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Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:40 AM

To: State of Utah Public Service Commission
From: Justin Owen
Date: Sept 28 2020
Re: Docket No: 17-035-61 – Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering Rates

Background

Net metering policy has been a battleground across the state with strong opinions from the utility and solar advocates. The docket before the PSC at this time proposes another cut, more drastic than the last, to the rate at which the utility compensates solar generating customers. This would decrease the amount customers get compensated by up to 70 percent. I strongly recommend the PSC adopt rates which preserve the economic case for distributed solar.

Benefits

The benefits of distributed solar have been widely discussed in previous testimony before the PSC. These benefits apply to the customers, the utility, and the general public. To reiterate, they include, but are not limited to:

Benefit	Recipient of Benefit
Decreased generation and transmission load	Utility
Capacity and reliability benefits	Utility and public
Decreased capital expenditure and fuel costs	Utility
Improved air quality	Public
Reduced carbon emissions	Public
Lower electric bills	Solar Customers

Personal Case study

The utility's proposal drastically changes the economics of distributed solar for the worse. On my own home, I installed solar myself. Under the old net metering rates, my system will pay for itself in a little over six years. Under the new rates, this number changes to be well over 30 years. Most contractor installed systems that I have seen have a payback in the 15 – 20 year range. Figure 1 (Singrin, 2014) shows the percent of customers willing to adopt solar at given payback periods:

As shown below, the economics of residential solar already only appeal to a small fraction of the customer base. Most customers are not willing to consider solar if the payback is a period longer than ten years. If the economics of my system under the proposed rates hold true for all systems, the payback for most people would increase into 50 year range, well beyond the economic tolerance of the vast majority of customers. In short: the utility's proposed rates send a strong message that distributed solar should not be deployed in Utah. Given Utah's rich solar resources, the numerous benefits of distributed solar, and the strong solar industry that the state has had in the past, I do not believe this reflects the preference of the public.

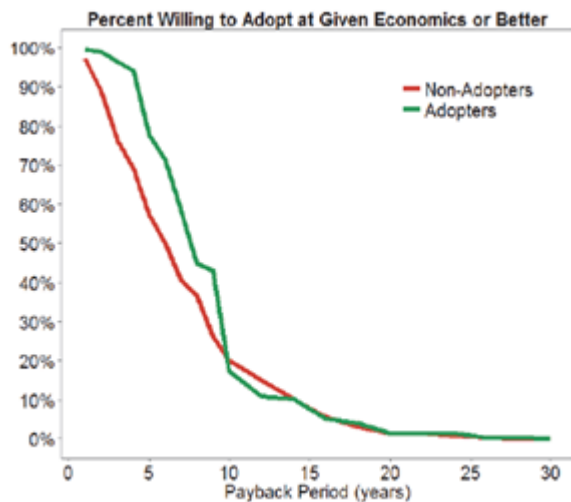


Figure 1 - Percent Willing to Adopt at Given Economics or Better

Challenges

The challenges regarding distributed solar are actually opportunities for the utility to adapt. For example, testimony before the PSC on this docket details concerns the utility has with regards to two way power flow on circuits with high generation. The grid should adapt to this situation and utilize it to increase reliability.

The utility often cites an inequity among the customer base due to the cost at which the distributed customer provides power to the grid. While it does appear that some costs are absorbed by other customers (Blank, 2019), this is an excellent way to encourage the adoption of renewable energy in the face of climate change. The increase the average customer sees on their bill is miniscule. In other words, the benefits of solar to customers and the public more than justify the costs.

Recommendations

- Appoint an independent body to study the value of a kWh from a solar generation customer.
- Ensure that the final rate maintains a reasonable return to solar customers, preferably less than 15 years.

Conclusion

Distributed solar has a number of benefits for utility customers. If the utility's proposed rates are approved by the PSC, the adoption of solar in Utah will screech to a grinding halt. The utility should instead adapt to the new market place and leverage these resources to improve reliability.

Nevada has already reversed its decision on a similar policy (Pyper, 2017). As a final thought, I ask the PSC to consider the numerous comments that have been submitted on this topic. I have been unable to find any that support the utility. Perhaps it is time for the utility to remember that its revenue comes from customers, and it should be accountable to them as well as its investors.

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Public comment in Docket No. 17-035-611 message

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:36 AM

Dear Public Service Commission,

Installing rooftop solar to provide a portion of a customer energy usage is a personal decision made by the customer. It should be the decision of the electric serving entity, serving the solar customer, on whether to accept the customer's surplus energy, whether to meter that energy and at what level the electric serving entity is willing to compensate for surplus energy.

Compensating the solar customer for exported energy at a higher rate than an electric serving entity can purchase elsewhere at a lower rate increases the cost of energy resource acquisition and passes the increased cost onto non-solar customers.

Although rooftop solar does provide energy to the system at certain times, those times are when most of the solar panels across the grid are also providing energy to the grid. The grid becomes surplus of energy and supply and demand issue bring the power prices down.

Also, it is important to remember that solar provides energy but very little capacity to the grid. This became a problem in the late afternoon in Californian this summer. Solar could not provide the capacity needed to support the grid.

The City of Hurricane allows rooftop solar, allows for the energy to come onto the grid, be metered and Hurricane compensated the solar customer at a \$.04 rate. \$.04 is an average cost of other energy sources available at the time rooftop solar is generating. The rate can be changed by the City Council to better match energy markets or political conditions.

Please let the electric serving entities, you have jurisdiction over, set the rooftop solar rate to the benefit of all their customers.

Dave

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Regarding: Docket No: 17-035-61 Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity

Castle Valley is a small community of approximately 300 residents located about 15 miles northeast of Moab, Utah. The Town of Castle Valley objects, on behalf of its residents, to Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to lower the payments for customer generated power to a rate equal to the export credit rate.

This rate reduction would have a large impact on many of the Town's residents that currently have solar electric generation. Since 1990, over 35 photovoltaic systems have been installed by residents of Castle Valley. This is a significant quantity- as of December 2019, Castle Valley had 340 housing units. This gives Castle Valley a higher percentage of solar installations than the rest of the United States. Receiving a reasonable price for consumer generated electricity has been a motivator for many residents, and lowering the price to near zero would be a disincentive for installing new systems.

This proposed rate reduction would also be detrimental to our residents who work in the local solar industry as installers and electricians, as lower rates would depress the market for new solar installations throughout our regional housing area.

With the encouragement of representatives from Rocky Mountain Power, in December 2019 the Town adopted a resolution and joined the coalition of municipalities that are working through the Community Renewable Energy Act to achieve a net-100% renewable energy portfolio by 2030. For almost a year, the Town has spent many hours participating in the development of this program and promoting this program to our residents. The program has been well received and fits into the overall sustainability goals of the Town. Drastically reducing the payments from Rocky Mountain Power to residential electricity producers is antithetical to the goals of the Community Renewable Energy Act and undermines the value of that effort.

As a municipality, we do understand Rocky Mountain Power's need to cover infrastructure costs. But, the reduction of payments for residential solar electricity producers to under \$0.01 per kW is extreme and possibly punitive, especially considering that many studies that include the costs of environmental benefits from solar energy in their calculations put the value of consumer generated electricity at over \$0.20 per kW.

Utility companies in other states have worked with their governments and consumers to establish a system that is equitable for all and encourages the adoption of sustainable power generation. The Town of Castle Valley encourages the Utah Public Service Commission to keep the current rate, or even raise the rate for consumer produced electricity. Please make a decision that values and encourages the expansion of the solar electricity industry.

Thank you for your attention.

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Docket No. 17-035-61 - Justin B. Stratton

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Dear PSC and OCS member,

I am a homeowner who produces solar energy through rooftop panels on my home. It seems that the decentralized production of solar energy in Utah is constantly under attack by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), and, every year, RMP is trying to increase their control over energy production by attacking rooftop solar.

RMP has done their own study of solar energy to try and prove that rooftop solar production should be devalued clear down to 1.5 cents/kwh, which of course, increases their profitability as they turn around and sell that energy to other customers at their full rate. RMP argues that they need to receive compensation for their capital investment in their infrastructure from solar customers. Ironically, RMP ignores the investment that homeowners have made into rooftop solar, or at best, expects homeowners to absorb the full cost of that investment. In response to RMP's flawed and self-serving study, Vote Solar preformed a solar study of ACTUAL Utah homeowners with rooftop solar. This study in fact proved that solar energy compensation is severely undervalued by RMP and that net-metered solar power is actually worth 22.6 cents/kwh!

RMP itself produces solar energy and sells "renewable energy" at a premium over their regular rates to customers who want to be environmentally friendly. Notice that while RMP argues to devalue my solar energy production, they make a premium on the sale of their solar energy. That fact in and of itself, should completely nullify any argument RMP makes concerning my solar production needing to be devalued!

My understanding of the role of the PSC and especially the OCS, is to protect the residents of Utah from the monopoly of companies like RMP. However, as a consumer and rooftop solar producer, it seems like I am responsible for protecting myself from the monopoly as it tries, year after year, to diminish my contribution to producing renewable energy and being environmentally friendly.

Two major infractions of protecting the public is when the PSC allowed RMP to stop the net-metering program and to wipe out all energy credits from solar producers on April 1. The first infraction, stopping the net-metering program, is a direct disincentive to homeowners interested in rooftop solar. The value of the energy new rooftop solar owners produce has been decreased as the financial savings of producing solar energy and selling RMP the excess has gone down. (All the while, RMP ignores the capital benefit they get by having energy returned to their power grid by excess solar that is produced by homeowners.) The second infraction, the annual wiping of credits, is nothing less than pure theft!

Solar producers' credits are stolen every April, right when we have built up credits to help get through the high usage summer months. The argument that these are used to subsidize energy for low-income consumers is mute. Our credits should be ours, and we should have the option at a time of our choosing (or not at all) to give credits to a charity, and then get the tax deduction for the charitable contribution! After all, it's our capital investment that is producing those credits! RMP should not be allowed to dictate how the energy credits produced by the system that I paid for and maintain should be used or how they should arbitrarily "expire".

RMP is counting on the ignorance of the public and the PSC to ramrod their agenda to curtail incentives for anyone other than themselves to invest in solar production! Approval of RMP's request only furthers their monopoly in the energy industry and enslaves the public to their offerings. All the while, the PSC destroy the decentralized, rooftop solar industry, those employed in that sector and by consequence, hurts the public.

Please REJECT RMP's monopolistic practices and PROMOTE individual and private solar energy production! RESTORE trust in the PSC's charge to work in the public's best interest by requiring RMP to fairly compensate Utah homeowners with rooftop solar panels as outlined in Vote Solar's study of actual Utah homeowner's! Solar

credits should INCREASE significantly and net-metering should be REINSTATED immediately! RMP should no longer be allowed to STEAL solar credits from those who earn them!

Please stand up to the bully who is continually picking on those of us who have chosen to invest in solar production. We deserve your protection and your assistance in creating more, decentralized, renewable energy resources!

Sincerely,

Justin B. Stratton



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Request to provide public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61, re: Rooftop Solar Export Credit

1 message

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September 29, 2020

Public Service Commission:

Rather than belabor in any detail the ramifications of rooftop-produced solar energy export into Rocky Mountain Power's grid, please accept the following observation, with appropriate emphasis: The lack of fair, equivalent pricing between electrical energy that RMP produces, as it flows to the consumer, compared to the pricing of electricity that flows --- or rather, that *should flow* --- from the consumer/producer's location back into the distribution grid, constitutes not only an environmental outrage, but also constitutes a clear deterrent to climate change control steps that are urgent imperatives! **Rooftop solar energy production must be rewarded by strategic pricing, not discouraged through pricing that can only please utility investors who are indifferent to the drastic, growing impacts of climate change.**

Visualize wildfires like those in California and Oregon, sweeping down from the Wasatch foothills throughout this region, and you may be able to envision the devastating hell we will face if corporations, governments and agencies continue to fail in their leadership obligations, as they have heretofore.

Not only must the price of 'solar export credit' electricity be increased, relative to the price of RMP's grid-conveyed power, but RMP's pricing of the ongoing mix of carbon-dirty and relatively clean sources of electricity must be adjusted to reflect the profound impacts of carbon-sourced generation that characterizes the catalog of power generation sources that make up RMP's present source portfolio. While it is gratifying that wind and solar sources have received emphasis and corollary investments in recent years, these renewables have been relegated by pricing to 'supplementary' roles. We are in a pre-Armageddon phase of climate history, facing a likely 'sixth great extinction' from human population excess compounded by utter indifference. The RMP portfolio still includes far too many damaging hydropower, natural gas and even coal generation sources, most of which must be phased out as quickly as possible in order to prevent climate change from occurring.

Penalties, therefore, should be imposed on the damaging carbon sources in RMP's portfolio, in proportion to the pricing deficiencies of the rooftop solar energy export financial deterrent. Instead of my having worked, in my early construction days, on two or three major coal generation and coal industrial facilities (e.g., Bridger in Wyoming, Kennecott's Smelter nearby, etc.), in a rational world capable of applying integrated sciences, I could have participated in construction of renewable electricity stations, such as the creation of **salt-gradient solar ponds** on the Great Salt Lake and at 'distributed' scale all around the region, an opportunity that still awaits for a day when climate change awareness overcomes our collective negligence. Meanwhile, **uranium needs to stay in the ground, along with coal, oil and most natural gas now used for power generation**, while encouraging the growth of biogas and methane utilization for energy and industrial heat production. Please review the literature of the discipline of 'industrial ecology' to develop a working plan for future clean energy production, in coordination with energy use discipline in the economy at all scales.

Shifting to a 'place' focus on power generation impacts, the enormous impacts on **air quality, human health and ecological systems and wildlife** must be fully considered. The pandemic has taught us much, but among the most important lessons are those concerning the background health impacts of air pollution, both from industrial and urban transportation sources, but also from regional effects of wildfires --- which we note are likely climate-change in origin.

The assignment of value to these variables by the PSC must be accomplished in an extremely responsible and thorough manner, completely subject to public review and critical commentary.

Due to COVID-19 vulnerability, I will not be able to attend the upcoming public hearing regarding this topic. We will, however, continue to monitor future proceedings related to this docket. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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1 message

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Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 5:41 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We have to get aggressive on policy to protect Earth for our kids and grandkids. Please please please don't put short backward thinking policies on place to placate the science denying, money grubbing vultures. And TAX CARBON!! Don't disincentivize people who are trying to invest in and help secure a habitable planet for our posterity.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 6:01 PM

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Commissioners,

As one who owns a solar photovoltaic system and a resident of the State of Utah, I urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to reduce the Transition Export Credit rate. I agree that I do benefit from the infrastructure of the power grid and ought to help pay for its maintenance. However my own generation system also benefits Rocky Mountain Power and its other customers in a number of ways beyond adding excess energy to the grid, including offering additional resilience and peak-time power production to the energy grid. If the Commission approves Rocky Mountain's proposal, it would in essence be telling Rocky Mountain Power that it doesn't have to pay for the benefits I provide to the grid, while I have to continue to pay to support the grid. It is undeniably wrong to be forced to provide a benefit to Rocky Mountain Power without fair and reasonable compensation. A \$0.012 per kWh rate doesn't compensate me for the additional benefits I provide to the grid, it only compensates me on par with commercial power generation companies who produce a much greater amount of electricity.

Regards,

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1 message

Colby Child (colbychild@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 6:51 PM

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Why should a state whose majority espouses conservative ideologies support the continued monopolization of energy at the expense of a competitive system that will bolster our economy? I believe that to properly represent the interests and ideologies of Utah citizens, the state should support an energy market where solar has a right to fair competition. In a competitive environment, innovation can occur more rapidly. Citizens of Utah deserve to make the choice to use solar on their property without unfair rates. Renewable energy needs a fair chance to show its market value in a world that is suffering from climate change impacts.

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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Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 6:57 PM

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My name is Robert Macfarlane.

I am a Rocky Mountain Power Customer and installed solar panels at my previous house in Draper as the economics made sense with the rate paid by RMP for my production.

I am evaluating panels in the future but if the rate RMP pays for solar power drops to the pitiful levels proposed by RMP, the residential solar market and the benefits of having a more robust grid and power during peak hours from customers will stop all-together. New adoption of residential solar will dry up and thousands of clean energy jobs will disappear.

I added panels to offset my electric car in an effort to improve air quality on the wasatch front. I am looking to install solar, but it will not make any financial sense to do so at rates in the low single digit cents. Payback can only get to a reasonable 7-10 years with rates around \$.09 cents or better. Maybe put in a system where the next 100K new RMP customers are grand-fathered in at current economics and then PSC can review.

Residential Solar only enhances the grid at peak times and will limit the need for spike capacity and new plants.

Please reject the request for the drastic reductions in proposed payments for residential solar. The rate is anti-competitive and unfair to residential customers.

Thanks,
Robert Macfarlane



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1 message

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Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 7:05 PM

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Robert Waters, and I live in Wellsville, UT. I am very concerned about the export credit rate under discussion. Solar energy is a vital part of our transition to a sustainable future, and our fight against devastating climate change.

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.

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

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This matters to me because I have spent 40,000 dollars on solar panels. Right now I am with Provo city power and we are happy with the set up, but I don't want what Rocky Mountain is doing to have an effect on Provo City. Utah's lands and climate are fragile and we need to promote sustainability and be good stewards of the land.

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We need to have healthy air for our families and all our people. Please do not enrich Rocky Mountain Power's fortunes at the expense of our people's well-being. As a State, we should be doing all we can to increase our health and our economy by developing renewable energy. Please do not support Rocky Mountain's request to reduce what they pay for solar energy.

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

Zane / Diane <zwilliams8@comcast.net>
To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 9:40 PM

We moved this summer to the Salt Lake area from Auburn, Washington (in the Puget Sound). We have been surprised by the air pollution and haze in Utah. We wanted to do our part to help the environment and increase renewable energy; so, we committed to getting solar panels installed in November. We were also concerned about having electricity in the case of a natural disaster and wanted to preserve the right to choose when we get energy from the power grid.

Recently, we learned about Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to decrease the value of distributed solar from 9.2¢/kWh to 1.5¢/kWh. As a retired couple, we are genuinely concerned about the financial impact of getting solar panels when there is a proposed 84% reduction in value reimbursed for power sold back to the grid. If we had known this before signing the contract, we probably would not have gone solar. According to the "Vote Solar" study with 2,000 participants, solar is worth 22¢/kWh (when all the utility and community benefits are considered)—not a mere 1.5¢/kWh.

This proposed reduction in value of distributed solar reimbursement is a great dis-incentive to our economy. The increased pollution and climate change that will result are shameful. Rocky Mountain Power should encourage renewable energy in Utah rather than having about 50% local dependence on coal, especially when Utah has warmed at twice the national average. In Salt Lake City, the days above 90° have increased 40% in the last 20 years--increasing ozone pollution. (Until living here, we had never heard about the pollution put out by a gas lawn mower and mowing when we are too tired in the evening to avoid ozone.) Our climate has 31 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. It is time to transition to more renewable energy and help the communities reliant on coal. It is not right to put the economy of solar at risk.

Zane and Diane Williams



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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Sarah Siebach (sbach33@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 11:13 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

My mother is a self-supporting school teacher in Utah County, and if it weren't for the solar on the house she moved into, she wouldn't be able to make the bills. Her solar is also hooked up to batteries, which gives her immense peace of mind knowing she will have power back-up through most major weather disruptions. This is a land overflowing with sunlight, begging to be utilized. Indeed, unfortunately hardly a rain cloud has been in sight for months and hotter, drier conditions are set to expand rather than contract with time. Affordable, cleaner energy consumption options ought to similarly be expanding in Utah. It's just common sense, and Rocky Mtn Power's role should be adaptively and pivotally advancing the state forward in this respect. Don't throw a wrench in common sense: onwards and upwards, RMP!

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1 message

Margarita Satini (RitaSatini@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 11:21 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am a community advocate and by doing this, you make it almost impossible for communities of color to participate in the solar program. We need fair and equitable access to solar energy.

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

Macaulie Casey <caulcasey@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Macaulie Casey <caulcasey@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Hello,

I am a Utah resident of 5 years now, and I would like to encourage you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate (Docket No. 17-035-61). Now more than ever, we need to be investing in renewable and clean energy sources. Our earth is experiencing incredible changes to its climate, and it is our responsibility to invest in clean energy sources not only for own health, safety, and wellbeing, but also for future generations. I live in Salt Lake City, where this summer, we had a record number of high temperature days; we experienced an unprecedented wind storm; and we continually battle poor air quality that's been linked to many awful, adverse health affects (eg. a higher rate of miscarriage).

If you don't believe in climate change, which is against the majority of Americans (62% of Americans believe in climate change and agree it has adversely affected them), than please notice that solar energy that introduced thousands of jobs to the Utah market. Solar energy has been shown to stabilize energy prices and also stabilize the energy grid, meaning fewer people experience blackouts (eg. like what happened weeks ago in multiple counties, where thousands of Utahns were without power for days).

Please listen to the people on this matter. This state is ours, and our voices matter. I urge you to reject this docket from Rocky Mountain Power.

Sincerely,
Macaulie Casey

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Angela Mastaloudis (mastaloudis@ucsbalum.net) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:27 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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Sincerely,

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Brooks Keeshin <brooks.keeshin@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Brooks Keeshin <brooks.keeshin@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 7:16 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).

I believe reducing the credit will have a profound impact on our state's ability to attract companies to Utah, when we show that we are pro utility, and not pro consumer/business/environment. This is nothing more than a clear power play by a state monopoly, trying to squeeze even more profit while denying in practice consumer choice.

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.

Sincerely,
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DocketNo. 17-035-61

1 message

Therus Kolff <tkolff@post.harvard.edu>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 7:50 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Therus Kolff <tkolff@post.harvard.edu>

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because we need more clean energy!! I installed 26 panels on my roof three years ago and hope that more will do so.

The prosed changes to the reimbursement will disincentivize the adoption in new locations and for new home owners - and the number one issue facing ALL of us is climate change.

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Darrah Appelfeller (darrah82@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 7:52 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I strongly oppose RMP's proposal to reduce the rate of compensation for rooftop solar generating customers. Not only does this hurt the rooftop solar industry, it is illogical to essentially deprive the public of any incentive to install solar panels in one of the sunniest states in the country.

Even the notion that this is up for debate is totally unacceptable. I urge the commission to reject RMP's proposal and instead side with the people. The commission should instead consider increasing the amount credited to customers to incentivize more people to install solar. To do anything different is in direct opposition to any efforts to clean our air and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

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Sincerely,

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Kent Baker <kentbtrails113@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 7:59 AM

Reply-To: Kent Baker <kentbtrails113@gmail.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Dear Commissioners,

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

I have had solar panels for many years. I find it invaluable in reducing my living cost especially now that I am retired and living on a fixed income. My panels help to reduce the power company need for new power plants reducing costs increase for every one.

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

1 message

Lincoln Murphy (lincoln.murphy@mhtn.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:01 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Unfortunately too much of our power in the west comes from coal. I understand that RMP needs to balance their own finances with environmental friendliness. If rates are again reduced for solar, RMP must do it slowly and ONLY to the make their own energy production more environmentally friendly.

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 Public Comment

1 message

Ernie Rogers (ernie.e.rogers@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal MessageTue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:02
AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

The proposed rate increase is a far fetched plan that is deeply troubling given the effect it would have on Solar in the state of Utah. How anyone in the state other than Rocky Mountain Power could favor this plan is unknown. Many in Utah including myself aren't financially well off and at the same time I consider it very important to do all I can to protect air quality and the climate in this day and age. The only way I can make it financially feasible to invest in the solar panels that I wish to install is by way of the current payback rate that is given to users of solar so that the investment can be paid back in a reasonable amount of time. The proposal by RMP is so far in the other direction of solar being a feasible investment that only the very well off consumer could even consider making this investment. It would be a travesty if this proposal were to go through that is so far against the public interest and what other states reimburse at that Utah would be a true anomaly.

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1 message

CORY FISCHER (coryf5555@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:04 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please allow community members to participate in financial benefits of rooftop solar to the maximum extent possible.

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

James Jones (james.jones@mhtn.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:17 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

It is absurd and a travesty to allow Rocky Mountain Power to limit the incentives for home owner based photovoltaic power production. Steps need to be taken to reverse the use of air polluting and unhealth sources of energy, ie - coal. In fact the opposite course needs to be legislated, encourage energy independence from harmful energy sources. Please do not allow RMP to alter the future of a Solar Utah. Thank you!

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

Jeremy Lynch <jeremyelliottlynch@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:50 AM

Hello -

As a Utahn, small-business owner, and someone who built his solar-powered home during the pandemic this spring, I believe in the resilience that comes from diverse forms of energy consumption. In a state as sunny as ours, solar is essential. Please support keeping solar investment affordable for the small guy - both the homeowner and the installer. I know - for myself - that keeping compensation rates competitive will allow me the flexibility to continue investing in Utah's economy. I also know that - living in Moab - with property taxes due to rise on account of significant losses in city and county income this spring, any savings I can make by making a strong investment in solar technology will help keep me secure in the state and the community I love.

Thank you for your support - we need it!

--

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Citizen comment for the PSC

1 message

Brian Stephenson <brian.r.stephenson@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:52 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I'm hoping this is an effective way of submitting a comment for the Public Services Commission. I have been reading in the news about the meeting this week with Rocky Mountain Power to review rooftop solar power purchase rates. Whatever is appropriate and fair, I'm sure can be determined between the Commission and the Utility.

In a larger sense though, Rocky Mountain's reluctance to facilitate rooftop solar adoption seems to me a lot like the initial resistance of the music industry to digital streaming of music. Twenty years ago the music industry was filing lawsuits against the first streaming companies, like Napster, because artists and producers alleged the new technology would permanently damage their industry. Today, we can see that not only are there still artists creating and performing music; but that the companies who dedicated their resources to creative innovation, like Apple with their iTunes service, have become the almost universally accepted method of music consumption. My point is that I think citizens, voters, and public sentiment will inexorably move in the direction of the new technology; and those companies who are willing to embrace it (rather than expend resources in an ultimately losing battle) will be the most successful. I have every confidence that if Rocky Mountain Power would dedicate their creativity and expertise to finding and optimizing the advantages of diffuse and collaborative power generation, they could set a national standard for success and be a trend-setter for the next 50 years of public utility practice.

Let me propose just one possibility. I am a homeowner who has, at my own expense, installed a rooftop solar array on my house and had it connected to the electrical grid. I also own a small commercial building with a similar setup. However, in both instances I have used less than half of my available roof space. If Rocky Mountain Power were to approach me with the proposal that they subsidize the placement of additional solar panels into my already existing array in exchange for a reasonable lease, modest power purchase agreement, or even just waiving my administrative and equipment maintenance fees, I would be very open to the arrangement. They get de-centralized, subsidized, clean power generation; and I get to save or make a little money. Everyone benefits.

Just my thoughts that I'd like to have heard by someone who can make a difference.

Thank you,

Brian Stephenson

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Terry Orme (terryorme@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:56 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

When deciding the fate of rooftop solar power generation in Utah, the Public Service Commission must take into account all the benefits it provides to cleaning our air and slowing the warming of planet Earth. Rooftop solar should be encouraged more, not less. It is key to improving public health, quality and sustainability of life. Rocky Mountain Power should support, not oppose, solar power. In fact, it should be leading the way in transitioning from dirty to clean energy production. They should be in the business of rooftop solar power.

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

willie holdman (willie.holdman@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:16 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I've always been amazed at the power of the sun...energy being wasted by not harnessing the power. I am finally ready to invest in solar...but now this scares me. Its expensive up front, but now after seeing this proposal...it doesnt make sense if it passes. Its just too expensive for the normal joe. Say no to Rocky Mountain Power! Help me use sustainable energy.

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1 message

Russell Petty (russellpetty@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:26 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I'm sorry if this sounds pathetic, but I need this job for my family. Now just isn't the appropriate time to rattle thousands more families in our state. We're better than that. Timing matters. This decision will be part of the commissioners' legacy so I hope they get this right.

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RMP solar charges

1 message

Jennifer Spacek <jenrunisfun@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:38 AM

I am writing in response to Rocky Mountain Power wanting to only pay 1.5 cents per kilowatt to new solar array owners, a huge decrease from what it currently is. I am in favor of something that is fair for RMP, but also the individual home owner. My preference would be for a set monthly fee for the costs associated with managing the incoming power from individual arrays, which I believe would be less of an overall cost to the homeowner than what RMP is proposing. There would definitely need to be transparency in this process. Thanks, Jennifer Spacek, Park City, Utah



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1 message

Warren Miterko <wmiterko@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:42 AM

Reply-To: Warren Miterko <wmiterko@gmail.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely,
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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Sam Newman <samuellnewman@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:43 AM

Dear Public Service Commission,

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to further devalue the electricity generated by residential solar installations.

Distributed generation has long been seen as a resilient solution to the many problems of centralizing electricity production. Housing costs in Utah are rising, and at an individual level, installing rooftop solar is something that a homeowner or homebuyer can do to both support the grid, use a readily available resource, and keep bills down.

RMP sees rooftop solar as a competitor, as evidenced by their attempts to continually de-incentivize it. They could instead view it as a way to diversify and support their efforts to provide everyone with affordable and clean energy.

Best,
Sam Newman
Moab, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Katie Grauel <grauel.katie@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:02 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I would like to express my opinion on the upcoming proposal from Rocky Mountain Power to devalue solar energy. I believe it is very important to continue to support solar energy in Utah in particular. Utah is the 5th sunniest state, and the ability to decentralize and generate energy on our own properties and "give back to the grid" is incentivizing for many to choose a renewable source of energy over more polluting and environmentally destructive forms. As we all have been experiencing during this smoky summer, air quality is paramount to life and health, and we should be investing in energy sources like solar that don't contribute to the pollution of our air. Thank you

Katie



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

michael jaffe <slmjaffe@me.com>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 5:25 PM

Reply-To: michael jaffe <slmjaffe@me.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely,

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about Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate

1 message

vicente planelles <vplanelles@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Mila Dunbar-Irwin <mdunbarirwin@grandcountyutah.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:22 AM

Please do not devalue solar electricity. We desperately need these individual solar resources for all so that our grid stays diversified, people can be energy independent, and we have a possibility to share electricity with those who need it most. As a solar customer, I believe that a significantly lower compensation rate will make it difficult for anyone to invest in their own systems.

Please keep solar compensation high enough that it is encouraged and a worthwhile investment for individuals.

Thank you!

Mila



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Tanner Slizeski (tannerslizeski@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:37 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This matters because we need more renewable energy sources to combat climate change. Thank you!

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Protect solar energy generation from roof top solar

1 message

Howard Trenholme <seajax1@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a rooftop solar partner with the electric provider Rocky Mountain Power. I, as a business owner, made a substantial capital investment to install a 25kw system to be part of a cleaner, greener grid providing energy to the overall system and reducing my demand for fossil fuel burn, making the building more efficient and generally being part of the solution to be better stewards of this place in which we live and work. This valuable process was certified by state and federal incentives and a fair, equitable price for the energy created.

Utah is plagued with, at times, unhealthy air quality. The more rooftop solar the cleaner healthier the air will become therefore fair prices for this solution based process need to exist. The whole state of Utah has an incredible potential to not only provide a renewable energy for its residents but also has the capacity to supply/sell energy to other areas of the overall grid in to a huge potential income generator for the utility prepared to make this step.

Modeling a collaborative renewable energy source requires energy creation partners big and small. The small need incentive and protection that their portion of this solution is fair and equitable so the power commission is obliged to keep these rates at this present level.

Leadership is driven from both the bottom and the top of the energy chain. Please do the responsible thing.

Faithfully,

Howard Trenholme
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1 message

John Cuomo (john.cuomo1@outlook.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Utah needs solar power more now than ever. We have some of the worst air in the country, and burning coal for energy contributed to that. If we can effectively put solar panels on the roofs in Utah, our need to burn more coal, and further exacerbate the condition of our air will be greatly relieved. In addition, since more power will be generated during the day, when our total power usage is highest, the need to build newer power plants will be reduced. Our health and our lives are on the line.

Please help save Utah's solar power. Say yes to Utah Solar power and NO to Rocky Mountain Power.

Thank you

Dr. John Cuomo
Salt Lake City, UT

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1 message

Lynn Chadderdon <lynnc1531@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Lynn Chadderdon <lynnc1531@gmail.com>
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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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1 message

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1 message

Casey Ryan <caseymryan@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Casey Ryan <caseymryan@gmail.com>
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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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Sincerely,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Crystal Stuart (crystalannestuart@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:49 AM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

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1 message

Molly Morehouse (mollymorehouse.mm@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at

<automail@knowwho.com>

10:57 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Having a healthier planet for ourselves and future generations requires we make changes immediately. Solar energy must be allowed to grow unimpeded as we transition to clean energy options. As a company, if you come out on the side of fossil fuels you will go the way of the dinosaurs - extinction.

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Docket No. 17-035-611 message

Sarah Stock <bewarasarah@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:26 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in support of higher export credit resulting from rooftop solar production which would protect and encourage rooftop solar in Utah. We are in one of the 5 sunniest states, it would be foolish to allow Rocky Mountains Power's monopoly on the grid discourage residents from investing in rooftop solar and destroy the solar energy industry in Utah.

I live in Grand County, where power must travel across large portions of the state to arrive in my community, unless it is produced via solar locally. We need more of this type of renewable investment, for the climate, and also for the local economy.

Please protect rooftop solar in Utah. It is vitally important

Sarah Stock

Grand County



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-611 message

Dale <frandj@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:32 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

My name is Dale Arnold Francis

I am writing this email to say that I am opposed to Rocky Mountain's proposal to reduce the credit for solar power buy from 9.2 cents to 1.5 cents per kilowatt. I truly believe that 9.2 cents per kilowatt is a bargain for the power company, however if allowed to only pay 1.5 cent it will kill the solar industry as we know it. People will not invest the \$20,000 plus into solar if they still end up paying for the power they produce at the power companies rate and only receive 1.5 cents for what their solar system produced.

I believe this is a ploy to stop people from going solar, and take away the jobs that the solar industry provides to this state.

I believe that the power rates currently in play are good for the power company and the owners of the solar systems on their homes. Excess power from the solar panels is sold to the power company and then when the panels are not working, at night, the power from the power company is used. It's a win win the power company is getting power at a reasonable rate and the homeowner is receiving power that has been banked. Please don't allow the power company to ruin this industry.

Dale Francis

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1 message

Erick Allen <eallen598@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:35 AM

Reply-To: Erick Allen <eallen598@gmail.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely,
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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

AW Construction <awconstruction15@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:36 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please consider keeping the solar incentives that are currently in place. To allow Rocky Mtn Power to increase rates and continue to monopolize the market make it hard for small companies and individuals to succeed in the solar industry in Utah. As a consumer, small business owner, employer, and home owner in Moab UT I would appreciate your help.

Thanks for reading
Bill

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Clifford Butter <cliffbutter@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:44 AM

Reply-To: Clifford Butter <cliffbutter@utah.gov>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely,
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Solar Power

1 message

Mary McGann <mmcgann@grandcountyutah.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:48 AM

Dear Utah's Public Service Commission,

Please do not accept Rocky Mountain Power's energy proposal that devalues energy developed by rooftop solar. We must encourage the use of more renewable energy, not discourage it.

Sincerely,
Mary McGann
Member of Grand County Commission



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No: 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Craig Elliott <craigelliottaia@mac.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:04 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Docket No: 17-035-61

Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity

Utah Public Safety Commission:

I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to reduce the Utah solar export credit rate from 9.2 cents to 1.5 cents per kWh.

My calculations reveal an actual pay rate to RMP, without taxes, in the range of 10 to 11 cents per kWh. This suggests that the utility customer is being paid 15% or less of what RMP is charging other customers for the power produced by the solar panels. This energy required zero capital outlay by RMP to be used and as a distributed source of energy requires zero additional infrastructure to be constructed. Additionally, the peak production of a solar panel on a residential structure is during peak demand for commercial use, offsetting the need to provide additional peak power production.

Beyond the issues with costs and air quality, rooftop solar promotes self-sufficiency with the citizens of the State of Utah. Self-sufficiency is an inherent way of life of the people of this state. Allowing this reduction of the Utah solar export credit will hinder efforts to provide cleaner air, grid resiliency, and self reliance. Please do not accept this request.

Craig Elliott, AIA
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1 message

Andres Ksoturik (kostcones@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:06 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Say yes to dilated power Utah so we can decrease emissions and clean up Utah Air!

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1 message

John Conde <jconde4@hotmail.com>
Reply-To: John Conde <jconde4@hotmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:09 PM

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1 message

Dave Sheldon <dave@sunussolar.com>
Reply-To: Dave Sheldon <dave@sunussolar.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:16 PM

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1 message

Sarah Cousins (Sally) Elliott <sallycousinselliott@gmail.com>
Reply-To: "Sarah Cousins (Sally) Elliott" <sallycousinselliott@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Colin Ferguson <cgf1972@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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

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DocketNo. 17-035-611 message

Paula Lee <paulitalee@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:51 PM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate because it will prove to be a major disincentive for rooftop solar to expand in Utah. As the mother of two young children I prioritized investing in solar power for our family for several reasons, I care deeply about mitigating our climate impact and also regional air quality. I was able to justify the upfront expense knowing that my investment would pay off in time. With the proposed rate change I would never recoup the investment and purchasing rooftop solar would be less attractive.

We cannot expect individual rooftop solar investors to have their investment undervalued and retroactively diminished and we cannot afford not to take action for clean energy solutions.

I respectfully ask you not to reduce the export credit rate and instead raise the export credit to a more equitable amount that truly considers the complete contribution of clean distributed power generation the grid.

Sincerely

Paula Lee



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1 message

Stephen Mossbarger (pub-mail@stephen-mossbarger.us) Sent You a Personal MessageTue, Sep 29, 2020 at
12:52 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As the US West faces megadrought and wildfires blaze at record size and ferocity, failing to switch to non-polluting energy sources is madness. Rocky Mountain Power needs to switch its entire power generation to sustainable sources, including hydrogen fuel facilities and geothermal wells -- and most of all, it needs to cease attempting to blockade citizens' efforts to ensure their future in the American West through measures such as residential solar, and in Utah which is facing deep, long drought.

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1 message

Susan Sundstrom (scsaltlake@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment1 message

John Giles (jrslig1@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 1:04 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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1 message

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 1:08 PM

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I have solar and purchased under net-metering agreement. I have helped keep RMP from having to build expensive plants to manage heavy load days and that has saved them millions. Ridiculous to back off on support for transitioning to sustainable energy while California is on fire. I also pay \$12.00 / month to be hooked up to RMP; so, I'm not getting this for free AND I they don't have to transport power from far away to my neighbor because I'm right next door!

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 1:11 PM

- Alessandra Demarchis
- Rooftop solar is good for our health and for the environment
 - Power generated by rooftop solar means coal not burned
 - Air pollution and climate change are pressing threats to Utah and Utahn's bear the burden of these costs, not Rocky Mountain Power

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1 message

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1 message

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 1:19 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

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1 message

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Dane Weister <dane.weister@gmail.com>
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To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 2:00 PM

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 2:03 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

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1 message

Eric Hampshire <ehampshire@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 2:33 PM

Reply-To: ehampshire@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I bought my solar panels with a calculated payoff period. They have saved me money and provide power to my neighbors when the sun is shining! The power does not go far, I am one of the few people in my neighborhood with solar. I am proud to be reducing Utah's dependence on coal and other dirty power sources! We need more solar adoption by individuals and business, not less!

Sincerely,

Eric Hampshire

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Daniel McGuire <dmcguire@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 2:33 PM

Reply-To: dmcguire@xmission.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Late in 2016 I had a 3kw solar system atop my house in the Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake. After almost four years of power generation the system just passed the 20Mwh threshold of energy production. At a return rate of approximately about 10 cents per kwh, my return on investment is about \$2000 on a \$6000 initial outlay. At this rate the system will pay itself off in 12 years. This is fine with me as I installed it as a practical way to vote for a clean energy future.

You proposition to reduce the refund rate to less than 20 cents will multiply the return time to five times the current duration: it will increase the payoff time from 12 to 60 years.

Make no mistake, this will kill the rooftop the solar industry, kill thousands of good paying jobs, and pins your position against a clean energy future.

This should be easy call. Make it.

Sincerely,

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Ruby Farnworth (Rubyfarnworth@msn.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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1 message

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 2:45 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am a solar power owner and want to make sure that I am fairly compensated for the energy that I contribute to the grid. I have made a considerable investment in this technology and want to maintain what they have said they would do currently. Cutting the compensation by 84% is very high and doesn't seem fair.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Reply-To: David Thomson <dthomson01@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:01 PM

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Sincerely,
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Fundraiser <fundraiser@communityrebuilds.org>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:05 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to say that I do not approve of RMP providing a lower compensation rate for solar.

Just last week, the nonprofit I worked for received a Blue Sky grant to install solar on our student bunkhouse. We celebrated as an organization with a Rocky Mountain Representative because 100% of our electricity will now be solar-powered! This was a great feeling and I want every resident to have the opportunity to feel this way.

Solar should remain incentivized to residents of Utah. For years now, citizens in our country have stood up in social demonstrations, calling for states, universities, and companies to divest their money from the fossil fuel industry and invest it instead in renewable energies. Now, more than ever, we are witnessing the effects of climate change as many forests in the US are ablaze and we are experiencing uncharacteristically strong weather events. Climate change is caused by the continuous release of CO2 and other greenhouse gases into our atmosphere. Although I recognize the value in fossil fuels and how far they have progressed our society, it is now time to move away from the detrimental energy source.

Please do not devalue the solar energy that customers generate.

Thank you.
Alivia

Alivia Michalski

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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

1 message

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1 message

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Angela Mastaloudis (mastaloudis@ucsbalum.net) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:10

<automail@knowwho.com>

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

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Sincerely,

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Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

James Viney <jamesviney@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:14 PM

Reply-To: jamesviney@comcast.net

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Dear Commissioners

i am writing this letter to oppose Rocky Mountain Powers proposals for solar reimbursement. those businesses and individuals that have already invested in solar deserve fair compensation for the energy they send to our electric grid. maintaining a strong distributed power grid is helpful during problems with parts of the electric grid. Rooftop solar generation can provide many multiples the value to the grid that RMP proposes.. Their proposal would put at risk 7000 jobs in our solar industry. we need to maintain a fair compensation ton maintain our path towards renewable energy in this state.

Sincerely,

James Viney

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1 message

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Ransom H Love <ransom.howard.love@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:20 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To whom it may concern

We are against the centralization of alternative power such as wind, solar etc. rooftop solar provides needed independence and encourages personal accountability. Please reject Rocky Mountain's proposal to cut off rooftop solar.

Thank you

Ransom and Nyla Love

Sent from my iPhone

**PublicService Commission** <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Kelly Brinkerhoff <brinkerhoff7@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Roof Top Net Metering is the only way I can afford my energy bills. The pandemic has hit everyone pretty hard and this is definitely a plus.

Please reject RMP new assault on rooftop solar
Kelly Brinkerhoff



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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1 message

Matthee Crawford <mjc399@cornell.edu>
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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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Sincerely,
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Docket No. 17-035-61 - Michael A. Lyon

1 message

Lyon, Michael <MALyon@firstcommand.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:42 PM

I strongly oppose rocky mountains proposal to devalue rooftop solar energy. This is so incredibly sad and will have extremely negative long-term effects. If anything we should be increasing the cents per kilowatt hour that solar systems add to the system. These systems come at a substantial cost to those of us that have them and they should be protected and encouraged for future potential clients.

Please don't accept RMP's proposal.

Mike



Mike Lyon

Financial Advisor

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Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

James Aton (aton_j@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:44 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Dear PSC

Make RMP stick to their agreements about solar power. This new proposal is absurd--and greedy as hell. Make Utah carbon neutral and make RMP work to make it so.

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

Sterling G Keyes <sgkeyes@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:46 PM

RE: Docket No. 17-035-61

To whom it may concern,

I write with intention to voice my concern over Rocky Mountain Power's request to devalue rooftop solar energy from 9.2 cents per kWh to 1.5 cents per kWh (an 84% devaluation of private solar energy production). My understanding is that such an enormous decrease in the value of rooftop solar energy will result in discouraging many new solar owners from buying their own solar array. As a current solar owner I am also very concerned that if such a docket measure can pass, what will protect me with regard to my investment? Supposedly, I am grandfathered in at 9.2 cents per kWh but if such an outrageous proposal as Docket No. 17-035-61 can be legitimately considered or approved, I fear that the Public Service Commission may not be serious continuing to recognize my grandfathered rate.

Utah has a perfect climate for supporting solar energy. I don't understand Pacific Corp's need to devalue the energy rooftop solar provides. They are still able to sell that energy produced for more than they buy it from solar customers. I understand that Pacific Corp has done a research study that would appear to justify this alarming request, but I have not been able to find the details of that study from their website so I cannot comment on the premise of their research. If the commission decides to approve the utilities request, I would expect that a rationale that legitimizes the premise for the change be released to the public.

That said, I am not against sensible policy changes. I know that the commission faces many difficulty challenges and decisions which must consider the future of our changing world. I would, however, urge the commission that if Pacific Corp's study appears to validate the rate reduction on solar power, that they commission their own study with an independent committee to explore the veracity of the Pacific Corp's research study claims to ensure that such claims were not obtained with prejudice.

I welcome your thoughts or comments.

Sincerely,

Sterling Keyes

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1 message

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

The recent wind storm and power outage brought dramatically home the value of rooftop solar with battery storage. Rocky Mountain Power made a prodigious effort to get power restored, yet it took 24 hours for our power to return. A friend who had a tree fall and hit his house and power line, didn't get power restored for 8 days.

I love knowing that by generative my electricity needs from my solar panels, I am reducing air pollution and making a contribution to solving climate change.

According to "Drawdown," "microgrids play a critical role in the advancement of a flexible and efficient electric grid.

We all benefit when rooftop solar is installed. RMP rate structure should incentivize rooftop solar.

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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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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Julie Chard <jchard@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:46 PM

Reply-To: jchard@grndwork.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Rocky Mountain Power's proposal would reduce the export solar credit rate by 84 percent, which would make Utah's solar export credit the lowest in the entire country, despite the fact that Utah has fantastic solar resources.

The solar industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States because the levelized cost of producing energy from the sun is LOWER than the cost of producing energy from fossil fuels. And that doesn't even take costs like air quality and public health into account!

Do the right thing for your fellow Utahns, present and future, and pave the path forward to more renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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Local Utah Businesses Advocate to Protect Solar Industry, New RMP Proposal Could Kill Rooftop Solar in the State

1 message

Robert E. Rutkowski <r_e_rutkowski@att.net>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:59 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Cc: Keith Abouchar <keith.abouchar@mail.house.gov>

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Re: Local Utah Businesses Advocate to Protect Solar Industry, New RMP Proposal Could Kill Rooftop Solar in the State

Dear Chair:

Today, 20 Utah businesses came out against the local utility, Rocky Mountain Power, proposal which would prevent families and businesses from affording rooftop solar on their homes and buildings (full list of businesses at the bottom of press release). The proposal would reduce the export solar credit rate by 84 percent -- which would make Utah's solar export credit the lowest in the entire country, despite the fact that Utah has some of the best solar resources -- a move that would effectively kill the solar industry in Utah.

An export credit rate is the price individuals who choose to produce their own energy get for sharing their energy with the public through the utility. When individuals produce their own energy, a fair export credit rating system encourages investment in solar panels so that the excess energy is passed back to the grid for public consumption. When this happens, an individual's meter actually runs in reverse. For utilities like RMP, which gets 60 percent of its power from coal plants, receiving excess solar energy means the utility can cut the carbon pollution that exacerbates the climate crisis and poisons our air and water.

Utah prides itself as a state that champions industry and innovation, yet this latest proposal by Rocky Mountain Power would spell disaster for rooftop solar, one of our fastest growing and most innovative new industries. To mitigate the economic hardships posed by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 crisis, we must build the foundation for a vibrant solar energy industry in Utah. And that unequivocally requires the commission to reject Rocky Mountain Power's new solar rate proposal. Utahns have the right to choose clean energy.

Yours sincerely,
Robert E. Rutkowski

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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Zach Ramras <z.ramras@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:03 PM

Reply-To: Zach Ramras <z.ramras@gmail.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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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Docket No 17-035-61

1 message

Tina Krutsky <tinakrutsky@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:08 PM

To the folks at Rocky Mountain Power,

My husband and I installed a solar power system several years ago at [16 W Cobble Lane](#) in Bluff, Utah. We generate more power than we use and hope this is a help to your company. I understand solar benefits may be negatively affected by proposed legislation. That would be sad indeed.

We went solar because we want a Utah (and a whole wide world) with clean air. I am always puzzled as to why your company isn't a strong supporter of our position. Perhaps you can explain why you don't do more to encourage solar power? We certainly have the sun shine to recommend it.

Thank you for your readiness to consider this issue.

Sincerely,

Christina Krutsky



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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Trevor Brady <trevorbrady315@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Trevor Brady <trevorbrady315@gmail.com>
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:10 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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

1 message

Chase Hawker <hawkerchase@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:11 PM

Reply-To: Chase Hawker <hawkerchase@gmail.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Dear Commissioners,

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Docket No: 17-035-61

1 message

Jacob Noyce <jacob.noyce@blueravensolar.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:12 PM

- The PSC should reject RMP's plan.
- The proposed changes to net-metering are not in the best interest of Utah families and businesses.
- Expansion of residential solar in Utah will end, thousands of Utah jobs will be lost, and Utah's unmatched, spectacular lands will suffer if the PSC approves RMP's plan.
- RMP's plan does not fit in the state's Covid-19 strategy for economic recovery and revitalization.
- RMP's plan decreases access, availability, and affordability of residential solar.
- RMP should not be allowed invest in large scale energy projects without first considering meeting its renewable portfolio standards by local investment and support in residential solar energy producers.
- Any request for a change to net-metering should proceed by a cost/benefit study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the PSC of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection and to promote the growth of residential solar energy producers.

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jess Rudd <jruddb2@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:17 PM

To Utah Public Service Commission -

I am writing to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to increase rates for rooftop solar by 84%. I have solar panels installed on my roof as do a number of my neighbors and it not only gives me a sense of security knowing that I am providing power for myself but also providing power that Rocky Mountain Power can use to power homes that do not have solar panels. Increasing rates for those that seek to help themselves as well as others does not make good logical sense to me. I am opposed to a plan that would force solar companies to lose business and their employees lose jobs because Rocky Mountain Power wants to monopolize their role in power generation and supply. That is just not the American way!

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Jess Rudd



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Erik Olson (erikbolson0@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:20 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Giving consumers a strong financial incentive to help support clean energy benefits all of us, please don't dilute those incentives. We need rapid climate action!

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>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

M Roper <kramrpr2@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:31 PM

Reply-To: kramrpr2@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I strongly oppose RMP's proposal to decrease the rate of net metering by 84% to \$1.94/kWh. I think their study was grossly inadequate by only monitoring 70 solar customers. This is an important issue that a conglomerate their size should provide a top tier research plan to reach the best decision. Instead, they simply jumped to the conclusion that a 84% decrease is the answer.

Another weak and irresponsible point is that they didn't factor in the environmental impact. Hometown solar is clean and efficient and power plants carry an environmental cost that must be considered.

This is a typical big company oppressing the little guy as they continue to whittle away the benefits of rooftop solar. Year after year they keep after us. What can we do against such a powerful giant with their powerful lobbyists? We will buy Tesla type batteries and backup generators and unhook from the giant.

They really should treat us like an ally and we should do this together. It should not be based on their greedy intentions.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Case Kelley <C.R.Kelley@hotmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:36 PM

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

Dear Public Service Commission,

I would like to emphasize the point of the commission as stated in the 8th paragraph on the State of Utah Public Service Commission Website.

It states, "The primary responsibility of the Commission is to ensure safe, reliable, adequate, and reasonably priced utility service. It conducts hearings and investigations of utility company operations in order to determine just and reasonable rates for service. The Commission strives to protect efficient, reliable, reasonably-priced utility service for customers, and to maintain financially healthy utility companies. These goals are attained through the regulatory decisions the Commission makes and through rules it adopts."(1)

To drop the rate by 85% for future rooftop solar panel owners would be a gross transgression to this stated responsibility. Utah citizens own the right to be able to pick and choose the source of energy they want to receive. Allowing this adjustment will only further the monopolization of energy that Rocky Mountain Power holds over the energy market in Utah.

To adjust the rate would also ignore the goals of cleaner air for Utah. The diminishment of the return-on-investment for solar panels, would essentially destroy the market, making the investment of solar panels financially unwise. People would no longer have the incentive to buy solar panels, forcing the grid to keep on relying on the use of energy generated from coal-ran power plants.

From a sincerely concerned citizen of Utah,

Case Kelley

Reference:

(1) <https://psc.utah.gov/history/>



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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Carolyn Chase <carolyn.r.chase@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:42 PM

Our family feels strongly about the pollution here in the Salt Lake Valley, and have paid to install solar panels in the effort to offset the use of coal etc to produce electricity. The power we produce and don't use during a day goes back to the grid and Rocky Mountain Power uses it to supply others with power. At the end of the year, any we haven't used is kept by Rocky Mountain Power. It hardly seems reasonable not to be compensated equably for what they use. They don't even have to make any capital investment in equipment to gather solar energy themselves!!!

With a goal of moving toward electric cars to reduce pollution, it seem ludicrous to reduce the incentive to generate solar power any and all ways we can. It doesn't make sense to remove any incentive to have solar panels.

On an economic side, Utah's solar industry will be killed with the subsequent loss of thousands of jobs.

I strongly urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposal.

Thanks,
Carolyn R. Chase
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Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jonathan Harris <jontrvn1@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:48 PM

Reply-To: Jonathan Harris <jontrvn1@gmail.com>

To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

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,
Jonathan Harris
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Public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61 - Rutherford

1 message

LISA RUTHERFORD <lisar@bajabb.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:53 PM

RE: Docket No. 17-035-61—Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity

As a Utah resident, I am writing to ask you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) proposed solar export credit rate and consider raising the rate.

Solar in Utah is at risk at a time when it should be moving ahead full steam for the good of this state and this nation. Climate change is wreaking havoc across this nation and leadership is needed to help stop the downward spiral we find ourselves in due to fossil fuel. As a retired oil/gas employee, I feel that new vision is needed and citizens count on agencies such as the Public Service Commission (PSC) to lead in that regard.

This effort to undermine solar is particularly troubling for southern Utah where I live, where sunshine abounds, and where people could be making good use of this energy. In question is RMP's request to cut credits by 84% for new solar. According to Utah Clean Energy, "If Rocky Mountain Power's proposal is approved, it sends a strong signal to prospective solar customers that their energy exported to the grid is essentially worthless. It would take up to 25 years, potentially longer, to pay back the upfront investment in solar panels. And that means many solar customers will never realize any savings over the life of their panels."

RMP argues that solar is bad for RMP's non-solar customers, but if RMP and the PSC drive solar out of the market and citizens don't have this option they will be locked into whatever RMP provides and that could result in higher rates for customers. RMP argues they are lowering solar rates to help all customers, but this certainly does not seem to be the case. Instead, they are trapping customers. This is not the kind of thing that the PSC should be encouraging.

RMP has seen the handwriting on the wall for many years. Rooftop solar has been gaining ground and RMP should have modified their business model to adequately adjust to that new reality. Now that rooftop solar has become even more popular, this is an effort on RMP's part to stifle competition and monopolize renewable power generation. The PSC should keep that in mind when making a decision on this important matter.

Utah is a state that generally supports free market choices. By supporting rooftop solar the PSC can make sure that Utahns have market choices when it comes to energy for their homes and businesses. By allowing RMP to stack the deck when that is not necessary for their business to be profitable does not do what's right for Utahns.

Also, I installed a 5.8KW system on my home in 2017. I find no evidence that I was charged fees that RMP is now including in their request that include:

- a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$150
- a one-time customer generation meter fee of \$160

Why are these fees necessary now when they were not necessary in 2017?

I am reaping the benefits of my solar system, as are my neighbors, or so I thought. A comment on my FaceBook page regarding solar and these hearings stated: "My next door neighbor installed solar on his home and because we are both hooked to the same transformer on the power grid RMC claims I am using the power he puts back in the grid that they pay him for. RMC raised my rate to compensate for this." If this is true, RMP and the PSC need to answer why this is allowed to happen. Certainly if this is the case, it is not making good neighbors or helping people generally appreciate solar for our future, which is what we need.

Solar jobs are important throughout this nation and have been listed in Bureau of Labor Statistics reports as some of the fastest-growing and most lucrative jobs, certainly much needed currently. For years, the fossil-fuel industry has had support at the state and federal level. It is time for this to change.

Please consider not only rejecting RMP's request to lower the export credit rate but to increasing the export credit rate to reflect the real benefits created by rooftop solar.

9/29/2020

State of Utah Mail - Public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61 - Rutherford

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Paul Andrews <paulwandrews@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:44 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please do not change the Utah net metering benefit to the consumer.

Sincerely,

Paul Andrews

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