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**Docket No. 17-035-61 | Export Credit Docket**1 message

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**Kyle Hartman** <khartman@gardner-energy.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:23 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

To whom it may concern,

Since 2005, Gardner Energy has been offering high-quality and affordable solar solutions for residential, commercial, and government consumers. Gardner Energy is a great Utah small business success story. Kenneth Gardner started the business out of his garage and over the past 15 years has taken many personal financial risks to build the great Utah business Gardner Energy is today.

Gardner Energy continues to be a locally owned business that employs 20+ employees who support their families. We are extremely concerned about our ability to remain in business if the latest Rocky Mountain Power Net Metering proposal moves forward. A negative rate structure outcome will truly devastate the whole Utah solar industry and those who have personally invested so much in their business and careers. I have personally been in the Utah solar industry for 14 years and have seen the ups and downs, but I have never before been so concerned for my future and our ability as a company to support our employees.

The current net metering proposal dramatically changes the economics of solar. The low net metering rate structure will significantly reduce Utah homeowner's financial incentive to go solar, and the new structure would be very difficult for customers to understand. Also, the uncertainty with the possibility of changing rates will discourage a homeowner's decision to make a long-term investment in solar.

It was reported that nearly 200,000 Utahns were without power recently and Gardner Energy has directly experienced a rise in phone calls with interest in solar and backup power. Many Utahns believe in being prepared for emergencies, and solar and battery-based systems play a significant part in helping those meet their emergency energy goals. The current proposal discourages such solar investment and will put Utah families at further risk of being without power at critical times.

Geographically, Utah is one of the best solar states in the US. At times, It also has some of the most dangerous air quality in the US. With good policy and favorable net metering rates, we can be encouraging cleaner energy, not discouraging it.

Lastly, at a time with so much uncertainty and job losses, now is not the time to risk thousands of good-paying Utah jobs with dramatic, unfair, and unnecessary changes to the net metering program.

Please help Utah to remain a solar example and leader in the US and please consider all of the various benefits that rooftop solar provides to the grid, our neighbors, and air quality. Many solar industry experts have put forward impressive evidence about all the benefits that rooftop solar provides Utah. Please consider their various valuations.

9/30/2020

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September 28, 2020

Utah Public Service Commission  
160 East 300 South #4  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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

Filed via email: [psc@utah.gov](mailto:psc@utah.gov)

Utah Public Service Commission:

On behalf of Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), I write in regard to Docket No: 17-035-61: Docket Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity.

UAMPS is a political subdivision of the State of Utah whose membership consists of 47 municipal and other community-owned electric utilities located in Utah, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, and California. Most UAMPS members own and operate a local electric utility system that provides integrated retail electric service to residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Many UAMPS members have net metering policies in place. Distributed generation resources can complement the energy needs of the community, but it must be done in a fair and appropriate manner that is consistent with the individual decision-making of local communities. UAMPS believes that energy produced from on-site generation should be paid at a rate that is comparable to energy that could be secured from alternative solar energy resources or other resources available to UAMPS' communities. Additionally, UAMPS believes that different compensation for generation during the summer, winter, on-peak and off-peak times should be taken into consideration when valuing export credits.

Sincerely,



Mike Squires  
Government Affairs Director  
Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems



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1 message

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**Joe Bird** <joebird@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:09 PM

Dear PSC,

At a time when sustainability and renewable energy are making headlines due to the demonstrable effects of global warming, it is foolish to even consider lowering the incentives for residential customers to contribute to opportunities to lower their carbon footprints with rooftop solar.

Please disallow any devaluation of rooftop solar energy by Rocky Mountain Power. Utah should be blazing trails for a cleaner environment and opportunities for energy self-sufficiency, not stifling it.

Thank you,

Joseph D. Bird  
Angie M. Bird

Layton, UT



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**Ian Jones** <ijones812@icould.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:06 PM

Reply-To: Ian Jones &lt;ijones812@icould.com&gt;

To: Public Service Commissioners &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,  
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**Dave Baird** <davidbaird131@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Dave Baird <davidbaird131@gmail.com>  
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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:03 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**Kade Loveridge** <kade.loveridge17@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Kade Loveridge <kade.loveridge17@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:01 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**Andrew Merrell (Andrew.Merrell@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:10 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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

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,

Andrew Merrell  
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(801) 651-5127

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**Mark Burnett** <markk.burnett2@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Mark Burnett <markk.burnett2@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:17 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mark Burnett  
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**R. Alan Mayfield** <r.alanmayfield@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:18 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am very concerned about Rocky Mountain Power's idea that all of a sudden the power that my solar panels produce is now worth 84% less then it did when I set up my panels. Rocky Mountain Power has made it very clear that they think they should be the only one who sells electric power in Utah. This is goes against fair play and it appears that Rocky Mountain wants to be the only one that sells power in Utah.

Please stop this power grab!!

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**Seth Williams** <microseth@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:41 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on Docket No. 17-035-61. My name is Seth D. Williams. I am a homeowner at 1837 S. 250 W. in Clearfield, UT. I have a wife and two children. We made the choice to install residential solar panels on our house in July of 2020.

When we made the decision to purchase and install rooftop solar panels on our home to generate our own power, we very much liked the idea of generating clean power from a renewable resource. This was not the only motivating factor in our decision process. We also needed it to be financially feasible for our small family. If the rate at which Rocky Mountain Power buys power back from residential customers had been the proposed 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour then we would not have been able to afford to install a residential rooftop solar system.

With this proposed change in rates, Rocky Mountain Power would essentially be buying power for much less than it would charge customers to sell it back. They wouldn't pay anything to generate this power, would buy it at a very low cost and sell it back at a higher price to the customer.

At this lower rate, my family would have been forced to forego installing our own rooftop solar generating plant. I understand that Rocky Mountain Power pays for the cost of building and maintaining the grid infrastructure but this rate change seems like a drastic reduction.

I think competition is beneficial to everyone and if allowed this rate change would eliminate the ability of residential homeowners to generate their own power. This would also eliminate competition in the marketplace, thus ensuring the continued monopoly of Rocky Mountain Power.

Even though my residential panels are grandfathered in at the higher rate, I very much oppose this rate change because of the chilling effect it will have on further residential solar installation in the state of Utah.

Thank you for considering my opinion in this matter.

Seth D. Williams



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**Griffin Siebert** <Griffinsiebert@hotmail.com>  
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To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:45 PM

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Sincerely,  
Griffin Siebert  
1895 S 1000 E  
Salt lake city, UT 84105



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**Pieter Leeftsng** <petethemeat3@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Pieter Leeftsng <petethemeat3@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:46 PM

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**Drake Taylor** <lnanddrake@yahoo.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:51 PM

To Whom it may concern,

Please listen to reason:

- I believe that a significantly lower compensation rate for solar will make it very difficult for anyone to invest in their own systems.
- Please consider all of the various benefits that rooftop solar provides to the grid, our neighbors, and air quality.
- Almost 200,000 Utahns were without power recently - shouldn't we encourage families to invest in solar and backup power to ensure the wellbeing of their loved ones and neighbors?
- The utility is asking for another rate increase, can't other Utahns like us, invest in a system to help mitigate that?
- The sun shines bright in Utah, shouldn't we be able to generate our own energy and provide our neighbors with what we don't use?
- At a time when we have seen many of our friends lose their jobs, is it really a good time to put at risk thousands of jobs in the solar industry?
- We should encourage cleaner energy everywhere possible- not discourage it.
- Utah is one of the five sunniest states in the country, why would we not take full advantage of such a resource?
- More rooftop solar means less emissions in our valleys.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Drake Taylor  
Moab, Utah



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**Noah Wetzel** <noah@noahdavidwetzels.com>  
Reply-To: Noah Wetzel <noah@noahdavidwetzels.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:52 PM

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**Public comment in Docket no. 17-035-61**1 message

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**Craig Wallentine** <mountainstate10@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 6:04 PM

I would like to install solar panels at our house in the Salt Lake Valley.

- PSC should reinstate net metering program
- PSC should increase the Solar study recommendation for higher consumer rate
- Having a cost effective solar installation will make our community more resilient
- Having low cost solar energy will make it easier for me to afford electric vehicles
- Having a solar installation will reduce Salt Lake Valley pollution
- Having a solar installation will encourage my neighbors to follow suit
- Consumer solar power will generate thousands of new jobs in Utah
- Solar is renewable and does not come with all the issues of coal or oil
- Utah should go carbon neutral as soon as possible to clean our air

Thank you,

Craig Wallentine





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**Brad Mickiewicz** <bradmickiewicz@gmail.com>  
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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 6:10 PM

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Bottom line - it's sunny in Utah all the time. There is also persistent disgusting air quality and visible pollution for much of the year. Why not invest in energy from the sun and begin to move away from our dependence on fossil fuels and restore our beautiful mountain air.

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**Re: Docket No. 17-035-61**

1 message

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**Jack Rubin** <bingomix@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 6:11 PM

Reply-To: bingomix@yahoo.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I made a sizable investment in my rooftop solar system. If the PSC changes the value of the power I sell back to the grid it will be a classic "bait-and-switch". I made the decision to put rooftop solar in based on the credits I would earn. If you move the goalposts after I kick the ball it would not only be very unfair, but discourage others who are trying to do their part to be green.

Sincerely,

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

1 message

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**Mary Paul (marypauldesign@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 6:13 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a fifth generation Utahn raising two children in the Salt Lake Valley, I am deeply concerned about our air quality and the health impact it has had and will continue to have on my family. No longer are red air days just an occasional occurrence in the winter. They are becoming an increasingly prevalent year-round problem.

We need independent, economically feasible solutions to clean our air and rooftop solar is one of them. We need solutions that are accessible to people of all income levels or we will never achieve this goal.

Also, given the recent storms, we can see how decentralizing some of the grid can be beneficial to providing power during times of uncertainty. Monopolizing access to power is just that, a monopoly.

Please immediately agree to restore a viable energy credit program for all Utahns to participate in and benefit from a robust local solar program.

Thank you.

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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

**Tim Shoaf** <tim.shoaf@dpsskis.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 6:24 PM

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**Kendall Zylstra** <kzylstra22@gmail.com>  
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**Docket No. 17-035-61**

1 message

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**Richard Palfreyman** <rpalfreyman@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 7:13 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing you in regards to the RMP's request to devalue the amount that I and others who have solar panels are compensated for the energy we produce. I sincerely hope that you will not accept their proposal. At present, they are getting free electricity from me since I'm not compensated 100% for what I produce. I realize that they have fixed costs for infrastructure etc, but I am being charged for a meter, a minimum fee and the really hilarious one, the "Efficiency & Step Programs". I produce my own electricity. Not only that, but I produce more than I consume. How much more efficient can I be?!

The reduction amount that they are requesting is ludicrous. They are acting like a cartel. In light of the the present environment issues facing our world we as Utan's should strive to reduce our carbon emissions as much as we can. If RMP gets their way, they will have effectively eliminated Utahn's ability, by use of solar energy, to contribute to the effort of reducing carbon emissions locally since coal used for the production of electricity. I have only had my solar panels since June of this year and have already reduced my carbon footprint by 8 tons. Considering how bad our inversions are, anything we can do will be beneficial to the Health of Utan's. I believe the well being of our planet and future generations depend on our willingness to promote and pursue alternate forms of renewable energy. If RMP is granted their proposal this won't happen and Utah will be the worse for it. Not to mention how many Utan's who work in the solar energy sector will find themselves unemployed.

Therefore I request that you reject their proposal and not reduce the rate of compensation for the production of solar energy.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter,

Sincerely,

Richard Palfreyman





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1 message

**John Oscadal** <Johnoscadal@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 7:31 PM

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**Anthony Hyde** <tonyhyde375@gmail.com>  
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1 message

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**Jenn Braunersrither** <jensta360@gmail.com>  
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## RMP not very green

1 message

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Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:15 PM

To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my dissatisfaction of Rocky Mountain Power wanting to decrease the wholesale price they will pay to future home generating stations for solar power generation. That is not going to help make our environment be greener.

Rocky Mountain Power is trying to be a monopoly, but they have not been updating their infrastructure over the last 40 or more years. That's what monopolies do when they don't have any competition. They want to keep out competition.

Home solar power generation is green energy production that helps to reduce the amount of natural gas, oil and coal burned during daylight hours. That helps to take the strain off the antiquated electrical grid.

Rocky Mountain Power used to have access boxes at ground level in my neighborhood and then decided to replace them with new boxes that stand 2 feet above ground level, even though there is absolutely no equipment above ground except the empty box. All the equipment is below ground level. Do they really have an easement that gives them the airspace above the ground? Or are they just a big monopoly taking advantage of the customers because there is no competition?

They should be installing more charging stations throughout their area to encourage use of electric cars that are so much better for the environment.

I have solar on my roof so as I understand it, the proposed change will not affect me. It will affect the environment in which I live if others won't use solar because they won't be paid a fair amount for the energy they might generate.

It makes sense to go green. It makes sense to use home solar generating. It makes sense to pay a fair amount for the power generated by small suppliers.

Sincerely,  
Spencer Mark  
Layton, Utah

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

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

1 message

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**Cari Winger** <cari.t.winger@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:30 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

If renewable energy is ever going to catch on, it will only be because it is economical. Right now, Rocky Mountain Power basically has a monopoly on energy in Utah, meaning they control the economics of energy. They are going to be resistant to solar power because it doesn't help them pay off their coal power plants, so they want to remove all incentives for solar power. In reality, if they would jump on board with solar by supporting rooftop solar and putting in more industrial sized solar arrays, they would save more money than by keeping their coal power plants running. Solar power IS economical. The materials have become cheap and Utah is a prime location to produce solar power. Only a greedy monopoly could stop solar from taking off.

Cari Winger





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**DocketNo. 17-035-61**1 message

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**catherine** <ceburto@comcast.net>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:32 PM

Public Service Commission members,

I oppose the proposed rate change.

Climate change is real. Wind and solar power should have replaced coal and other environmentally unfriendly forms of energy years ago but alas, our government's response to climate change has been less than optimal. That means that individual citizens need to be empowered to be the change to preserve our earth, the creatures of our earth and population health. If you allow this rate change, the power of the individual citizen to preserve our earth and our health and our Utah will be lost.

Additionally, solar power is a huge part of the Utah economy. If the rates are changed, it will lead to adverse outcomes for our economy and thousands of unemployed citizens.

I've had rooftop solar for years and have benefitted from the rate that RMP has given me for my solar production and I get it... RMP needs to pay for infrastructure to keep the grid going, so I'm happy to pay an extra fee for this purpose, but RMPs current proposal is far too acrimonious and smacks of corporate greed and is short sighted and doesn't take into account the future of our state, our mountains, our snow, our streams, etc.

Utahans value our earth and a strong economy. RMPs proposal contradicts Utahan values.

Please do not allow the proposed rate change.

Let's come up with a compromise that will help RMP maintain the infrastructure but still preserves our Utah.

Sincerely

Catherine E. Burton, MD

958 N Terrace Hills Dr

Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10







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**Re: Docket No. 17-035-61**

1 message

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**Shawn Fowers** <reddubba02@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:33 PM

Reply-To: reddubba02@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am looking to put solar on a new house we're building, but if the rates drop like is proposed then I can't see solar making sense for anyone in the state moving forward. Electricity generated with my system is used for profit by rocky mountain power, and I should be fairly compensated for it. I already pay the connection fee each month, so RMP is still getting money from me even when I generate excess energy, and now they seem to want to profit in excess of that. Please help keep solar a viable option for homeowners moving forward.

Sincerely,

Shawn Fowers

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

1 message

**Alice Snelling** <alliesnelling@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:37 PM

Reply-To: Alice Snelling &lt;alliesnelling@gmail.com&gt;

To: Public Service Commissioners &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Sincerely,  
Alice Snelling  
[150 S 800 E](#)  
[Salt Lake City, UT 84102](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Jeff Burton** <djeffburton@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:38 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Save solar in UTah.



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

1 message

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**Joshua Winger** <j.winger.25@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 8:46 PM

I am personally not impressed with the cost analysis and proposal that Rocky Mountain power has put forth for the future of residential solar.

If they can really produce solar energy for 2 cents per kWhr, that means they are charging utahns ~5x more for energy than what it is being produced for. That is a huge profit margin and needs to be reigned in.

Until Rocky Mountain power starts selling energy for closer to what they say it can be produced for (maybe 2x more than production or 4 cents per kWhr), we can only assume their tactics are meant to crush any competitors (rooftop solar).

With this proposal, Rocky Mountain power is inviting Utah lawmakers to strip any monopoly protection and for new startups to take its place to provide reasonably priced energy produced from clean sources.

Please firmly reject this proposal as it represents an illegal monopoly takeover of a fledgling competitor. I would also support investigations as to why Rocky Mountain Power is not selling energy for closer to the cost, effectively gouging utahn's pockets to fill their own coffers.

Sincerely,

Joshua Winger



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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**Simon Holmes** <simonhughholmes@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:11 PM

Reply-To: simonhughholmes@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

After investing thousands of dollars in a rooftop solar system hoping to reduce global warming by moving away from fossil fuels I think it only fair to be correctly compensated.

Sincerely,  
Simon Holmes  
6297 Starview Dr Park City, UT 84098-6112  
[simonhughholmes@gmail.com](mailto:simonhughholmes@gmail.com)



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

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

1 message

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**Areli nava (Arelinava59@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:49

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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

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,

Areli nava  
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Park city, UT 84068  
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1 message

**Andy Hytjan** <hytjan@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:52 PM

Reply-To: Andy Hytjan &lt;hytjan@gmail.com&gt;

To: Public Service Commissioners &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Sincerely,

Andy Hytjan

115 Lower Evergreen dr  
Park city, UT 84098





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

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

1 message

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**Megan Aurora** <heartdevoted3@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 10:54 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Hello.

I am writing as a concerned citizen. Solar is an incredible tool the community and world could be using to become self sufficient, to withstand the hard times to come.

Almost 200,000 Utahns were without power recently - shouldn't we encourage families to invest in solar and backup power to ensure the wellbeing of their loved ones and neighbors? The sun shines bright in Utah, shouldn't we be able to generate our own energy and provide our neighbors with what we don't use?

In Utah we believe in being prepared for emergencies. Solar is a significant way to help with that priority- having energy when the utility can't provide it is important to so many people I know.

We should encourage cleaner energy everywhere possible- not discourage it.

As a solar customer, I believe that a significantly lower compensation rate for solar will make it very difficult for anyone to invest in their own systems.

Please consider wisely what your choice means for the Earth.

Thank you.



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

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

1 message

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**Chambray Fisher** <miafisher53@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Chambray Fisher <miafisher53@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 12:49 AM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,  
Chambray Fisher  
[2220 east Murray holladay road](#)  
[Salt lake city, UT 84117](#)



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**Devalue Solar Docket No. 17-035-61?**

1 message

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**Thomas Cox** <rim2rimfire@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:17 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Really? How smart is it to devalue Solar panels?

I've been interested in supplying solar for my home for close to 10 years.

With panels being more affordable and advances in technology, the smart thing to do is to at least install a few panels at a time to possible offset my utility payments and to supplement my electric needs.

I understand the Return on Investment is minimal, But the dependance on unreliable electrical utilities leaves a home owner No Choice. If I could afford Solar to power ALL my electrical needs, Why Wouldn't I?

Please DO NOT allow Pacificorp / Rocky Mountain Power to continue the devaluation of Solar Panels.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Cox

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Moab, Utah 84532

[TCUtah1@gmail.com](mailto:TCUtah1@gmail.com)



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

1 message

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**Craig and Becky Schaugaard** <cbschaug@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:09 AM

In an age when the environment is taking a big hit when it comes to energy and energy development it does not make sense that we would make it difficult or cost prohibitive to stop rooftop solar energy. I don't understand why you would consider allowing an energy company to pay so little for electricity generated by rooftop solar and then allow them to turn around and charge the public so much to get it back.

So much of the power generated by Rocky Mountain Power has detrimental impacts on the environment from coal powered power plants that pollute the air and put sulphur in the air that comes back as acid rain. Dams on rivers that block the migration of fish trying to move up or down stream. The dams have also changed the environment below by changing the natural hydrograph and water temperature by releasing water that cuts off the peaks and valleys of the hydrograph, often needed as cues for migration and that are needed to build habitat for young fish and often lowering the temperature of the water. This has led to the listing of several species on the endangered species list. Wind generated power is not without its impacts to the environment. Aside from their unsightliness they are having impacts on birds by hitting them with their blades.

Rocky Mountain Power is trying to put one of the most environmentally friendly forms of energy development out of business rooftop solar. Solar panels on rooftops are barely noticeable. They do not impact the environment in any way and are providing a clean and renewable form of energy. Please make the Power company pay a fair market price for the power generated by rooftop solar.

Thank you for your consideration  
Craig J Schaugaard



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

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**Re: Docket No. 17-035-61**

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**Kerry Milne** <kdmelonline@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:19 AM

Reply-To: kdmelonline@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We have invested a great deal of money in our solar panels. It would be a mistake to allow Rocky Mountain Power to take away our benefit from the power we supply to the grid. Why should Rocky Mountain Power receive power from us and not pay for it? Please do not let this happen. If we lose this benefit, we will not be able to pay for the Solar Panels at a rate similar to the previous cost of power for our home. Financially, this would be very difficult on our family.

Sincerely,

Kerry Milne

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**steiner beppu** <steinerbeppu@hotmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
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[slc, UT 84106](#)



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**Craig Mason** <shopper@masonfam.net>  
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Sincerely,  
Craig Mason  
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Eagle Mountain, UT 84005



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## Solar power changes

1 message

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**James Todd** <jamestodd49@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:54 AM

Sirs, perhaps it would be advantageous to go to municipal power like Murray. RMP is not the best fit nor in the best interest of greening up Utah air quality. The disincentive for solar surprising and at cross purposes with the SLC master planning for the future. Excess generation was what the efficient utilities requested. RMP is not the best managed electric generation company by a long shot. Just see what their plants look like. A better model is IPP.

Sent from my iPad





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

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

1 message

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**donald marquardt** <marquardtdn@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:54 AM

Folks,

i have had solar on my roof for 5 years and -except for one year when lightning blew out a few circuit breakers- have enjoyed reduced cost of my electricity.

but mostly i enjoyed POLLUTION FREE POWER GENERATION when utah need it most: in the hot days of the summer i contribute to the state's supply.

i think rocky mountain power is GREEDY and SHORT SIGHTED in making it difficult for more people to be self reliant...as the majority of our ancestors were when utah was settled. i have both active and passive solar built into my house, and they are entirely complementary. but i need the active -and being able to 'bank' the kwh- to keep it reasonable cost while helping my neighbors in utah to get clean power, regardless of how greedy the utility companies can get!

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE current system by making it much more expensive for anybody except the rich power monopoly to get benefit from the sun--which is free for all of us!!

thanks.

don marquardt  
[155 e buchanan lane](#)  
[castle valley, ut](#)



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

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

1 message

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**Makeda Barkley** <barkley.makeda@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:08 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you to advocate against devaluing energy generated by rooftop solar. As a solar customer, I believe that a significantly lower compensation rate for solar will make it very difficult for anyone to invest in their own systems.

Solar is one of our most accessible and available renewable energy sources in the West, and provides myriad benefits to our communities. We should encourage cleaner energy everywhere possible- not discourage it.

I believe in a free market economy and Rocky Mountain Power continually tries to take away what little choices we have. This is UNACCEPTABLE.

Why should Utahns be forced to pay more for power and receive less compensation for expensive solar arrays they may have already invested in? Monopolizing solar and electricity is unacceptable. Free market economy relies on options and I want solar to be a VIABLE option for our communities. Utah (particularly the Wasatch Front) suffers from abhorrent air quality, and the rise of solar power has helped decrease this pollution.

I urge you to bar this abominable attempt by RMP to do a disservice to Utahns and other Southwest citizens who believe in the benefits of solar.

Best,  
Makeda Barkley  
Moab, UT



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

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## Rocky Mountain solar proposal

1 message

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**Carla Coonradt** <cjc@gameofwork.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:13 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

In light of the upcoming Public Service Commission hearing on Rocky Mountain Power 's requested decrease in kilowatt price for solar users, as a solar powered home owner, I submit the following comments.

Key points to consider:

- Fairness – We're making the investment that allows RMP to benefit, without any cost to them, they get full retail value out of every kilowatt hour we push back to the grid
- RMP pays no infrastructure cost, or import costs on any kilowatt hour we push to the grid, meaning higher profit margins on those kilowatt hours than any they have to produce or buy on the open market
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- This change will negatively impact jobs within the State especially if you consider the trickledown effect beyond just the solar industry, reaching into the electrical professions, contractors, suppliers, and associated tax bases. I don't believe the unintended consequences are being evaluated based on consequential impact.
- RMP doesn't realize that this move would just push solar customer away from using the grid even further, causing solar customer to invest further in storage solutions that eliminate the need for them (or being connected to the grid) entirely.

Thank you for allowing input.

Charles & Carla Coonradt

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

1 message

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**Robert Mehregan** <robert.mehregan@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Robert Mehregan <robert.mehregan@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:23 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**Jani Radebaugh** <janirad@hotmail.com>  
Reply-To: Jani Radebaugh <janirad@hotmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:41 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Please take Rocky Mountain Power's choke hold off the state and allow us to enter the modern age with solar options. Their proposal to crush the solar generated power buy back rate is unacceptable and monopolist. A side benefit to solar is clean air, which is the primary reason businesses will ultimately choose to stay or leave, for the health of their employees.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jani Radebaugh  
565 E. 100 S.  
Provo, UT 84606



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

1 message

**Worth Dayley (mutatdjellyfish@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:45 AM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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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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**Docket No. 17-035-61, Kendall P Thorne**

1 message

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**Ken Thorne** <kendallpthorne@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:55 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Public Service Commission,

It has come to my attention that Rocky Mountain Power is seeking to reduce the compensation rate of solar energy providers from 9.2 cents to 1.5 cents.

I recognize solar energy creates challenges for power companies as they seek to balance power production with demand. Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is not immune to these challenges. But, RMP also benefits from the current rate of 9.2 cents per kWh. RMP does not pay for this power, and it is immediately available for sale to other local customers.

The current compensation encourages personal investment in solar energy by homeowners. It is a powerful and successful financial apparatus to bring green energy solutions to Utahns in a manner that benefits everyone, including RMP. Rooftop solar installations support other homeowner-based green initiatives beyond energy production like the purchase of electric vehicles which help to reduce air pollution in our state, especially in high population areas.

Reducing the compensation to an arbitrary 1.5 cents per kWh will cripple this system, dissuade further investment, and shutter the productive green energy market.

RMP charges an average of 9.93 cents per kWh. Paying 1.5 cents for a product that RMP does not produce but can sell for as high as 34 cents during peak hours (see <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/savings-energy-choices/electric-vehicles/utah-ev-time-of-use-rate.html>) is a financial coupe so large it should unnerve every Utahn.

Utahns want RMP to be a successful business. But we expect RMP to use its monopoly responsibly. This request is an affront to the trust that Utahns have afforded RMP.

I implore you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's unreasonable, irresponsible and overtly greedy attempt to upend this system.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall Thorne  
Layton, UT  
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1 message

**Maya Kobe-Rundio** <m.kobe.rundio@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:02 AM

Reply-To: Maya Kobe-Rundio &lt;m.kobe.rundio@gmail.com&gt;

To: Public Service Commissioners &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Sincerely,  
Maya Kobe-Rundio  
[1140 S Denver Street](#)  
[Salt Lake City, UT 84111](#)





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**James Touma (cam.holtoe@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:08 AM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

This short sighted and greed-motivated proposal by Rocky Mountain Power will only serve to push solar customers off the grid. Little by little you will see an exodus that will impoverish the utility in the long term. The Public Service Commission needs to do the right thing by saving RMP from their own short-sightedness and acting in the best interests of Utahns as a whole.

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Sincerely,

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**Ryan Radebaugh** <rynorad@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Ryan Radebaugh <rynorad@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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Sincerely,  
Ryan Radebaugh  
1457 N 950 W  
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**Amber Benson** <amberskis@msn.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:16 AM

Reply-To: Amber Benson &lt;amberskis@msn.com&gt;

To: Public Service Commissioners &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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Sincerely,  
Amber Benson  
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[Orem, UT 84058](#)

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

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1 message

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**Dale Stephens** <Dale@eliason.team>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:20 AM

Hello,

I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power having all the power to control everything. This is a free country where the people need to have a choice in what they want.

They control a lot as it is and have enough money. The smaller company always get squashed by the bigger companies.

Thanks,

Dale Stephens



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

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**Docket No. 17.035.61**

1 message

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**shannon orr** <shannon7872@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed change. Solar is the future for energy and especially in Utah! We purchased panels to try to combat our carbon footprint and it is working. We are still on the grid and hope to produce energy to give back to the system for years to come. Please do not take away the benefits, and in fact consider increasing them to solar producers

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Shannon Orr



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

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## Public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

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**Quinn Graves** <quinn.graves15@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:54 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello there,

My name is Quinn Graves and I have been a resident of Utah my whole life. As any resident of this magical state knows, we receive sunshine the vast majority of the year. Because of this, Utah has so much potential to capture domestic, renewable energy. In fact, rooftop solar has been growing rapidly in Utah since 2009!

Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to decrease the export credit rate by 84% for the energy that customers put back into the grid is ridiculous and unethical. The decrease would extend the payback period for rooftop solar which would in turn **destroy the investment that Utah families are making in rooftop solar and would destroy the solar energy industry in Utah.**

I am 23 years old. I want to be able to live a life of enjoying this high desert landscape for the rest of my life. If Rocky Mountain Power destroys solar energy, the effects of burning coal and natural gas will just continue to create more climatic chaos. We must divest from fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy like solar.

It is childish for Rocky Mountain Power to threaten the rooftop solar industry because it is competition. Please consider my comments and the comments of other Utah residents who know that solar energy is the only way forward.

Sincerely,

Quinn Graves  
Resident of Summit County, UT



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

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

1 message

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**Karl Sowa** <karl@karlsowa.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:04 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello Utah Public Service Commission -

I am writing to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to reduce the rooftop solar compensation rate from 9.2 to 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour. It is a ridiculous cut that is fighting positive change towards renewable energy, and it would severely damage jobs in Utah's solar industry. We should be embracing the future and not fighting it. The electrical grid can and must change to support increasing amounts of renewable power generated at the usage point such as rooftop solar. Please do NOT approve this rate cut. Thank you.

- Karl

Karl Sowa  
2841 E 2100 S  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109

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**Karl Sowa**  
M 303.868.0742



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**Re: Docket No. 17-035-61**

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**Tom Skowyra** <tom.skowyra@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:40 AM

Reply-To: tom.skowyra@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I urge the Utah Public Service Commission to not lower the price that Rocky Mountain Power pays for it's electricity from solar providers. This will discourage Utah homeowners from installing solar which helps reduce the need for coal-fired electricity and the stress on the state's electrical grid. We should be letting more Utahans be part of the solution towards a cleaner environment.

It seems that Rocky Mountain Power wants to maintain a monopoly as an electricity provider. Isn't it in the best public interest for those willing and able to provide electricity for their communities, to do so? If it means that RMP won't be providing as much power to the region, then so be it. It's like they want to maintain their bottom line without having to provide the all the electricity to meet that bottom line. Why should RMP purchase my electricity at 1.5 cents and sell it to my neighbors at 9 cents? If they can, based on their calculations, provide power that cheap by building solar farms - then go do it! Build those solar farms and start selling the electricity cheaper. But don't penalize me because you haven't built it yet. They should address any price changes based on how much it costs them today.

Sincerely,

Tom Skowyra

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**Lauren Cabrera** <lauren.r.cabrera@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Lauren Cabrera <lauren.r.cabrera@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:45 AM

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Sincerely,  
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## Please Do Not Devalue Solar

1 message

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**Brad Hanson** <bhanson1430@hotmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Good afternoon Public Service Commission,

As a customer of Rocky Mountain Power I want to share with you my concern over considerations to devalue solar power. It is important to have a diverse energy production grid and supporting proposed devaluation of solar will make Utah more vulnerable. Please consider the following ideas that support my concern:

- As a solar customer, I believe that a significantly lower compensation rate for solar will make it very difficult for anyone to invest in their own systems.
- Please consider all of the various benefits that rooftop solar provides to the grid, our neighbors, and air quality.
- Almost 200,000 Utahns were without power recently - shouldn't we encourage families to invest in solar and backup power to ensure the wellbeing of their loved ones and neighbors?
- The utility is asking for another rate increase, can't other Utahns like us, invest in a system to help mitigate that?
- The sun shines bright in Utah, shouldn't we be able to generate our own energy and provide our neighbors with what we don't use?
- At a time when we have seen many of our friends lose their jobs, is it really a good time to put at risk thousands of jobs in the solar industry?
- In Utah we believe in being prepared for emergencies. Solar is a significant way to help with that priority- having energy when the utility can't provide it is important to so many people I know.
- I believe in a free market economy and Rocky Mountain Power continually tries to take away what little choices we have.
- We should encourage cleaner energy everywhere possible- not discourage it.
- Utah is one of the five sunniest states in the country, why would we not take full advantage of such a resource?
- More rooftop solar means less emissions in our valleys.

Thank you for your time and leadership,  
Brad



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

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**Lee Radebaugh** <lee.radebaugh@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Lee Radebaugh <lee.radebaugh@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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

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**barbara hughes (barbarashughes@me.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 12:58 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Becoming a energy wise state is so important and vital to our lives daily. Pollution and poor air quality Plague our cities and we need to move forward into solar wind geothermal and other !  
Keep solar power our future!!

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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**Jill and Richard Sheinberg** <jillshein@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 1:10 PM

Reply-To: Jill and Richard Sheinberg &lt;jillshein@gmail.com&gt;

To: Public Service Commissioners &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

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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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.

We are senior citizens who chose to add solar panels to our home even though we understood that it did not make "economic sense" for us to do so. We did it for our grandchildren, our community and for the environment.

Rooftop solar creates many system-wide benefits enjoyed by all Rocky Mountain Power service area customers and the utility itself. Distributed energy generation from rooftop solar contributes to grid flexibility and resilience and avoids costly transmission upgrades. Additionally, rooftop solar helps create consumer choice and keeps customer dollars local. A punitive export credit rate would take all of these benefits away and would further exclude low-income communities from consumer choice. Rapid implementation of the utility's proposed export credit rate would create a shock for rooftop solar customers and the solar industry. Reducing the export credit by 84% would also jeopardize thousands of local jobs and create additional cost risks for customers through fuel price volatility and major infrastructure development.

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

Sincerely,  
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**Robert** <trejas@email.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 1:58 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" &lt;psc@utah.gov&gt;

Again attacked by Corporate America. You do something good for everyone and corporate america trys to over ride the people. Its your job to represent us (the people) and fight back for us. If not you, we will be force to vote you out or take up arms to defend FREEDOM. I am a military veteran and shoar an oath to protect the Constitution of the United State of America. The people vote "NO" on "Docket No. 17-035-61.

**Robert Knee.vcf**

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**Anita Knowley** <aknowley@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 2:07 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Commissioners,

My Husband and I strongly oppose this, RMP is still maintaining profits from the equipment that I paid for in full, and to decrease the benefit to us as payees wrong, why would I continue to make power if it doesn't benefit me.

It appears Rocky Mountain Power is money hungry and it is an example of big business taking advantage of the little guy. I paid \$30,000 for my panels and now you are considering making them a poor investment to the point that there is no return on my investment?

Please consider the citizens that have put their hard earned money in this investment and are reducing our carbon footprint with this investment and let things remain the same.

Respectfully,

Anita Knowley

Dennis Knowley

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**Mary Ann Wright** <MAW@pbageo.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 2:20 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear PSC members:

I urge you to be responsive to the citizens of Utah who are Rocky Mountain Power power clients. Given that they are a monopoly, their clients, me, us, need protection from their backward looking planning. Solar, wind, geothermal and energy efficiency are in our future and to allow the squashing of solar incentives is not just discouraging, but downright regressive. Please look to the future and protect solar and future solar users from their relentless and harsh proposals to punish solar users.

In the past, I have testified before the PSC about similar proposals by RMP, and now submit my simple written plea.

Thank you,  
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## Rocky Mountain Power proposed decrease in solar generation payments

1 message

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**John Cate** <JohnHCate@comcast.net>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 3:10 PM

To PSC,

I object to Rocky Mountains proposed reduction in payments to roof top solar home generating systems for the energy provided to the grid. My investment into solar panels was done to help move toward green energy in this state. While I cannot generate all the energy I require, during the summer I can more than I use which provides a credit for the winter months.

While the energy I produce decreased my need to pull power from the grid; with the building of numerous new homes and other structures here in Davis county, there can be no loss to Rocky mountain power of revenue.

Secondly, from the contenders for governor debate from Tues evening, BOTH candidites are in favour of moving toward green energy and reducing dependence on fossil fuels in Utah. My solar panels are a small step towards this. The projection for Utah is a doubling of population by the year 2050 which will mean numerous homes, schools and business being constructed, all of which will need power from some source.

This major decrease will wipe out the Solar Energy industry here in Utah and cost a number of jobs for a move that does not benefit the homeowner nor small businesses.

I request respectfully that you consider the investment of homeowners in solar panels for their homes, and schools and other public buildings in solar for their power and DO NOT APPROVE this request by Rocky Mountain Power to reduce the payment from 9.2 to 1.5 cents per kwh.

Respectfully,

John Cate

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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**Dustin Dunaway** <dustydunaway@hdmcap.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 3:44 PM

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

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

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**Re: Docket No. 17-035-61**

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**Jean Lown** <jean.lown@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 3:47 PM

Reply-To: jean.lown@usu.edu

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Climate disruption is the most serious problem facing the world, the U.S. and Utah.

I invested in solar panels about a decade ago because it was the right thing to do for the planet, the air and for future generations. Air pollution in northern Utah is a serious concern that affects our health and our economy. Burning fossil fuels in buildings contributes to the problem of dirty air.

While some consumers add solar panels for altruistic reasons, most people need an economic incentive to make a large investment that may take many years to pay off.

With skyrocketing temperatures and terrifying wildfires, Utah is already seeing the effects of climate change. The best way to address climate change is to stop using fossil fuels.

Businesses and consumers who invest in solar deserve fair compensation for the energy they provide to the electric grid. RMP's proposal for compensating solar energy could put Utah's 7,000 local solar jobs at risk, discourage further investment in solar, and further tax the electric grid in the western U.S.

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

Sincerely,

Jean Lown

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**Kenny Stults** <kennystultshome@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 4:08 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

From: Kenneth L. Stults

I received an email from ES Solar that said Rocky Mountain Power is requesting to lower the amount they pay for excess power produced and fed back into the grid from 9.2 cents per kwh to 1.5 cents.

First, they are not paying 9.2 cents. In the two bills I have received since having my solar panel installed, they paid approximately 7.7 cents in August and approximately 7.55 cents in September.

Second, such a reduction would make installation of a solar panel system unaffordable to most if not all) consumers. In a time when and where we need to be doing what we can to improve air quality, this change should be rejected.



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**Norma Wills** <norma.m.wills@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Norma Wills <norma.m.wills@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 4:16 PM

Dear Commissioners,

As a Utah resident with rooftop solar panels, 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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**David A Gardner** <gardner@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 4:29 PM

Reply-To: gardner@waterpro.net

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar is extremely important for clean area why should the monopoly have full control. Some states utility company the individuals with solar. Also they make it sound like residential solar is being subsidized by their neighbors. This is totally untrue you need to look at the full picture. And not just a residential neighborhood and they save tremendous amounts of money on transportation costs or transmission costs. When the people are at work they're using that electricity even more so on their computers in the air-conditioning. So they try to make it like we're looking at an elephant and they want to look only at the ear or the tail not the total picture. Solar energy also gives lots of jobs and opportunities to the people locally. We want to be self-sufficient and control our own destiny. Why does the solar company want to make such huge profits on the backs of a few? Please listen to her pleas.

David Gardner Salt Lake City Utah

Sincerely,

David A Gardner

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**Mary Moran** <marymoran3333@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Mary Moran <marymoran3333@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 4:55 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed reduction in its solar export credit rate.

I live in Moab, Utah, and have had a solar array, tied to the grid through Rocky Mountain Power, since around 2010. While I understand that this proposal will not directly affect my system, at least for sever years, I believe in the benefits of solar power, so oppose this extreme reductions in reimbursements. Such reductions would kill new solar power installations in our state.

As a pre-2017 installation customer, RMP trades kilowatt for kilowatt with my household, with credit for unused kilowatts disappearing at year's end, and adding a minimal monthly bill for their services. The argument may be made that my monthly payment is not enough; RMP must manage and maintain transmission lines, provide electricity even when the sun doesn't shine, etc. But RMP receives so many benefits from rooftop solar: customers buy their own systems, thus reducing the generation that RMP needs to build; and solar has very low environmental environmental costs. This last point is important, and if we still aren't paying attention to it, we will be within a few years, as our climate continues to change, and environmental regulations become more costly. Also, I understand that my excess generation mostly goes to my neighbors without rooftop systems, diminishing the distance that this electricity must be transported, and putting less stress on transmission lines. In this sense too, locally generated power is cheaper for RMP.

So, even if my suggestion is not followed, the rate reduction by 84% or so is just too drastic. Other municipalities and states use much higher rates, many of them higher than what RMP pays now. Others actually pay rooftop solar households that generate more power than they use.

I question Rocky Mountain Power's motives in this proposal. Is their motive to stifle competition, so they can build utility-sized solar installations? Localized solar power is a benefit to the people of our state, and RMP is hypocritical in its advertising about how much solar power it uses and how green it is, while on the other hand proposing such a drastic reimbursement to those who invest in grid-tied solar power systems.

Again, please reject this proposal. Thank you for considering my comment, and for your public service.

Sincerely,  
Mary Moran  
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[Moab, UT 84532](#)



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**Justin Sperry** <justin@smartwavesolar.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 4:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

Devaluing solar production in Utah will completely devastate the solar industry! Thousands of residents throughout Utah are already suffering from negative financial affects of COVID-19 and now is not the time to take away more jobs!

To the leaders involved, I ask that this decision will put you on the right side of history, and that you recognize that solar plays a huge part in our states future. Rocky Mountain Power shouldn't have the right to monopolize peoples decision to use solar on their home. Residents should have their own choices and options in who provides them business.

Multiple states throughout the country have been faced with this same issue, and the majority have found a solution in a favorable net metering program that accurately determines the true value of excess solar production. I don't know of any utility companies that have crushed net metering like RMP is attempting. Don't let RMP monopolize our agency.

In a year where we as a state have dramatically taking a hit because of the pandemic, now is not the time to take away more.

Kind regards,

Justin Sperry

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Justin Sperry

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