence brought forth throughout this proceeding and by dozens of cases throughout the country confirm that a reduced solar export credit is the inappropriate regulatory response to rooftop solar and will serve to disincentivize the integration of renewable energy into Utah's energy portfolio. Please consider increasing the export credit rate to reflect the real benefits created by rooftop solar

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