



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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Reply-To: Erica Jorgensen <erica.l.jorgensen@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 5:23 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

James Bywater (james@coffeemonsters.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 5:25

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

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Sincerely,

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1 message

Katie Newburn <katiemnewburn@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Katie Newburn <katiemnewburn@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 5:29 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Josh Gray <grayfxman2018@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 5:50 PM

Hello,

I am opposed to the substantial change in rate of the Utah solar export credit rate. We in Utah are already behind in advocating and incentivizing solar. Tesla solar, for example, is a huge name and powerful solar provider, yet you cannot get their service in Utah. Instead it seems Rocky Mountain Power is attempting a monopoly over power for all citizens. As an engineer I agree that solar power provides valuable grid resilience and peak energy, as well as everyday electricity, and the Utah families and businesses producing that energy should be compensated fairly and fully. If that wasn't enough, more than 6,000 people that work for solar or solar related businesses will likely lose their jobs. Especially right now in the middle of this world-wide crisis this is devastating.

Thank you,

Josh Gray



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Kirsten Allen (kirsten.j.allen@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 5:52

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Let's make the healthy choice the easiest choice.

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Sincerely,

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Gwen Orchard (orchardgwen@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 5:57

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PM

To: psc@utah.gov

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1 message

Tyler Dial (tdubbs18@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 6:29

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PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Even if it's more expensive, we need to start transitioning to Solar and renewable energy.

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Sincerely,

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1 message

Wendy Blankenship (wewereundone@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 6:39

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We need sustainable communities for future generations to exist during climate change.

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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1 message

Jay Jordan <davis.daddy@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 6:53 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please DENY Rocky Mountain Power's request to reduce the reimbursement rate for solar generating customers. Solar is a great idea for renewable and even limitless energy in Utah, and homeowners should have all the incentive possible to install necessary equipment. RMP will no doubt argue that they must recoup money to maintain the grid, but the future realistically belongs to a variety of generation options along distributed models.

Please side with Utah consumers instead of RMP and Berkshire Hathaway.

Thank you,

Jay Jordan (personal account)



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1 message

Mark Shah <mark_shah@hotmail.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 6:53 PM

Please don't let RMP push people around by cutting the rate for rooftop solar energy producers like me. We want more rooftop solar, and fewer coal fired power plants.

Mark Shah
Cottonwood Heights, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

dcortsen@comcast.net <dcortsen@comcast.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 6:57 PM

Regarding Docket No. 17-035-61.

The original net metering plan was established to serve the public and the best interests of the public. It was designed to do that well. Rocky Mountain Power has and continues to request modifications to serve the public interest less well. As a member of the public, a power subscriber, and solar owner I ask that you not grant any request to diminish or further degrade the net metering program.

Thank you,

Dan Cortsen

Sandy, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Chalene Mueller (chalene.mueller@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 7:16

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I think if we have any hope of rescuing our planet and our quality of life, we need to move toward renewable resources. I think that Solar power is a big component and we should be doing everything in our power to increase its use. I think if Rocky Mountain is allowed to drastically decrease the rate that rooftop solar owners get for the electricity that they return to the grid, it will have devastating results to the solar industry and future solar energy use in our state. I also think it will, once again, be disproportionately affecting the poor. Please support a fair price for rooftop solar and reinstate Net Metering.

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

1 message

jamesviney <jamesviney@comcast.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 7:16 PM

i am urging you to reject Rocky Mountain Powers attempts to devalue rooftop solar compensation by 84%. rooftop solar is a distributed resource making it less susceptible to disruption. it should be preserved and enhanced. their proposal would all but eliminate the solar business in the State of Utah. Not only would this be bad for our jobs, it would be bad for our electric power sources. Do not go along with Rocky Mountain Powers request in this matter.

James Viney Md

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Rob MM <robmm76@hotmail.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 7:20 PM

I oppose the reduction of Solar Energy Valuation in utility billing. The state, as well as RMP, should be prioritizing the replacement of obsolete, polluting, unsustainable energy sources, not prolonging them. The faster clean energy and clean jobs are developed, the better for the health of Utah residents and their economy.

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1 message

charleston roasté <chuckroast00@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 7:31 PM

I am contemplating accepting a bid to convert my home rooftop to utilize solar power for my family's needs. The proposal by Rocky Mtn. Power to devalue my system's contribution to the public power grid makes this goal far more remote. This proposal is short sighted and monopolistic and should be stopped cold to discourage further backward attempts to control decentralization of electric generation as a viable strategy for distributing network supply and storage and reducing coal and natural gas use as rapidly as possible.



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1 message

Warren Anderson <warren196@hotmail.com>
Reply-To: Warren Anderson <warren196@hotmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 8:06 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Rooftop solar

1 message

Margaret Hatch <hatchmargaret@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 8:15 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Of course we need rooftop solar. The utility company does not need these punitive rates!
Margaret Hatch



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Patricia A. <Patricia@ecologyfund.net>
Reply-To: Patricia@ecologyfund.net
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 8:26 PM

Please reject RMP's new assault on rooftop solar!

Utahns should have reasonable and affordable access to independent clean energy.

The power generated by rooftop solar means coal not burned, therefore rooftop solar is good for our health and for the environment.

Air pollution and climate change are pressing threats to Utah and Utahns bear the burden of these costs, not Rocky Mountain Power!

**Sincerely,
Pat Annoni
Midvale, UT**



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Brent Baranko <brentbaranko@comcast.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 8:47 PM

Dear Public Service Commission:

Rocky Mountain's desire is not in line with the future of energy distribution. Their request to devalue rooftop solar is an attempt to preserve an arcane model of energy delivery. RMP has a problem because they are only using net metering to measure value. The value is much greater than what can be captured by net metering. If they were smart they would provide other incentives instead of paying X for a Kilowatt hour.

What is their goal? It certainly is not to change electricity delivery. They are not forward thinking.

The problem with net metering is that it is pushing energy to the grid when it is not needed as much. During the day the kilowatt hour produced by rooftop solar is not as valuable. HOWEVER, there is great benefit to solar. Residential solar should be valued for:

- 1) a clean air credit

- 2) If they are to stay with net metering then they need to vary the cost of the kilowatt hour over a 24 hour period.

They need to incentivize home storage. I could then produce electricity during daytime hours when the value is not as great, store it at home and discharge it at peak demand.

- 3) incentivize the development of microgrids, local production and storage. Long transmission lines are inefficient and damage the environment.

Consider consulting with Kevala before stupid decisions are made.

<https://kevalaanalytics.com>

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Valerie Merges <merges@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 8:54 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's request to drop compensation for the power I supply to the grid with my rooftop solar. As we've seen from the wildfires this season, we need to do everything possible to reduce carbon emissions. I am doing my part to clean the air. Please continue to incentivize others to pay for solar panels in an effort to reduce pollution and CO2 emissions.

Thank you

--

Valerie Merges
Layton Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Patrick <jpatricklogan@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:07 PM

Rocky Mountain Power is greedy, and vicious and we citizens are very tired of the attacks. We bought into solar - not to diminish your profit - but to clear the air. Literally! We reduce our garbage as much as possible, we compost, we walk instead of drive in the neighborhood.

Stop attacking the folks who care - and can afford to change our lifestyles. You act like drug cartel, threatening anyone who successfully cuts part of the cord. Instead, champion sustainable energy - provide customers assistance producing energy during the day and monopolize the energy distribution after dark. Makes sense! Just don't screw over solar owners intentionally!

Sent from my iPhone.

If this message initially makes no sense, please read it out loud - Siri transcribes phonetically.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Matthew Parsons <parsonsmatthew@hotmail.com>
To: Psc <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:15 PM

I am writing to express my concern regarding RMP's proposal to devalue rooftop solar in Utah. I am a resident of cottonwood heights who installed a \$18000 home rooftop solar system this year. Our family decided to do this for environmental reasons and the thought that we would be compensated fairly for the energy we provide to the grid. We are not trying to make any money but want to continue net metering to continue to generate 90% of our home energy needs.

If allowed to proceed RMP will reduce the value of clean solar energy supplied to the grid by over 80%.this would reduce clean energy, virtually eliminate the value of home solar as a home owner will not be reimbursed fairly for power produced. Solar is an economic engine for Utah, helps fight pollution in the salt lake valley, reduces coal consumption and the solar industry provides may jobs for the valley.

Please oppose this proposal by RMP which is an example of corporate greed at the expense of independent local clean energy.

Sincerely
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Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:47

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar panels will help reduce greenhouse gasses, and is sustainable up to the point the sun disappears.

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Sincerely,

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Alison Provines Hendrickson <aliprovinces@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Alison Provines Hendrickson <aliprovinces@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:59 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,
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1 message

Sara Larsen <saragaye@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Sara Larsen <saragaye@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 10:01 PM

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Kent Strader <kentstrader@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 10:07 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I want to comment on the attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to dramatically reduce the compensation to customers for supplying energy to the grid from 9.2 cents per kilowatt hour to 1.5 cents.

We need to keep solar power financially feasible for the average consumer to encourage this important component of moving towards renewable energy and away from fossil fuels. Public Utilities should only be able to continue as public utilities if they are serving the public. The public wants to do whatever they can to prevent climate change.

I, personally, am planning on adding solar panels to my house next year because I need to replace my roof. This seriously impacts that calculus as to the economic feasibility of this decision.

Please be part of the solution towards correcting climate change rather than the problem. Thanks.

Kent Strader



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1 message

gwen S, <gwens1@xmission.com>
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To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely,
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1 message

Nicole Sperry (nsperry292@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 10:23

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Utah is my home. Utahns deserve to use their power in ways that work for them. Solar is better for the environment, and it's time RMP started caring for the environment too.

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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1 message

Cooper Farr (cooperfarr@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:07

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Renewable energy is the only reasonable way forward, and - especially in Utah (one of the sunniest states where solar energy is a logical renewable energy source) - we need to be promoting the solar industry. Solar will help improve our horrible air quality today, and it will ensure our well-being and survival in the future.

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1 message

RONALD FORSHEY (rforshey@earthlink.net) Sent You a Personal Message

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 11:22

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Dave Focardi <datawrangler81@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:38 AM

I can't believe I have to write this again.

Rocky mountain power is once again trying to limit customer choice, promote more air pollution by keeping their coal plants in operation, and do an end run around what is clearly the previously expressed will of the people they are supposed to serve.

My wife and I installed rooftop solar on our residence at [4900 Sunny Acres Ln, Moab, UT](#) 84532 years ago, when net metering was allowed. We want other people to have the same opportunity we did, so reinstate net metering.

Every other year we have to fight another attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to shut down rooftop solar.

Here is a reason I'm opposed to industrial scale large solar fields- as a field biologist I have worked on ISEGS, Silverstate, Desert Sunlight, and other several thousand acre solar farms in the desert. The environmental devastation to previously pristine desert environments is disgusting. The reason those fields happen is so fewer people can make money from solar, people like the corporations that own RMP. Increased rooftop solar reduces the need for these desert devastators.

Please help us help the air quality, and consumers, by stopping yet another attempt by RMP to stop rooftop solar.

Dave Focardi
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1 message

Wendy Wilson (wecho1@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 6:17

<automail@knowwho.com>

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Fair reimbursement for selling solar power back to the grid just makes sense. It helps protect our air quality, allows people to pay off solar panels, provides clean energy, clean jobs, and is just generally a smarter move.

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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1 message

Anil Seth (anilseth@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com> Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 6:57 AM
To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

One of my best friends is a solar installer here in Salt Lake County, and will likely lose his job if this rate change goes through. The solar industry is a key employer in our state, with the US Energy and Employment Report in 2019 showing that there are over 6000 people employed; this is more than are employed in fossil fuel extraction. The proposed rate change would kill this important industry. Furthermore, it excludes many factors that make solar valuable to the state -- cleaner energy means cleaner air which our state is grappling with how to control, and rooftop solar reduces the demand for new infrastructure development by RMP, saving all rate payers. I understand RMP doesn't make money on rooftop solar owners, but their proposal is clearly not a fair price. Your job is to see what is in interest of the people of this state, and not in the interest of RMP. I urge you to reject RMPs proposal.

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DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

Jay Griffith <jaygriffith4@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 7:22 AM

Dear Public Service Commission members,

I have operated my home from solar panels for over 2 years now. I produce enough power during the summer to carry me through the Spring, Fall, and Winter. I appreciate Rocky Mountain banking that power for me. And I hope they appreciate people like me are generating power where it is being used, thus saving them the need to do so.

Self solar powered homes are the most efficient way to provide electricity to individual homeowners and businesses. The benefits are many, the largest likely being that our air is kept cleaner. Pollution continues to be a serious problem along the Wasatch Front and elsewhere. Utah continues to grow at an astronomical rate. To combat air pollution, we need more people on solar, not less. That means we need to keep or even improve current incentives, not remove them.

Self solar will only grow in capacity, need, and popularity. To fight the future of this common sense approach to providing power makes no sense. For these and many other reasons I am opposed to any rate decrease for Utah's solar export credit rate.

Please do not disincentivize people from investing in solar power by decreasing the rate of credit we receive. If anything, the rate of return should be increased when the entire economic and environmental benefits are considered. Your commission is really the only body who can push back on the monopoly power of Rocky Mountain. Solar provides the most serious competition to them and they need such competition.

Thank you,

Jay Griffith
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1 message

Christine Frandsen (christinefrandsen@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal MessageThu, Sep 24, 2020 at
7:40 AM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Right now, I am in the first ever climate change course given at BYU. I'm a non-traditional student, having graduated with my degree 10 years ago, but I felt like this is a topic that I wanted to learn more about and I enrolled.

I wish you and every person in our state would embrace the opportunity to learn about our earth's changing climate and turn that knowledge into power to make positive changes to reduce the negative effects that human pollutants are having. The resources are available open source at: <https://pws.byu.edu/ben-abbott-lab/climate>

Since most of the pollutants causing climate change are generated from the burning of fossil fuels, it's an essential piece of the sustainability puzzle to not only have alternative energy options but to incentivize them. From what I understand, the opposite is the case here. Please reconsider and work for better <https://pws.byu.edu/ben-abbott-lab/climat> for the natural resources of Utah and all the living things that call it home.

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1 message

Kira Ipsen <kirabug85@hotmail.com>
Reply-To: Kira Ipsen <kirabug85@hotmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 7:53 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,
Kira Ipsen
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1 message

Dani Bainsmith (tomatoebug@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 7:55

<automail@knowwho.com>

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a science and engineering teacher to a Salt Lake middle School, I challenge them to think about the future - Their future. They understand the science of renewable energy versus consuming natural resources. Even they understand that the only reasonable path forward is one that includes solar as a heavy lifter.

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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1 message

Abigail Banks (abigailbanks@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 8:02

<automail@knowwho.com>

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This matters to me because my family is installing solar and I want to be paid a fair price for the energy we produce. Utah is about fair prices and doing the opposite is just not what our state stands for.

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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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jonathan Webber <altawood@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 8:16 AM

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my dismay and opposition to the RMP proposal to kill the solar reimbursement of rooftop solar in Utah.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Webber
8 Altawood Drive
Sandy, UT 84092



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Morey Haymond <mhaymond@bcm.edu>
Reply-To: Morey Haymond <mhaymond@bcm.edu>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 8:25 AM

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Sincerely,
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1 message

John Benson <bensonkingsland@gmail.com>
Reply-To: John Benson <bensonkingsland@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 8:47 AM

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Sincerely,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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

1 message

Scot Morgan <SCOTSMORGAN@msn.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 1:51 AM

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

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9/24/2020

State of Utah Mail - Request to provide public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61

Scot Morgan

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

Sean Young <velosean@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:05 AM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because I believe the benefits of solar are much greater than the new rate suggests. I believe solar energy is a very valuable resource that should be utilized more. Climate change is a reality and we need to make steps NOW to combat it.

A flexible power system with distributed production just makes sense in terms of redundancy. Decreasing incentive for residential solar would be a mistake. Solar is good for the environment when done well. Not only is solar good for the environment and a smart choice for power production but it also creates jobs. Please don't allow this rate change!!!

Sincerely,

Sean Young, MD



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Paul B Anderson <paul@pbageo.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:06 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commissioners

Rocky Mountain Power is asking you to kill rooftop solar in Utah. The draconian reduction in the rate RMP would pay to rooftop solar generators would make our investment moot and completely kill any future investments by non-corporate players. Now is the time to contribute to the solution to global warming (more frequent and harsh fires, winds, and topical storms....sea level rise) not retreat to what works for immediate corporate gains, but societal loss.

Please protect your grandchild's future and reject this request.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Anderson

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Paul B Anderson
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 David Zinn

1 message

David Zinn <zinnd3@gmail.com>
To: "<psc@utah.gov>" <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:13 AM

Hello

I feel that solar power will be greatly reduced if rocky mountain is allowed to change the rate. My kids deserve clean air for that matter all kids deserve clean air. We all know solar power helps keep the valleys clean. Please do the correct thing when it comes to the future of all of us especially the little ones.

Thank you



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

John Anderson <john@appmagic.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:18 AM

Dear Public Service Commission:

I oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to reduce net metering payments for rooftop solar because it will make rooftop solar uneconomical.

We need all the renewable energy resources we can get to combat global warming. This is not the time to reduce rooftop solar.

Furthermore you should encourage residential battery backup to reduce peak energy demands which are both expensive and dirty.

Act now for the good of all of the people!

Thanks!
John Anderson



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jeremy Putnam <jeremyputnam@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:23 AM

I guess part of being a rooftop solar owner now includes yearly begging at the Public Service Commission to prevent a monopolistic utility company from squashing customers attempts to move faster toward a cleaner energy future.

Here's my 2020 yearly beg. I'm tired of the brown air in the Salt Lake Valley every winter. I want my kids to breathe cleaner air. So I purchased rooftop panels to do my part to make the air a little bit cleaner. I won't see a return on the cost of those panels for at least 10 years. If Rocky Mountain Power gets their way, I won't see it before I'm dead.

I'm tired of big rich corporations taking more and more money from everyday people. This is just another example of them trying to weasel a way into our pocketbooks. Rocky Mountain Power is trying to kill an entire green industry in Utah which provides thousands of jobs, and makes the air better for my kids.

I'm asking the Public Service Commission to tell Rocky Mountain Power to get bent and go away, that they don't get their ridiculous rate hike, and to be happy with the millions and millions of dollars they already receive from a majority of their customers.

An annoyed rooftop solar owner,
Jeremy Putnam
Herriman, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Spencer King (spencer.king.21@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:23

<automail@knowwho.com>

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To: psc@utah.gov

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

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1 message

Shantel Stoff <shantelstoff@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Shantel Stoff <shantelstoff@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:36 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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As a rooftop solar client, this would be devastating. We invested in the future of our children and you are threatening to take that away. This is not ok. Look to the future, not the past. Clean energy should be the goal of everyone.

Sincerely,
Shantel Stoff
[1307 S 1000 E](#)
[Salt lake city, UT 84105](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Neal Patwari <neal.patwari@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 9:59 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I'm writing as an electrical engineer, a Professor formerly teaching electrical engineering at the University of Utah, to urge the Public Service Commission to reject RMP's new assault on rooftop solar. Rocky Mountain Power's analysis is fatally flawed; in fact, it isn't justified by any honest analysis. It is actually just a "power" move; they are doing this because they believe that they can, that the public service commission is so friendly to them that it would never disagree with their word, even if it is clearly wrong. I urge you to do your own analysis and see that they are trying to manipulate you with bogus arguments. I'm happy to provide more detailed information, but I believe deep down you already know the truth of this email, but you just don't want to hear it. I'd love it if you proved me wrong on this point.

Respectfully,
Neal Patwari
801-610-9638



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Leah Pelz (leahepelz@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 10:19

<automail@knowwho.com>

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Monopolies are illegal. Dirty energy is finite. Utah's cost of living is difficult for low income folk to keep up with, especially with our comically low minimum wage in the midst of a pandemic. Climate change is REAL!

Solar is a piece of the puzzle that can positively impact all these issues. Shame on Rocky Mountain Power Company for trying to dismantle initiatives that make solar an affordable option to power our lives.

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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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Torrey Udall <torrey@protectourwinters.org>
Reply-To: Torrey Udall <torrey@protectourwinters.org>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 10:53 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).

Having just moved to Salt Lake City with my partner, I want my city to not make it harder to secure and afford clean energy. We must not devalue the energy that we have readily available and doesn't require polluting our air.

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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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Brian Kelm <brian@briankelm.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:01 AM

For real, we already have to chew our air and now Rocky Mountain Power wants to again disincentivize solar more?! We're going the wrong way. We live in the high desert and it's sunny every day, we should be encouraging solar not quashing it. Unbelievable. But that's big business in Utah, they rule the roost...

BRIAN D. KELM 801-910-5401 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



PRESIDENT



2018 AWARD RECIPIENT





PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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

1 message

Solar Rossetti <solar@trymike.com>
To: Public Service Commission of Utah <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:19 AM

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a long-time Utah resident, I am writing to ask you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate (Docket No. 17-035-61).

RMP's proposed export credit rate reduction from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh for new solar installations will totally pull the rug out from future honorable citizens' efforts to reduce air pollution from electricity generation using coal and natural gas.

Rocky Mountain Power has been dishonest in other attempts to reduce private investments in solar generation. For example, claiming that excessive solar generation has a dramatic impact on the power distribution system. While such an impact may occur once a large majority of residences have solar panels, until then the excess electricity goes as far as the corner of one's lot and then into a neighbor's house — almost unmeasurable impact on the distribution hardware. Further, by only crediting a partial value for excess solar-based electricity going to a neighbor's house RMP is clearly making a profit for having done absolutely nothing but provide the common wiring between the two houses.

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Change is certain; progress is not.
E.F. Carr



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Aaron Crabtree <aacrabtree@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Aaron Crabtree <aacrabtree@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:48 AM

Dear Commissioners,

As a Utah resident and RMP solar customer, 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,
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1 message

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

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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Sincerely,
Jason Carr
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[Salt Lake City, UT 84106](#)



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Solar Credits

1 message

Karen Watson <tykewatson@gmail.com>
To: PSC@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:56 AM

I oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to lower the solar export credit rate to 1.5 cents. The company 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 and solar customers. Solar power 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.

Please consider a more reasonable credit rate for solar power.

Karen Watson
Park City, UT

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Karen Watson
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Courtney Henley <courtney.henley@icloud.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:56 AM

It is beyond ridiculous that Rocky Mountain Power wants to devalue rooftop solar energy from 9.2 cents per kilowatt hour to 1.5 cents. The future of electricity in our world lies with locally generated power. I have 24 photovoltaic panels on my roof at great personal intellectual and financial investment. The benefits for society are great. There is less coal generated electricity polluting our community thanks to rooftop solar citizens. The only public service is to continue incentivizing decentralized electricity generation. RMP should be paying private citizens more for helping them generate clean energy not less.

I strongly oppose RMP's profiteering rate hike and urge the Public Service Commission to reject their proposal.

Respectfully,

Courtney Henley, MD
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Salt Lake City, UT
801-502-9523



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

Phyllis Coley <coley@biology.utah.edu>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:58 AM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because it is unfair and will also discourage future rooftop installations. Roof tops help the air quality locally, reduce the global carbon footprint, and require less investment by RMP for alternative energy generating systems.

Dr. Phyllis Coley
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Salt Lake City, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Kyle Baranko <kcbaranko@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

Hello Public Service Commission,

My father is a rooftop solar owner living in Salt Lake City above the Capitol building. I work in the renewable energy industry for Kevala Analytics, a company that helps utilities and regulators with data-driven distribution planning.

I understand why RMP wants to reduce the net metering compensation - it gives solar rooftop owners full retail value for the energy they produce, without respect to the wholesale price of power or distribution capacity. It does not account for the temporal and locational value of energy. That needs to change.

I want to see rooftop solar proliferate in my home state, and this will mean moving past net metering to a system that better compensates distributed energy resources for the value they provide to the grid. My dad also has two electric vehicles - why not incentivize him to charge when his solar is providing maximum output? Can we design a system that incentivizes rooftop solar owners to install batteries, so that they can help Rocky Mountain Power manage supply and demand?

If RMP is to cut net metering, I want rooftop solar owners to be allowed to provide grid services so they can realize the full value of their distributed energy resources.

Always happy to chat and would love to take part in designing a more flexible and fair system than net metering.

Best Regards,
Kyle Baranko



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1 message

Scott Collett <scott@scottcollettdesign.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:15 PM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because it would cost thousands of Utah jobs (the solar industry accounts for 6,000 jobs), and hinder efforts for cleaner air.

The effects of Climate Change are more pronounced than ever before; this rate change would deter consumers from doing their part to reduce carbon emissions.

RMP has proven that they are not interested in the planets future; just in today's profits.

DO NOT allow this to happen.

Scott Collett

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DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

George <ghgroberg@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:44 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because we have already ordered and put down \$1000 for solar panels. We have been waiting for 2 months for them to be installed. We made the decision to add solar panels based on the understanding of receiving a credit for the energy that we export to the grid. It would not be fair if you suddenly lowered the rate as is proposed. That is a simply about how this proposal will impact us personally.

From a larger perspective, we should do all we can to encourage the use of solar power. It is renewable and mostly reliable. This is good for our community, our nation and our world.

George H. Groberg

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[Full name]



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1 message

Mark Apker <apkerm@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Mark Apker <apkerm@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:51 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 proposed change runs counter to Utah's stated goals to improve air quality. We should be creating incentives for people to engage in activities which reduce our reliance on electricity generated by processes which release tons of pollutants into our air each year. For the health of our community for generations to come this proposal should be rejected.

A better solution than the proposed 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. Please consider increasing the export credit rate to reflect the real benefits created by rooftop solar.

Best,
Mark Apker

Sincerely,
Mark Apker
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1 message

Andy Monaco <andymonaco@comcast.net>
Reply-To: Andy Monaco <andymonaco@comcast.net>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:52 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
Andy Monaco
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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Garrett, Brian <Brian.Garrett@unisys.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:53 PM

If what is said about this proposal is true:

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. . .**

to proceed in a way that shows no favoritism or discrimination, as well as benefitting Rocky Mountain Power specifically and not benefitting Utahans generally, amend the proposal to require people like me with roof top solar pay back the amount we've received over the years for adding excess power back into the grid.

Fair is fair.

My bank account stands ready for your seizure.

E Brian Garrett

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[Salt Lake City, UT 84108](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Bob Speiser <pinyonsmoke@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 1:06 PM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate for several reasons that I feel are critically urgent. It matters very much what counts as our priorities, especially when we weigh the impact of our actions on our future.

I have fourteen rooftop solar panels. I value them partly for the cash they save on my electric bills, but I also for the way they reduce greenhouse gas emissions, for their contribution to a zero-carbon future. We see the impacts of excessive atmospheric carbon all around us: shocking wildfires, harsher droughts, fiercer storms, polluting smoke, sea-level rise and coastal flooding. The electric power my panels generate means coal and natural gas not burned.

I also think about the power grid. It's vulnerable. Designed in other times for other purposes, it's too exposed to harm, too vulnerable to accidents, too centralized to be secure from hacks and vandalism. We need to redesign and build a grid that's carbon neutral, flexible, and much more local in design. From that perspective, neighbors joining neighbors in shared networks that connect to wider systems but could function on their own, seems a much safer, not just cleaner way to go. Think also of the jobs such efforts can produce!

For all these reasons, I want you to adopt the Vote Solar sturdy's recommendation of 22 cents per kilowatt hour, keep net metering in place, and think forward to a power grid that cleans the air, rewards citizen collaboration, and makes us more resilient for the future.

Respectfully,
Robert Speiser
Millcreek, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

Christopher Davidson <cjdavid01@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 1:15 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate changes by RMP for customer generated electrical power. It seems like the commission has two primary approaches to the issue of consumer generated power in front of it, that of RMP and that of Vote Solar. While these two proposals are far apart, what lies in the middle are the lives, health, and livelihood of the residents of the state of Utah. RMP proposal would negatively impact local business, health and welfare of both current and future Utah citizens and stifle innovation. Utah is naturally blessed with high photovoltaic potential, and cursed with increasing levels of pollution. The solution to this equation is to maximally utilize our ability locally to fix this inequality. Many Utahans, private citizens and corporations, are willing to take on the liability to correct this problem, why would we go down the road RMP proposes and make things worse when we have a choice.

As a commision, I hope that you can see the clear choice is to invest in those people that are making Utah better for all, rather than codify the monopoly that is RMP and kill citizens in the process.

I hope the commision can see a path forward that includes a future for our state.

Reject RMP's proposal to reduce the export credit rate.

Sincerely-

Christopher J Davidson PhD
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[Salt Lake City, Utah 84102](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jason Linder <jason@rootrez.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 1:17 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Greetings,

I'm writing to share my strong opposition to reducing the Utah Solar Export credit rate as proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. In light of Utah's extremely poor air quality, along with the broader environmental impact of pollution and climate change, Utah should be supporting the expansion of alternative energy solutions in any way possible, not going the opposite direction. Slowing the inevitable transition to clean energy is not in the best interest or health of Utahans, and is short sighted in terms of long term job growth and the health of our state and environment.

Thank you,

Jason



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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket #17-035-61

1 message

Jack Culley <jackculley51@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 2:14 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom it May Concern:

Frankly, I'm outraged that Rocky Mountain Power is seeking to dramatically reduce the rate they pay Rooftop Solar Generators, such as myself. It's bad enough that they have a monopoly out here in Southwestern Utah, but now they want an 82% reduction on what they pay me for the power I generate and send back to their grid.

In 2018, I invested \$18,000 in a 16 panel 5.8 kwh solar system, which has generated 17 mwh to date. At that time, my rational was the following:

- Generate a clean and renewable source of energy
- Reduce my carbon dioxide footprint
- Support a growing industry that provides thousands of jobs in the State of Utah
- Receive an unreasonable (20% below RMP going rate) return on investment for the power returned to the grid

It is unconscionable that the Public Service Commission would actually contemplate a request like this from RMP. If anything, PSC should require RMP to pay the Rooftop Solar Generators the same rate they for power from the grid. After all, i made a significant investment in this generating system, not RMP.

Do the right thing for the Utah Public you serve.

Sincerely,

Jack

Jack Culley
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1 message

Robert Snow <blsnow98@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Robert Snow <blsnow98@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 2:15 PM

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Sincerely,
Robert Snow
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[Mapleton, UT 84664](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

Ken Poppleton <ken.poppleton@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 2:20 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because the value of solar generated electricity has many unaccounted for benefits.

1) Rocky Mountain Power is not paying the environmental cost of coal and natural gas electricity production resulting in artificially low pricing.

2) Rooftop solar also reduces the summer energy load by removing energy for the roof thereby reducing Air conditioning load.

3) Rooftop solar is also producing power during the peak air conditioning load reducing the peak power generation needs from the peaking generators.

4) Local power generation reduces the need for adding extra capacity long distance transmission lines.

5) Rooftop solar enables the creation of micro grids which can provide power when the larger grid fails.

6) Rooftop solar installation provides Local employment.

While 1:1 net metering is a subsidy to the solar industry it encourages homeowners to invest in local power generation.

The centralized power company is not having to make The huge investments Or pay the load interest for this power generation which adding addition big power generation stations require.

The environmental benefits to the Salt Lake valley of not burning the coal or natural gas to generate the power provided by solar is enough to justify the subsidies to encourage rooftop solar.

Kenneth Poppleton
779 8th Avenue
Salt Lake City



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Trafton Drew <traftondrew@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 2:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I would like to comment on Docket No. 17-035-61.

My name is Trafton Drew and I live in Salt Lake City.

The proposed rate drop from 9.2 cents to 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour would make rooftop solar more expensive, and cost thousands of Utah jobs (the solar industry accounts for 6,000 jobs). It would be devastating to Utah's solar future. Rocky Mountain Power is essentially a monopoly and this is an example of them abusing their power to the detriment of the state. I think net metering should be reinstated. The governor has signaled that air quality is a serious concern for the state and the valley in particular and this proposal is completely at odds with those stated goals and only serves to benefit RMP to the detriment of the citizens.

Thanks,

Trafton Drew

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Trafton Drew

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Jordan Vaughan (jordan.h.vaughan@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 2:34

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a Utah resident and physician who is invested in the health of our communities, I believe anything we can do to continue to encourage clean energy and improve the air quality is absolutely necessary. Decreasing rates for power returned to the grid from home solar will reduce consumer drive to implement home solar over the long run and benefits only the monolithic corporation of Rocky Mountain Power, which will ultimately decrease the amount of clean energy from Utah. . I encourage you to keep optimal reimbursement rates for electricity for private solar for the longterm future of our beautiful state.

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,

Jordan Vaughan
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Thomas Smith <tom@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:03 PM

Reply-To: tom@bajabb.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Families and businesses that invest in solar deserve fair compensation for the valuable energy they send back to the electric grid. Rooftop solar customers can provide 15 times the value to the electric grid than what Rocky Mountain Power proposes. RMP's proposal could cut the energy compensation for new solar owners by 84%. RMP's proposal for compensating solar energy could put Utah's 7,000 local solar jobs at risk.

For Utah to move forward on the path to renewable energy for all and a strong clean economy, it's important to protect our customer rights by ensuring solar owners are fairly compensated for the energy they contribute.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Todd McGraw (toddjmcgraw@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:05

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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1 message

David Chapman <davidinslc@everyactioncustom.com>
Reply-To: davidinslc@gmail.com
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:08 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I wholeheartedly support solar. We have a huge environmental crisis at our doorstep's in this world. And the last thing we need are more impediments to people doing the right thing and improving our environment.

Sincerely,
David Chapman
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Carolyn Clark <dr_carolyn@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:08 PM

Reply-To: dr_carolyn@yahoo.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Protect rooftop solar in Utah. Do not allow RMP to reduce compensation for rooftop solar. If RMP disincentivizes rooftop solar, it will bring direct harm to our community.

Rooftop solar provides a great benefit to keeping our skies blue and reducing our environmental impact.

Rooftop solar also creates many jobs. These clean jobs are essential to our economy now during the pandemic, more than ever!

Moreover, rooftop solar provides RMP with a great boost to electricity for the grid.

Do not allow RMP to reduce compensation to rooftop solar providers, now or in the future. Conversely, they should pay us MORE.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Clark

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Patrick Logan <jpatricklogan@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:11 PM

Reply-To: jpatricklogan@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am tired of RMP's consistent aggression against homeowners who want to supplement the Grid and reduce air pollution. Buying electricity that is primarily produced by carbon is no longer sustainable - never was, but now things are dire and getting worse. RMP needs to support solar - rework the business plan. I recommend that - if the Commissioners empathize with RMP's profit margin, then charge all citizens more for evening electricity and support homeowners buying solar - then RMP doesn't have to!

Let RMP exploit the reach of their grid and relationships, evening electric needs and the reticence or inability of "late adopters" to afford solar but STOP ATTACKING AGREEMENTS YOU MADE with solar owners!

It is offensive but also petty, and stupid, and short-sighted! SLC needs to improve its air, not just surrender to "business as usual"!

Sincerely,

Patrick Logan

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jeffrey Moore <mooreje@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Jeffrey Moore <mooreje@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:15 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.

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,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

michael bard <mbard@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:15 PM

Reply-To: mbard@me.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Vote Solar showed through a study of thousands of Utah solar customers that we provide substantial value to the grid - more than what RMP proposes for compensating new solar owners. Additionally, this could put Utah's 7,000 local solar jobs, clean air, and continued renewable energy progress at risk.

Solar owners deserve fair compensation and we want a strong clean economy in Utah. Please protect my solar rights. My net metering should treat a kilowatt as a kilowatt, not pay me less for what I produce and charge me more for what I use.

Sincerely,
michael bard
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

LeRoy Anderson <kreg84124@everyactioncustom.com>
Reply-To: kreg84124@yahoo.com
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:19 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Those of us who care about the environment and stopping the deadly effects of climate change are switching more and more to solar power.

Please compensate your Utah customers in a fair way for the solar power they contribute to the power grid.

Thanks for your consideration

LeRoy Anderson

Sincerely,
LeRoy Anderson
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kreg84124@yahoo.com



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Dianne Anderson <dianneanderson@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:22 PM

Reply-To: dianneanderson@yahoo.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Those of us who have invested in solar power deserve to be fairly compensated by your company. Please be honest with your customers.
Thank you!

Dianne Anderson

Sincerely,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

MARK RICHARDS <markrichards@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:25 PM

Reply-To: markrichards@imwindandsolar.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please let RMP know that we value solar power.

We require our power company partner to advocate for Clean energy at this level. Show us RMP that you support solar power at this level. The home and business customer-generated level. As a monopoly, we regulate you through the PSC this is us regulating you RMP. We require you to allow us to participate in this proven technology. Fo all or our benefit.

Sincerely,

MARK RICHARDS

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Annie Studer <annie.studer@cesolar.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:36 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Commissioners,

I oppose the proposed rate by Rocky Mountain Power for the Utah solar export credit rate in Docket No. 17-035-61.

As an employee of a solar installer company, I am worried about how a drastically reduced rate will affect our business, the industry, and our community.

Personally, I plan to put solar on my home in the next two years, but not at a paltry credit rate.

RMP's proposal for compensating solar energy could put Utah's 7,000 local solar jobs at risk.

Families and businesses that invest in solar deserve fair compensation for the valuable energy they send back to the electric grid.

Rooftop solar customers can provide 15 times the value to the electric grid than what Rocky Mountain Power proposes. RMP's proposal could cut the energy compensation for new solar owners by 84%.

For Utah to move forward on the path to renewable energy for all and a strong clean economy, it's important to protect our customer rights by ensuring solar owners are fairly compensated for the energy they contribute.

Please implement a fair rate.

Thank you,
Annie

Annie Studer

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Tom Brooks <cooper.brooks@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:39 PM

Reply-To: cooper.brooks@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

RMP should seriously take stock in their part in global warming. Perhaps they see the writing on the wall with respect to a transition to neighborhood grids, but they clearly are not investing in their future by building up carbon-free energy. They could be transitioning away from coal completely by going to NG and renewables. They could be investing in battery storage to avoid the use of coal. RMP could be investing in algae and other carbon-sequestering methods like Duke Energy and Kentucky Power.

It flat out is not moral for them to move the goalposts on customers. People who are saving their money to install solar should not have to learn that RMP is no longer planning to purchase their power at the previously agreed upon rate advertised.

Thank you,
Tom Brooks
SLC, UT

Sincerely,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

E P Kosmicki <epkosmicki@gmail.com>
Reply-To: E P Kosmicki <epkosmicki@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:47 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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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.

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Sincerely,
E P Kosmicki
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Barbara Gardner <barbara@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:46 PM

Reply-To: barbara@btgardner.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I strongly oppose Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to drastically slash the amount they pay to homeowners and businesses for the solar power they generate.

Solar power is a crucial part of our effort to rescue Salt Lake City's air from its current dismal quality. It is also an important component of energy independence and less reliance on polluting fossil fuels.

If the PSC approves this proposal, Utah's 7,000 solar jobs will be in danger, we will rely more heavily on polluting fossil fuels, and Utah's air will continue to get worse.

Rooftop solar provides much more benefit to the electric grid and to Rocky Mountain Power than they currently pay for, let alone under the ridiculously low proposed rate.

I have solar panels on my home and on the investment property I own, and although I am grandfathered in at the higher rate, it seems nonsensical that RMP can effectively kill the solar economy in Utah by refusing to compensate customers fairly.

We have so much sun here in Utah! We need to use it.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gardner

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

JAY VESTAL <jayvestal@msn.com>
To: "PSC@utah.gov" <PSC@utah.gov>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:50 PM

I'm doing my part, but Rocky Mountain Power wants to do me in...

I installed solar on my home in 2012, an early adopter who paid a premium for panels. This year I finally was able to purchase in EV; at great expense, I had to travel out of state to find the vehicle I wanted and pay an extra tax in Utah just for the privilege of helping to address the air quality in our state and the ever-increasing threat of Climate Change.

I'm writing this note to you as I watch Neff's Canyon burn, my lawn dry up, and steel myself for day after day of inversion in the coming winter. Some may wonder why I went to this expense, and the answer is found in the faces of my four grandchildren, who depend on the three commissioners of the PSC to make a decision that will affect their futures long after I'm gone.

Why is there even a consideration of the proposal by Rocky Mountain Power? They aren't acting in the interest of the people they serve. They want to maintain their monopoly, with the least regulation possible.

Solar is an economic driver in Utah, with so much more potential. Rooftop solar creates grid resilience, even more so as the grid is changing nationwide so that distributed power generation can give ordinary citizens a chance to both benefit and help the environment.

I urge you to reinstate the Net Metering program and adopt Vote Solar's recommendation of a 22-cent per kilowatt hour export credit rate.

Come on over to my house. Let me show you how it's done.

Regards,

Jay Vestal

[3005 Morgan Drive](#)

Holladay, UT 84124

801-680-8133

[Utah Clean Energy's Prepare for the Solar Export Credit Proceeding's Public Hearing Blog](#)

[Sierra Club's How You Can Save Solar Presentation](#)

[HEAL Utah's Rooftop Solar Run Down](#)

Suggested talking points from HEAL:

- Comments for the hearing should be less than 3 minutes long.
- Tell your personal story as to why you care about rooftop solar and why you want to see it succeed in Utah.
- Increase the export credit rate to reflect the real value created by rooftop solar.
- Reinstate the Net Metering Program.
- Adopt the [Vote Solar study recommendation of 22¢ per kilowatt-hour](#).
- Rooftop solar is good for our health and for the environment.
- The power generated by rooftop solar means coal not burned.
- Air pollution and climate change are pressing threats to Utah and Utahns bear the burden of these costs, not Rocky Mountain Power.
- Rooftop solar creates grid resilience and flexibility.
- The grid is changing, and distributed power generation gives ordinary Utahns the best chance to benefit.
- Solar is an economic engine in Utah.
- Thousands would be out of work overnight if Rocky Mountain Power's proposed export credit rate is implemented in the new year.
- Consumer choice is at issue.
- Utahns should have reasonable and affordable access to independent clean energy.
- Rocky Mountain Power is acting as a monopoly trying to crush the competition at the expense of ratepayers.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Paul DeLong <powcreek@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:56 PM

Reply-To: powcreek@relia.net

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We installed solar panels on our property in 2017. It produces over 12.5 KW of electricity a day. We don't use that much power, however what we don't use goes to Rocky Mtn Power for use on the grid. RMP does not pay us for this power. We use less than the installation produces. Rocky Mountain does charge us \$10,11 per month to rent the net-meter that measures the power we produce and use. They do not pay us for the difference in what we produce minus what use that flows to Rocky Mountain Powe.r

The cost of power we use is the cost of the solar installation , inverter, wiring and the net-meter. It will take us 10+ years to pay back the cost of the installation plus the monthly rent of the net meter. Rocky Mountain Power is SELLING the extra power that flows through the net meter to the power grid. They should be satisfied with the income they derive from the power we produce.

Rocky Mountain doesn't pay us for the extra power that flows to the grid. They sell that power to non solar, and wind producing customers. They should not be charge Solar Producers \$126/yr for the meter rent let alone more to install Solar.

Solar Power is clean, conserves resources and provides clean air. These are benefits the Earth and all living organisms require now and in the future. Rocky Mountain Power should be Thanking Solar Power Producers not charging more to GO SOLAR.

Paul & JUdy DeLong
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Eden, Utah 84310

Sincerely,
Paul DeLong
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Tina Duerden (tinaduerden@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 4:21 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

The future of our environment should be important to all of us. Most of us are selfish in our thinking that we will die before the environment is devastated. Using solar panels helps so much, but most of us need an incentive because of the expense. Let's all work together to make a needed difference.

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,

Tina Duerden
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Nancy Orr <orrxylla@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 4:28 PM

Reply-To: orrxylla@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Thank you for accepting public input in regards to docket no. 17-035-61.

I had my first PV system installed in 2009, and was so pleased with the results that I installed a second system a few years later to completely cover (and actually overproduce) all of my energy needs. My bills since then have been only the base charge for use of the grid infrastructure, a concept which I understand and support.

My net-zero system helps to ease at least a portion of our country's energy needs, and I am pleased to be part of the solution. Although I doubt that my return on investment will net to zero within the remainder of my lifetime, I still feel it is my responsibility to do whatever I can to reduce my personal dependence on fossil fuel energy production.

I understand that RMP is proposing to cut reimbursement rates for new solar installations by almost 84%. While they have assured current customers that we are grandfathered in, I feel it is patently unfair to raise the bar so much higher for new solar installations. Most people do not have the means to follow their conscience in helping to solve the energy problem, and this cutback in solar reimbursement will be a disincentive for new investment in a PV system.

Investment in solar energy deserves fair compensation for energy sent back to the electric grid. Citizens and businesses should be encouraged to make long term investments in renewable clean energy, rather than be burdened by negative return on their effort to be part of the solution. Also, many local solar installation jobs will be put at risk when associated demand for installations dies off due to lack of perceived personal gain from switching to a PV system.

Utah is so rich in sunshine, it is insane to not encourage all citizens and businesses to take advantage of this renewable resource.

Please deny RMP's greedy efforts to deny new solar customers the compensation they deserve.

Sincerely,

Nancy Orr

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

John Wilson <johnleroywilson9@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 4:34 PM

Reply-To: johnleroywilson9@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please look at the facts of what solar is doing to our climate. What solar is doing to our economy, and what solar is doing to put money back into the Utah citizens hands. The last I heard there are more than 6000 people employed in the solar industry in Utah and RMP only has 3 percent of there consumers on a Net Meter agreements. To my understanding RMP employs only 2500 people in Utah and they are a monopoly only regulated by you the public service commission.

If RMP gets what they want the solar industry will be no longer and taking away the option of you and Utah citizens the right to choose where they get there power from. This will also put the majority of the 7000 people out of jobs.

Please stop RMP from reducing what a solar customer gets back by 85%. RMP is a for profit company and they buy power very very low and sell it very high.

Sincerely,

John Wilson

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johnleroywilson9@gmail.com



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Mike Morgan <mike@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 3:16 PM

Reply-To: mike@synergypowerpv.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar makes sense for the environment and helping people in the industry. These changes would kill all the jobs.

Sincerely,

Mike Morgan

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mike@synergypowerpv.com