

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

1 message

Lisa Jones ljoneslm@gmail.com> Reply-To: Lisa Jones <ljoneslm@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Fri, Sep 18, 2020 at 6:33 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely, Lisa Jones 1906 Shadow oak lane Sandy, UT 84092



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1 message

#### Nathan Morris (unimog50@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Sep 18, 2020 at 9:58 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

One on the main reasons why solar made sense to us Was net metering. Please don?t take that reason away from other prospective customers.

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Sincerely,

Nathan Morris 611 W 3700 S Riverdale, UT 84405 unimog50@gmail.com (801) 645-4248



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To: psc@utah.gov

# Evan Johnson (thaddeusmt@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Fri, Sep 18, 2020 at 10:56 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I realize that "utility scale" solar generation can be cheaper than "roof top" solar, as an economy of scale, but I think there are benefits to consumer rooftop solar beyond cost, and it benefits everyone if grid-tied solar is compensated at a rate that encourages more installs, not less. A distributed grid is more resilient, and using existing rooftops reduces environmental impacts of large utility installs on open land. And I'm not sure how it's NOT a good deal for utilities, with the consumer footing the initial bill for the installation and maintenance.

I don't know all of the details, but there seems to be a large disconnect between RMP's solar cost/benefit analysis and the one from Vote Solar one. The truth probably lies somewhere between.

I read about how utilities are concerned that over-compensating consumers for excess generation could cause a "death spiral" where as more consumers generate their own power at the inflated cost resulting from too much rooftop solar, more consumers will get solar, driving up the cost more, and so on. There should be some middle ground where the utility doesn't get over-charged for rooftop generation, but where the consumer doesn't get under-charged either.

At the end of the day, we want the same thing: more energy captured from the sun instead of released by burning carbon. I don't know best the way to get there, but I would like to help by putting solar panels on my roof. It's wasted space otherwise!

Sincerely,

Evan Johnson 2834 S 2520 E Salt Lake City, UT 84109 thaddeusmt@gmail.com (406) 570-2586



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To: psc@utah.gov

Angela Richardson (ctgangie@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message <a href="mail@knowwho.com">automail@knowwho.com</a>

Sat, Sep 19, 2020 at 8:16 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am a Rocky Mountain customer and net metering needs to be retained so that we continue to expand the use of solar. Climate change is real and burning fossil fuels is not an option for future generations. Keep affordable solar and net metering as a Rocky Mountain requirement.

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.

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Angela Richardson 1892 E CLAYBOURNE AVE Salt Lake City, UT 84106 ctgangie@comcast.net (801) 486-3902



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To: psc@utah.gov

# Craig Wallentine (mountainstate10@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Sat, Sep 19, 2020 at 4:17 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

My family house in Salt Lake City receives a huge amount of solar radiation every year.

Our roof is aging and due for replacement. The technology for solar power has greatly improved in recent years. The only thing that would stop me from going ahead with a solar power project to help keep Salt Lake City air cleaner and reduce dependence on foreign energy is to take away the net metering credit for Utah residents. It is important to have this credit so we can afford to make the investment which will eventually pay off for everyone.

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Craig Wallentine 2731 Gallivan Loop Park City, UT 84060 mountainstate10@gmail.com (435) 604-0354



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Jordan Reichman <jsreich@gmail.com> Reply-To: Jordan Reichman <jsreich@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Sat, Sep 19, 2020 at 4:38 PM

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Sincerely, Jordan Reichman 1063 Lincoln St Salt Lake City, UT 84105



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Sincerely, Paul Johnson 977 E Yale Ave Salt Lake City, UT 84105



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Joan Degiorgio <jdegiorgio360@gmail.com> Reply-To: Joan Degiorgio <jdegiorgio360@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Sat, Sep 19, 2020 at 6:10 PM

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Sincerely, Joan Degiorgio 618 West Capitol Street Salt Lake City, UT 84103



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**Elda Varela** <elda.elda.elda@gmail.com> Reply-To: Elda Varela <elda.elda.elda@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 8:52 AM

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).

By rejecting this proposal and instead fairly and accurately pricing the value of rooftop solar, we give UT residents the option for cleaner energy options that are accessible to more individuals and contribute to better air quality for all, which benefits the state economy and population.

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Sincerely, Elda Varela 291 N VIRGINIA ST SALT LAKE CTY, UT 84103



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To: psc@utah.gov

Andrew Thomas (avthomas11@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 9:17 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We need to be making local policy that lessens our impact on climate change. This matters for my future and my children?s children?s future! It?s also critical for the future of the economy. Let?s avoid unnecessary costs by pushing our energy economy in the right direction today!

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Andrew Thomas 3449 W Harvest Cove Lehi, UT 84043 avthomas11@gmail.com (385) 414-2363



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Fabiana Ostronoff <fao9003@gmail.com> Reply-To: Fabiana Ostronoff <fao9003@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov> Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 11:19 AM

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Sincerely, Fabiana Ostronoff 1063 Lincoln St Salt Lake City, UT 84105



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To: psc@utah.gov

# Patrick Wynn (wynn.p@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 12:40 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a Utah resident, clean energy is important to me and our air quality. I have solar panels on my house today. And I don?t understand why we don?t do more to encourage others - existing home owners and new construction, residential and commercial, to add solar panels

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Patrick Wynn 2035 E Tall Woods Ct Draper, UT 84020 wynn.p@hotmail.com (206) 227-6023



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#### Linda Clark (tutu1841@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 3:02 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I have wondered for decades why utah with so much sunshine has not used it for winter warmth and summer cool. the Pueblans who lived in the cliff dwellings knew how to do this (passive solar)R now that we have a chance to use rooftop solar, why would we allow Rocky Mountain power and other coal fired power companies to tie our hands? deny these polluters who are attempting to steal our sun power and monopolize our energy.

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#### solar export credit reduction

1 message

ANDY <mrandywhite@msn.com>

Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 9:53 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Solar export credit reduction???? No thank you. We need to be increasing incentives to take advantage of earth's ultimate energy source. Cleaner air, a long range economical energy source for "all", not just the rich, a utility that requires minimal transport of everything used "on site." And then there are the jobs in a growing clean energy industry, many of them that can be marketed to those formerly (or soon to be) employed by the waning coal and petroleum businesses.

RMP deserves to maintain a viable business model, but they need to look to the future and make sure their plans take into account the best model for future viability. . . and the best model for their customer base.

With batteries in the future they need to realize they may lose it all if they don't take care of their customers.

Thank you,

Andy White

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#### Ann Floor (floor@xmission.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 1:13 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This change would dis-incentivize responsible behavior. In this critical time for our earth we need to support right action, not make it harder to do the right thing.

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Sincerely,

Ann Floor 470 G street Salt lake, UT 84103 floor@xmission.com (801) 355-4441



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

1 message

#### Christine Barker (christineb48@msn.com) Sent You a Personal Message

<automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 5:12 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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Sincerely,

Christine Barker 2600 East 9800 South Sandy, UT 84092 christineb48@msn.com (801) 942-5308



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

1 message

#### Amanda Kay (asharette.527@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

<automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 7:17 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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Sincerely,

Amanda Kay 5801 Ballerina way Herriman, UT 84096 asharette.527@gmail.com (480) 665-6725



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

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

Melissa Burrow (mmellen24@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:14 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I have seen Rocky Mountain close money over people and money over environment time and time again. This monopoly must be told enough is enough! Please, serve the people you represent.

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.

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### Request to provide public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

**Paul Johnson** <johnson2089@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 1:08 PM

My name is Paul Johnson, and I live in Salt Lake City and am a physician at the Intermountain Medical Center. I wanted to comment on the proposed changes to net metering for solar energy on Docket No. 17-035-61. My family just finished installing solar panels on our home in Salt Lake City. We did this because we think that it is critically important for our community to promote and encourage the use of renewable energy. This is especially necessary in Utah and the Salt Lake area. As a physician I am aware of the health impacts of our poor air quality, from asthma to increased risk of stroke, heart disease and dementia. Lowering the value of solar energy would severely hamper the transition to renewable energy. As a community and state we must do everything possible to promote clean, renewable power - and cutting the net metering rates would have the opposite effect. I strongly urge you to move in the opposite direction: encouraging and promoting the uptake of clean energy in Utah. Please do not reduce the rates for net metering.

Regards,

Paul Johnson MD 977 E Yale Ave, SLC UT 84105



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

1 message

# Janet K Cook (jjdmcook@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:19 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We have solar panels and don?t want to lose our rebate. The government should be encouraging clean power, not taking away incentives to improve our world. Please do not support RMP?s bid for more profits.

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.

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Sincerely,

Janet K Cook 5041 S. Galileo Lane Taylorsville, UT 84129 jjdmcook@gmail.com (385) 775-1087



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

1 message

#### Jeanne Hayes (hayes2633@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message

<automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:23 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Hayes 2633 S Wellington St Slc, UT 84106 hayes2633@comcast.net (801) 557-7261



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

1 message

#### Kathy Paulin (zenhiker@icloud.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:26 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This matters to me for several reasons:

\* I installed solar panels on my home just last year, as did several of my friends and neighbors. Changing the credit now penalizes us for our good faith investment in the future of energy production.

\* I live in an area with chronically poor air quality. Investing in renewable energy is an investment in human health. \* solar energy is a growth field providing jobs, including in small rural communities like mine. I worked through a local business, Genesis Solar, that will be adversely affected by a rate change and I fear may even go out of business. Don?t squash innovators, support them!

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Sincerely,

Kathy Paulin 2828 W 1500 N Vernal, UT 84078 zenhiker@icloud.com (435) 789-4506



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

1 message

Georgene Bond (gandrbond@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:41 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

With our current problems of climate change I strongly believe we need to greatly reduce our dependency on coal and petroleum products to protect ourselves and our planet. We need to provide STRONG incentives to help people move away from endangering products.

Please do not vote in favor of reducing these incentives.

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.

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Sincerely,

Georgene Bond 2441 Evening Star Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84124 gandrbond@gmail.com (801) 272-0104



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

# Dan Cannon (utaztec@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:03 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I would remind the Commission that it's called "The PUBLIC Service Commission", not "The Rocky Mountain Power Commission". You are to actions that benefit the public. It should be entirely clear that we all have a responsibility to the future and if the Commission eliminates an incentive for consumers to add solar to their energy mix, you are doing a disservice to all of us. Do the right thing and side, entirely, with the public interest.

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.

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Sincerely,

Dan Cannon 2047 E LAIRD DR SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108 utaztec@yahoo.com (801) 582-1711



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

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

Mark Christensen (mark@mlchristenendds.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:15 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Utah is a good location for solar energy collection. We have been thinking of installing solar panels on our home. At this point, it is about a break-even proposition for us. Reducing the value and increasing the cost of such systems for residential customers like us would kill the project and the industry. This may be profitable and increase control for Rocky Mountain Power, but it would be a mistake.

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Sincerely,

Mark Christensen 5540 Kenwood Dr Salt Lake City, UT 84107 mark@mlchristenendds.com (801) 979-1974



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

1 message

#### Hal Robins (hbr3587@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

<automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:25 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Climate change, climate change, climate change!!!! Utah Solar is just one more small but important way of globally helping us to buy time for dealing with the increasing effects of climate change. We need the support and leadership of Rocky Mountain Power in dealing with the global threat of Climate Change, not a profit driven resistance.

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Sincerely,

Hal Robins 2235 E STILLMAN LANE SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84109 hbr3587@hotmail.com (801) 487-3885



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

# Erik Jensen (eriksr71@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:57 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I have lived all over the country, but settled in Utah a few years ago and have fallen in love with this state largely because of the culture of independence and community. The tight knit nature of the towns here seems directly tied to a refusal to allow ourselves to be controlled by big government, or big corporations. This action by RMP is nothing more than an attempt to create a monopoly, and leave us with no options or ability to take decisions into our own hands.

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.

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Sincerely,

Erik Jensen 121 Arbor Dr Moab, UT 84532 eriksr71@gmail.com (818) 645-5719



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

1 message

#### creig paskins <cpaskins@gmail.com> Reply-To: creig paskins <cpaskins@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:57 AM

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).

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 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  $22^{\circ}$  per kilowatt-hour. This value includes  $10.57^{\circ}/kWh$  from utility-based benefits alone. Environmental and social benefits add an additional  $12/03^{\circ}$  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. A punitive export credit rate would take all of these benefits away and would further exclude low-income communities from consumer choice. Rapid implementation of the utility's proposed export credit rate would create a shock for rooftop solar customers and the solar industry. 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.

Sincerely, creig paskins 1436 Marilyn Dr Ogden, UT 84403



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

# Sarah Wither (sally.wither@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <a href="mailto:sautomail@knowwho.com">sautomail@knowwho.com</a>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 10:04 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

In this time of unprecedented wildfires and local air pollution we, as citizens, and you as citizens and representatives responsible for ensuring good, continuous, clean energy sources need to maintain the current rate for solar energy from private homes.

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.

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Sarah Wither 892 West 500 North Vernal , UT 84078 sally.wither@gmail.com (435) 781-0584



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

# Jeff Goates (jegot101@msn.com) Sent You a Personal Message <a href="mailto:sautomail@knowwho.com">automail@knowwho.com</a>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 10:18 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

By reducing the amount of money folks get for selling solar power back to the grid, solar panels become extremely difficult to pay off and especially inaccessible to low-income communities. This pricing scheme is unfair and clearly meant to hurt Utah's growing solar industry, which employs thousands of people.

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Jeff Goates 1375 Maple Ln Provo, UT 84604 jegot101@msn.com (720) 260-0850



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

To: psc@utah.gov

# Robert Webb (robwebb@mac.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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I implore you to serve the best interest of the people of Utah over the shareholders of Rocky Mountain Power. I personally see this as nothing more than 'Power Company CEO mischief' and represents phenomenally shocking greed. Reinstate net-metering and afford the people of Utah our right to choose the clean, distributed energy choice we deserve.

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Sincerely,

Robert Webb 2575 Larkspur Drive Park City, UT 84060 robwebb@mac.com (435) 631-0520



# Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

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To: psc@utah.gov

# Christine Green (christinegreen522@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 10:47 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I want solar power for my 7,000 sq ft house I just bought but, I won't do it unless our power company, Rocky Mountain Power, sets a reasonable and comparative kilowatt price to other states but also recognizing that reducing carbon emissions and less burden on the grid also has a monetary value. Plus, my husband is more interested in receiving the payback quicker. Otherwise there's no point in doing solar for us.

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

1 message

#### **Tom Fuller** <tfuller6@gmail.com> Reply-To: Tom Fuller <tfuller6@gmail.com> To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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).

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 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  $22^{\circ}$  per kilowatt-hour. This value includes  $10.57^{\circ}/kWh$  from utility-based benefits alone. Environmental and social benefits add an additional  $12/03^{\circ}$  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. A punitive export credit rate would take all of these benefits away and would further exclude low-income communities from consumer choice. Rapid implementation of the utility's proposed export credit rate would create a shock for rooftop solar customers and the solar industry. 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.

Sincerely, Tom Fuller 3598 E Supernal Cir Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121



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

1 message

#### Joslin Heyward (joslin.heyward@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Roberta Fletcher (roberta.fletcher@covance.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 4:20 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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We have been purchasing the maximum amount of energy sourced from renewable energy that is allowed in Utah, through Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program. Even though we have been doing this for many years, we wanted to decrease our carbon footprint even more, so last year we purchased rooftop solar panels (2019).

I am retiring soon and my spouse is already retired. We made this difficult decision based on the export-credits available through our net-metering account. We are depending on this energy "assistance" as we shall be on fixed incomes in the near future.

Therefore, I beseech you: Please do NOT approve Rocky Mountain Power?s proposal to reduce or lower the rates of these export-credits. They are so important to so many people and also help to keep the Solar Panel installers around our beautiful state in business.

Thank you for your time. Roberta Fletcher

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