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

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**Kathleen English (kathy.english@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 7:59

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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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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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**Josh Buss (joshrbuss@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 9:00

<automail@knowwho.com>

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar Energy is an important part of combatting climate change and protecting our communities.

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%.

Sincerely,

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**Jeauxsef Madrill (jizzoe24@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 9:15 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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**Paula Dean** <pauladean17@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Paula Dean <pauladean17@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 10:31 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).

It doesn't value the benefit rooftop solar provides to the company itself, our community and the health of our one planet and future generations.

This proposal is totally driven by greed and is short-sighted, please do the right thing for our community and just say NO to Rocky Mt. Power's unreasonable request.

Sincerely,  
Paula Dean  
P.O. BOX 606  
Oakley, UT 84055



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**Brenda Durant (brenda.durant@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:24

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

It is a sad to me that anyone would think it is a good idea to reduce the credit for rooftop solar from 9.2 to 1.5 cents per kWh - or at all for that matter. I should think that the west burning up would be reason enough to refrain from discouraging citizen's use of solar power.

This issue matters to me because I like to breathe and live in a habitable world and wish the same for my grandchildren. We need more renewable power not less. I have donated monthly for decades to RMP's renewable energy program and this is how we are repaid.

For shame!

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,

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**Cary Crowe (ilovetobecici@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 7:15 AM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

My bill with RMP skyrocketed this summer and I have solar panels!

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,

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**Dave Rasmussen** <rasmussen.dave@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Dave Rasmussen <rasmussen.dave@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 8:13 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).

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Sincerely,  
Dave Rasmussen  
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**Carrie Brooks** <Brooks.MRSSC@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Carrie Brooks <Brooks.MRSSC@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:56 AM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,  
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# Net metering

1 message

**Mark Miller** <markm@markmiller.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 10:05 AM

I am writing today to express my concern for Rocky Mountain Power's recent request to change the way customers are reimbursed for power generated by used owned solar systems. Over the past several years we have installed solar systems on our homes and businesses. We are generating a significant amount of power which is reducing the amount of coal RMP burns to generate the power we use.

I am currently driving a plug in hybrid Toyota. If my power was not coming from our solar system the investment I made in this electric car would not have any impact on reducing our current clean air conditions. RMP would just be burning more coal to provide my power.

We need to be encouraging people to build and use more solar rather than allowing RMP to expand their monopoly. I implore you to deny RMP's request to reduce the amount reimbursed for excess power generation.

Mark Miller

Mark Miller  
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**Alex Thomas (alex.t2000@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 10:27

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I want solar in the future because of the benefits of ownership vs renting your power but I am still at a point in my life where I am not able to own a home. I am worried that solar in Utah will not make any economical sense by the time I am a homeowner and will deter a generation of future homeowners from going solar.

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Sincerely,

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**Marjorie McCloy** <margiemccloy@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Marjorie McCloy <margiemccloy@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:09 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). Your current proposal will effectively kill rooftop solar in Utah, at a time when we need every possible alternative energy option to mitigate climate damage.

I am a rooftop solar owner. This form response provides all the information (though in a more strident tone!) that I would offer. Please consider ALL benefits of rooftop solar and encourage, not discourage, this no-brained way to generate energy.

This utility's proposed export credit rate reduction from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh misrepresents the value 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 adequately assess the value of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change.

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Sincerely,  
Marjorie McCloy  
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SLC, UT 84105



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**Sally Weigel (sweigel630@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:31

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To: psc@utah.gov

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Sincerely,

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**Rafe Sykes** <rafe.sykes@hgv.com>  
Reply-To: Rafe Sykes <rafe.sykes@hgv.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:35 AM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,  
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**Sarabeth Clevenger** <fransbclev@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:36 AM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because . . . It will discourage the use and funding of solar power while our air quality continues to suffer from the use of fossil fuels.

Sara Lisbeth Clevenger



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**Graham Brant-Zawadzki** <grahambz@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:37 AM

Reply-To: grahambz@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because solar provides our communities with an abundant, clean, easy to acquire, and thus vastly underutilized source of energy. By decreasing the rate, you hinder incentives to harness this energy, making us more dependent on fossil fuels and foreign powers. Solar represents the spirit of independence Utahns proudly live by. To hinder it is to hinder our progress and independence as a State.

-Dr. Graham Brant-Zawadzki



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**Chris Anderson** <candjanderson@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commission members, I oppose the proposed rate because I care about Utah's environment.

My name is Chris Anderson and I'm a long time resident of Slat Lake County. Every year, our population grows. This has been particularly true Over the last 10-15 years. With that comes more demand for power, more cars on the road and worsening inversions in the winter.

As we look towards sustainable energy that makes less of an impact to our gorgeous mountains, solar is a no brainer. Now that electric vehicles (EV) are becoming more affordable, we are poised to encourage families to marry home solar grids to an EV Making not only a statement that they care about it the environment but also a financially beneficial choice as well.

This proposal to decrease the rate at which homeowners are reimbursed for power put back into Rocky Mountains power grid seems greedy on the part of Rocky Mountain Power. It seems to only punish the homeowner after the good deed of purchasing a home solar system at no small expense. Most homeowners would agree that much of their motive was to benefit the environment and their community. I ask you to actually consider increasing the rate at which they are reimbursed for harvesting this clean energy. They should be rewarded for financially investing in our environments future, not penalized.

Rocky Mountain power has the marker on power where we live. If customers had a true free market and could shop for power suppliers, I wonder if the conversation would be flipped; actually having solar customers being valued and sought after by power companies. I'm concerned that Rocky Mountain Powers monopoly on the electricity in this market gives them too much power.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Chris Anderson  
[Candjanderson@gmail.com](mailto:Candjanderson@gmail.com)



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**Lubdha Shah** <lubdha@me.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom it May,

This action to reduce solar credit is completely environmentally irresponsible!  
It is based solely on the greed of the Rocky Mountain executives. They offer blue energy program and profess concern and "genuine" interest in renewable energy. HOWEVER, with actions such as this, they are proving their hypocrisy!!!!  
Furthermore they are CRIPPLING the economy with the loss of 6000 highly skilled employees.  
EVERY PERSON AND EVERY CORPORATION NEEDS TO DO THEIR PART.  
The relentless disasters of 2020 are PROOF of the need for alternative energy.  
Rocky Mountain power is proving itself to be a selfish, money-grubbing company with no regard for its customers... no regard for the earth , no regard for humanity.  
Shame on you, Rocky Mountain Power!!!!  
SHAME ON YOU.

Lubdha Shah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

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**Linda Malouf** <lindalouisemalouf@me.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:53 AM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because I feel we should be doing everything we can to promote solar and other forms of renewable energy. This proposed reduction will disincentive installation of solar panels and thus, hurt our air quality and the jobs which solar provides. Please don't allow Rocky Mountain Power to do this!

Linda Malouf



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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

1 message

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**Robert Brinton** <bbrinton@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Robert Brinton <bbrinton@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:01 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).

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 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.

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Sincerely,  
Robert Brinton  
[2312 N 725 W](#)  
[Centerville, UT 84014](#)



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1 message

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**Claire Bensard** <clairebensard@icloud.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:14 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate as a current solar residential homeowner. While I understand that my rate would not change, I think back to how I weighed the options to put solar on my roof and the cost to do so. I wanted to have a self sufficient home and reduce my consumption overall, but the initial cost was a hurdle. Without further incentive of actually earning a credit towards the power I put into the system, I'm not sure I would have made the same decision to move ahead with solar install. It would have seemed unfair to me for the company to take power that my home generated without fair compensation.

I appreciate the consideration of my experience as a very satisfied solar homeowner and Rocky Mountain power customer. Thank you.

Claire Bensard  
236 Hampton Ave  
SLC, UT 84111

Sent from my iPhone



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket No 17-035-61 Dorothee Etheridge Kocks and Mark Curtis Etheridge

1 message

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**Dorothee Kocks** <dorotheekocks@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:19 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

We write to urge, beg, plead, demand that you provide a more fair rate for solar power. You propose to decrease the solar export credit in Utah. It should be going the other way. Increase it. Some day, you and your grandchildren will be proud of the stand you took, and the judgement you showed, by supporting renewable energy.

Be well,

Dorothee and Mark

Dorothee Kocks and Mark Etheridge

[955 E. Logan Ave](#)

[Salt Lake City, UT 84105](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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**Carl Thummel** <cthummel@me.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:20 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission members,

I am amazed to hear that your commission is considering a reduction in the credit rate for solar power. This will only remove incentives for customers to use the sun to power their home and the grid. Since we have installed solar panels, our electricity costs have come well under control - in spite of our constant need for air conditioning during the increasingly hot and long summers. Climate change is upon us. The time to act was ten or twenty years ago. We need to take dramatic action today to increase incentives for Utah houses to incorporate solar power into their building plans.

This should be encouraged in any way possible - so that all homes have solar power.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carl Thummel

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Carl Thummel & Suzanne Mansour  
[2352 S. Lakeline Drive](#)  
[Salt Lake City, UT 84109](#)



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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

1 message

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**Rachel Grote (grotere717@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:38

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar power is the way of the future. It's better for our planet and our community. It's ridiculous that UT wouldn't get behind this.

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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,

Rachel Grote  
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**Katherine Riser (k8riser@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

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Sincerely,

Katherine Riser  
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**Shane Roghaar** <shane\_roghaar@hotmail.com>  
Reply-To: Shane Roghaar <shane\_roghaar@hotmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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Sincerely,  
Shane Roghaar  
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[Salt Lake City, UT 84106](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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**Lori McDonald** <lori@turn4turn.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:05 PM

Dear Public Service Commission Members,

Thank you in advance for reading my email. We live in the Pinebrook neighborhood of Park City and would like to add solar panels to our home. We were surprised and disappointed to learn that Rocky Mountain Power is advocating for a drastic decrease in the export credit rate. There is no explanation to justify this other than greed. We need to be moving forward to support alternative energy sources and the established businesses who have been working hard to move in this direction. These green jobs support our community and our economy. Their proposed change would cost thousands of jobs and put small businesses out of business.

Rocky Mountain Power claims that it's difficult to accommodate rooftop solar but the truth is rooftop solar creates grid resilience and flexibility. Why not support consumer choice where energy does not need to originate as coal and travel hundreds of miles to power customers? Utah is a sunny state and it makes sense for more and more homes to generate power, not fewer!

As is becoming more clear every year, climate change and air pollution in Utah, and around the globe, are serious threats. The evidence is everywhere you look. We can not continue to rely on coal if we want to do our part to reduce CO2.

Please, please!! vote for a forward thinking, ethical agreement of at least 20 cents per kilowatt-hour. The future of the rooftop solar industry, air quality and Utah's role in climate change depend on your leadership.

Best regards,

Lori and Steve McDonald  
3244 Big Spruce Way  
Park City, UT 84098



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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

1 message

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**April Zhou** <zhouapr@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: April Zhou <zhouapr@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:11 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).

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Sincerely,  
April Zhou  
9095 S 570 E  
Sandy, UT 84070



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

1 message

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**Matthew Poppe** <drpoppe@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:13 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: info@cesolar.com

I would like to make a public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61 on October 5, 2020.

This has become exhausting and feel that Rocky Mountain Power is trying to wear us down. Every year for the past 3-4 years, Rocky Mountain Power has tried to propose policy/legislation that would drastically hinder the solar industry in Utah.

One only has to evaluate the number of Orange and Red air days in Utah and the urban regions to understand why this issue is so critical. Until RMP has develop a way to produce power without population and emissions into our air, we must do everything possible to support and fund the Solar industry. Only a few percentage of household in Utah currently have solar to help improve our horrible air quality, when we need to try to move 25%-50% of household in this direction.

Solar must either have battery storage or grid storage to accomplish this and even with a 1:1 2-way storage credit, solar is just now becoming viable with a 7-10 year payback and almost too narrow to encourage most developers and homeowners to make the purchase. RMP already negotiated a change from 1:1 to about 3:4 with a current buyback rate of 9.2c/hr (well below what others pay for the same kw-hr). RMP also prohibits combining TOD usage with 2 way metering, which would help close this cap, as the energy we produce is actually worth about 22c/kw-hr, since it's generated during peak usage 11am-8pm during this summer.

The Solar industry has grown over the last decade but seen an effect of new installation with each RMP proposal. I urge you to strongly stop RMPs further destruction of the solar industry to save our air and support a future of green, renewable energy. In addition, please provide something that will stop RMP from continuing this annual attempt to kill solar.

Matthew Poppe  
1555 E Federal Heights Drive  
SLC, UT 84103  
721-710-9859



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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

1 message

**Karina Andreasen (danskerpost@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:14

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Utah NEEDS more solar energy. We have some of the dirtiest and dangerous air in the winter months.

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,

Karina Andreasen  
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Sandy, UT 84092  
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## Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

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**Nicole Weaver (nicoleweaver019@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:26

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I moved here strictly because of the outdoor recreation possibilities. Because of outdoor recreation in the Wasatch, I am also a valued member of the local economy. It's important to me to keep solar power as prevalent as possible in our community because I want to continue to enjoy all seasons in the mountains. In order to lower our footprint and continue to recreate in the Wasatch, we NEED solar power. If Rocky Mountain Power doesn't give proper credit to our solar power creators, people cannot afford to install solar panels. This cannot be that controversial. Please consider saving solar power in our beautiful and amazing community!

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,

Nicole Weaver  
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**Sam Watkinson (samdwatkinson@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:55

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a new Utah home owner I am very concerned when it comes to Rocky Mountain attempting to alter the return individual solar owners can receive from their solar investments. This makes acquiring solar panels much more expensive and creates a much longer period for buyers to break even. With our world transitioning towards renewable sources of energy I believe that we should be providing incentives for residents to go solar and help their community at large generate energy in a more sustainable way, not make it more difficult to do so. Please reject this proposal.

Sam Watkinson

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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## Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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**Laurie Bragg** <laurie.e.bragg@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 1:57 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my concern about the proposed rate change to the solar export credit rate. As a citizen who has invested in clean energy to promote a better future for the coming generations, I am appalled at the idea of creating economic disincentives for others to purchase solar panels.

Can we not support the power companies in investing more themselves in alternative energies? Would that not be best for everyone?

This is no minor decision. This is a blow to the kneecaps for solar in Utah. Can someone explain to me how this is in the public's interest?

Very concerned,  
Laurie Bragg  
Salt Lake City resident



PublicService Commission &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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

1 message

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**Kent Matheny** <mykemath@hotmail.com>  
Reply-To: Kent Matheny <mykemath@hotmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 2:24 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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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.

I urge Commission to keep the export credit rate at 9.5 cents to encourage more citizens to install rooftop solar.

Sincerely,  
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**Berkeley Loper (berkeley.loper@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 2:24

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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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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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**Bryan Hoffman** <bryan@spigotdesign.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 2:44 PM

Public Service Commission members,

I'm writing to voice my concerns about the proposed changes to the rooftop solar credit rates. I don't feel Rocky Mountain Power is taking into consideration the true value of rooftop solar. Its proposed rates would not only stifle, but kill future rooftop solar in Utah.

I had solar installed on my Kimball Junction home in 2014, and am luckily grandfathered in to a net metering program. I'm credited 1 for 1 for every kwh, and any yearly excess is donated.

The major reason I had solar installed was for the environmental reasons. It was (and still is) a small way that I could do my part. The Net Metering program was the second reason. It made so much sense to invest in a long term energy solution when it would pay for itself in a reasonable amount of time.

At 1.5 cents per kwh, a new solar system may not pay for itself in its warranted lifespan let alone a 'reasonable' amount of time...

I'm urging you to consider restoring the net metering program. I'm very lucky to be grandfathered into such a program, and I know it would again spur on more solar adoption going forward. It's the right thing to do for Utah.

Thank you,  
Bryan Hoffman

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**Jeff Webb** <jeff.webb@eccles.utah.edu>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 2:49 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the proposed rate drop.

The proposed rate drop from 9.2 cents to 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour would make rooftop solar more expensive, cost thousands of Utah jobs (the solar industry accounts for 6,000 jobs), and hinder efforts for cleaner air, grid resiliency, and a homeowner's path to self-reliance.

Sincerely

Jeff Webb



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**Rich Gersh** <richgersh@yahoo.com>  
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 3:22 PM

**I oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposal** to lower the solar export credit rate. They should be allowed to pay the market wholesale price for electricity but the 1.5 cent proposal is unfair. We need to encourage the solar industry. It is good for the environment. It is good for jobs. And rooftop solar is a good way to encourage individuals to take responsibility for the power they use, including its cost and environmental impact.

Sincerely,  
Richard Gershen  
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**Sean Slack** <seandslack@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 3:24 PM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because this takes us backwards in our progression towards a clean and healthy Utah. As a physician who sees how poor air quality directly impacts our citizens, it is time we work towards a clean air future and this is bad policy that enable Rocky Mountain Power to keep doing the same old thing without a push for innovative and sustainable solutions. RMP is making plenty of money, it's time to do what's right for the citizens of Utah and for future generations.

Sean Slack, DO



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**Leslie Miller** <lesliepw@xmission.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Dear Public Service Commission Members,

I am an advocate for cleaner air, lower carbon emissions and improved public health standards for all Utah residents and visitors to our beautiful state. For these reasons I strongly oppose the proposed rate adjustment by Rocky Mountain Power. Additionally, it is simply unfair to those of us who hope to invest in clean energy technology.

The proposed rate drop from 9.2 cents to 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour would make rooftop solar more expensive, cost thousands of Utah jobs (the solar industry accounts for 6,000 jobs), and hinder efforts for cleaner air, grid resiliency, and a homeowner's path to self-reliance. It will not affect rates for those with solar already installed, but its impact would be devastating to Utah's solar future.

Leslie Miller,  
Midway resident and tax payer



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**Rex Jensen** <rexlj78@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 4:18 PM

I am opposed to Docket No. 17-035-61. Anything (solar panels & electric cars) that can help clean Utah's air is a good thing and should be encouraged.

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**William Ingalls (wvingalls@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 4:20 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This reduction is unfair and seems to be a ploy for RMP to continue burning dirty coal despite global warming, the ability of some of us to afford solar energy.

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**Charles Masoka** <chuck.masoka@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Charles Masoka <chuck.masoka@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 4:58 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).

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.

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