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

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**Luke Cummings** <lucascummings@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:10 PM

Hello,

I am writing to you in reference to Docket No. 17-035-61 in regards to Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) proposed new solar export credit tariff. I very much understand the position of both RMP and rooftop solar owners as I have worked for a Utility in the past in marketing and trading roles and currently work for a utility scale solar developer based in Utah (sPower). Additionally, I am also an owner of rooftop solar here in Utah.

I believe that RMP's proposal is completely unfair to ratepayers in the state of Utah for the following reasons;

1. First, if in fact the export credit (marginal value) of rooftop solar is truly only worth \$0.0015/kwh then that also means the value of that energy during periods RMP is delivering to other customers is also only worth \$0.0015/kwh. RMP should be required to offer time of day rate structures at the same level as the export credit for corresponding periods. And clearly all ratepayers deserve a rate decrease if the marginal cost of energy is only \$0.0015/kwh as per RMP's suggestion. Furthermore, RMP should be required to sell all ratepayers green clean energy at \$0.0015/kwh as they clearly believe this is the marginal value of solar.
2. Second, the levelized cost of solar at utility scale is significantly greater than \$0.0015/kwh (nearly double today) and expected to climb as ITC goes away in 2023 and land, transmission and other costs continue to go up. Levelized cost of utility scale solar should be the starting point to value rooftop solar but does not consider the added benefits of rooftop solar such as.
  1. Avoided transmission and distribution costs - specifically for rooftop solar sited in cities where the exported energy is being consumed immediately
  2. Reliability in case of outages due to fires, winds or other disasters - rooftop solar in conjunction with future batteries can island homes but eventually provide for microgrid opportunities within communities to avoid situation that occurred during the recent wind storm.
3. Third, there are additional benefits provided by rooftop distributed solar that go beyond the electricity market including;
  1. Countless jobs that benefit the economy
  2. Competition to RMP planning of utility scale projects with transmission upgrades (which are significant in Utah for most of the utility scale solar locations)
  3. Reduced emissions faster - rooftop solar can be installed quickly and efficiently while utility scale solar takes years to permit, acquire the land, go through the interconnection process, etc. The valleys already face a significant number of days each year with poor air quality and rooftop solar is part of the solution to moving quickly to improve this.

I honestly do not believe that the numbers proposed by the solar industry are reasonable either but there seems like there should be some middle ground here which truly values all of the above which I do not believe is the case today. My gut feeling is that the export credit should be worth ~\$0.06 to \$0.10/kwh subject to the location of the solar rooftop (within cities should be more valuable due to avoided transmission and distribution costs) and the direction the panels are facing (west facing produces more at the end of the day when demand peaks and electricity prices are highest). RMP's proposal is indefensible in my view and it is concerning to me that the commission would seriously consider such a proposal.

Respectfully,  
Luke Cummings



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**Scott** <cardon1122@yahoo.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:13 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I'm writing in regards to Utah Power's proposal to drop the rate they pay for solar power generated by customers to practically nothing still charging retail rates for any power you take from the system. This amounts almost to robbery. They should pay the going wholesale rate the same as if they were buying outside power. Otherwise people will be disincentivized to invest in clean and green solar power as they would lose the return on their investment. They charge more for their blue skies solar power that they own promoting the environmental benefits but want to pay a pittance when someone else generates it. It hardly seems right or fair. I hope you will consider this when considering their proposal. Thanks for your consideration. Scott Cardon (Utah Resident in the process of installing solar power)

If you need to contact me, my phone number is (801) 389-9396

Sent from my iPhone



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**kimberly kraan (shesk8@att.net) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:15

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We need to invest in sustainable energies as a culture. Not just save Utah Solar, but... We need to consider the future, and solar as a large component of future energy needs. Create and pass legislation that also to allow citizens the right to go full solar, and live off the grid, to break free from the Rocky mountain Power greed. Stop forcibly binding citizens to the profit-driven terms and contracts of Rocky Mountain power. If people are willing to create better environments, reward them rather than exploit them (thru taxations). Allow residents willing to sell back clean power to Rocky mountain and RMP needs to accept the fair/going rate, in an amicable exchange, for buying back that energy. RMP cannot greedily have it both ways, that is holding citizens hostage to their power at their rates, and making no concessions to residents willing to opt for solar and feed power back to the grid in name of sustainable futures.

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

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

Sincerely,

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**Corbin Tanager** <corbin.tanager@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:19 PM

To Whom It May Concern at PSC, Utah,

I am calling on you to reject RMP's proposal to bilk customers who offset their own electricity use with rooftop solar. It is your job to ensure that these customers are provided a long-term, fair valuation for the benefits of exported solar energy that everyone, including RMP, benefits from. Rooftop solar generation helps the Utah grid be more resilient on peak-demand days, thereby helping ALL customers and putting less stress on RMP's network and generators.

Rooftop solar generating customers should be credited for exported kilowatts at the exact same rate that RMP charges them to import kilowatts. Fair is fair, and anything less than this proves the scam Rocky Mountain Power is trying to push.

I personally know that RMP can offer a one for one credit system for Utah rooftop solar because they do that exact thing in Oregon under their west coast division: Pacific Power. Generating customers there are given kilowatt credits for each Kwh they send to the grid on a 1 for 1 basis, and any unused credits for the year expire March 31st. Each bill received indicates how many kilowatt credits are stored in the "bank" and available for future use until the end of March. It's simple, it's fair, and it works. They already have the model, but they don't want you to know because they are a greedy, self-dealing corporation. Do NOT let them or their parent company, Berkshire Hathaway, try to strong-arm you, pull the proverbial wool over your eyes, or scam the hardworking Utahans who have invested so much in rooftop solar, clean Utah air, a resilient electrical grid, and the local economy.

We aren't asking for an advantage; we are asking for fairness. Please reject RMP's proposal to cheat customers who offset their own electricity use with rooftop solar.

Thank you for considering my words and heartfelt plea. I appreciate it.

Respectfully,  
CJ Tanager  
Millcreek, UT 84124



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**Malyssa Egge** <malyssagen@hotmail.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:19 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my disinterest with Rocky Mountain Powers plans to devalue solar on Utah homes. Diversifying energy sources is in the best interest of the planet and of electrical security. When Rocky Mountain Power (and other companies feeding the grid) use single sources, the chances of a single system failing are greater than multiple and diversified systems. Further, homeowners incur large expenses to install panels that ultimately benefit Rocky Mountain Power and its customers. As a corporation, Rocky Mountain Power is treated like a human. In Utah, above all places, we value the Golden Rule, treating others how we would want to be treated. Rocky Mountain Power is a powerful (literally) company and has the means of investing in the people and customers -- and should do so above their own profits. More residences would install solar panels if the costs were affordable, and Rocky Mountain Power would value their individual investments higher. Electricity is essential in our modern lives and diversifying our energy sources with renewable fuels is in the best interest of the state, its residents, and Rocky Mountain Power. I implore you -- please don't let their greedy profit minded capitalism influence your decisions for what is best for the people and planet.

Much respect,  
Malyssa Egge  
Bluff, Utah



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**J&J Shochat** <jjshochat@yahoo.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:26 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am a Rocky Mtn. Power customer and rooftop solar homeowner. I understand that RMP is asking for significant changes to long-term rate charges, and I would urge you to look into this very thoroughly and listen to we customers and the solar industry concerning these rates.

Since I got solar panels in 2015, I have been grandfathered in to the net metering system, which has been a good thing. I appreciate a utility feeling the need to compensate for its infrastructure and perceived lack of income from home generators, but this has already been built in to the rate system! Charging solar customers rates similar to on-grid customers will defeat the purpose and appeal of solar; and with renewable energy being the wave of the future, why should we revert to old, dirty technology?

Even if RMP creates renewable energy "farms," it really makes sense to have rooftop solar energy production on homes and businesses in this state. Creating jobs and promoting clean air are important to me!

Please retain the net metering system, or some rate structure that benefits the state's environment as well as its future energy needs.

Most sincerely,  
Julia Shochat  
North Ogden



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**Ernie Rogers (ernie.e.rogers@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:34 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar power is an important Utah industry. Protect private industry and competition and prevent this anti-competitive plan. The solar industry is also an important part in keeping Utah's growth sustainable. We don't want to be bogged down in an anti-competitive mire like other states. Utah solar also represents small and mid size businesses that are already hurting from the recent economic downturn.

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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**Monica Hilding (mohilding@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:09

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I have solar panels on my garage that take care of my energy needs all summer long. I invested in solar for my kids and my community. I put those panels on my house 6 or 7 years ago and I would have to upgrade those panels to have battery storage so I am on the grid. I think we can all agree that roof top solar is beneficial to all who live in this city because it reduces our need for coal. Why then is this commission considering Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to destroy the solar industry in Utah. We know that the well-being of our community depends on making responsible and visionary choices. By supporting accessible, local, distributed energy generation, we are ensuring a reliable, more affordable and cleaner future for everyone in Utah. Let's support our local solar industry and help more people to afford roof top solar which will benefit all of us.

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

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Sincerely,

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**Lisa Donaldson (licatsunflower@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:15

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We have installed rooftop solar and we care about air quality in Utah and climate change.

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

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Sincerely,

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**Al Miller** <bamoou@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:38 PM

Utah Public Service Commision (PSC),

I am semi retired and have installed solar with the thought that it would help to reduce my monthly cash outflow. Please don't let Rocky Mountain Power change the rules. I signed with them for a certain amount and they should honor it .

Thanks,

Regards,

Al Miller  
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**Jett Fesler (jettfesler@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:50 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I work in the solar field and have for over 2 years now. I could easily lose my job if this passes through. I hear a lot of talk about saving coal miners jobs, my job is at stake here as well, yet I don't feel as if I get the same respect and consideration that they do. Please consider my job and thousands of others in this field when making your decision.

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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**Abby Carmody** <abby.carmody@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Abby Carmody <abby.carmody@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:21 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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

This utility's proposed export credit rate reduction from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh is nothing more than an attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to misrepresent the value of rooftop solar in order to stifle competition and monopolize renewable power generation. The evidence provided throughout this solar export proceeding has both demonstrated the value of customer-generated exports and shown that Rocky Mountain Power has failed to adequately assess the value of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change.

A better solution than the proposed rate, which, if approved, would be among the most punitive in the nation, is an increased solar export credit rate. The Vote Solar Load Research Study demonstrates the value of customer-generated exports at 22¢ per kilowatt-hour. This value includes 10.57¢/kWh from utility-based benefits alone. Environmental and social benefits add an additional 12/03¢ of benefits.

While it is important to recognize that rooftop solar customers are still very much on the grid, utilizing utility infrastructure, one cannot fairly calculate the cost of this over the many benefits to the grid, customers, and community provided by rooftop solar.

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

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

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**Jim Allred** <jamall.red@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:01 PM

I am opposed to Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to drastically reduce what they pay for homeowner produced electricity. They have not taken into account a range of costs that are well documented.

The cost of increased carbon in our atmosphere that RMP produces from coal-fired power plants dwarfs the other costs and have recently been brought into sharper focus as revealed in The Climate Maps available on ProPublica <https://projects.propublica.org/climate-migration/>

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**Reilly Mower (reilly.mower@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:04 PM

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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**Scott Kisling** <scott.kisling@icloud.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:17 PM

I am a former (retired) owner of a small solar design and installation company in Utah who has solar on his own home. I am also an efficiency consultant who counts American Electric Power, one of America's largest utilities, as one of his clients. There are several reasons why **solar power should remain valued at the current kWh replacement value for the ratepayer**. I disagree with Rocky Mountain Power's position that it should be valued at the utility's Purchased Power rate, especially since RMP is stating their LOWEST purchased power rate rather than the rate they pay when their customers with solar power are providing the most benefit – on hot summer days when air conditioner load is highest.

The nature of a regulated utility is that they only make a guaranteed return on assets – “steel in the ground” – so RMP of course wants to increase its assets thus guaranteeing an increase in revenue. Unfortunately for our **air quality**, RMP's Rate Base also includes fuel, so with that pass-through arrangement the more coal they burn the more revenue they gain. Not surprisingly, the unregulated arm of AEP, my consulting client, was much more interested in fuel efficiency than the regulated side. Deregulate RMP in Utah and our air will become cleaner, but their fight against reasonable solar rates will seem tame in comparison.

RMP and other regulated utilities never mention the ability of **modern solar inverters to help stabilize the electrical grid, assisting in frequency stabilization and reactive power control**, since regulated utilities have no revenue to be gained through Automatic Generation Control of distributed solar. (Again, their revenue only comes from assets THEY own.) Most regulated utilities, including RMP, currently prefer (in fact require) our rooftop solar inverters to disconnect from an erratic grid rather than help stabilize it or ride out the disturbance. Solar's capability to stabilize the grid can be especially helpful on hot summer days in the future when rolling brownouts may otherwise be required. Regulated utilities, like RMP, would prefer to see those peaks met by additional gas-fired peaking units, again because that brings them more revenue.

All three of my full-time solar installation employees knew nothing about solar when I hired them. I trained them and paid them well so they wouldn't be tempted to leave. Each of them continues to be employed in the solar industry. On an incremental kilowatt basis, solar employment is less efficient, but that inefficiency is paid by the solar power purchaser, not the utility. We solar owners believe the cost is worthwhile, primarily due to solar power's positive effect on air quality.

Long term, maintenance costs for solar are lower. **When a fossil plant closes the neighboring towns are typically plunged into massive unemployment and can offer very few employment opportunities. On the other hand, solar installers are distributed throughout the population and free to move to more enlightened areas to ply their trade (and pay their taxes)**. Plus, for a number of reasons, veterans are much better represented among solar employees than the general workforce ([https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/01/f34/2017%20US%20Energy%20and%20Jobs%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/01/f34/2017%20US%20Energy%20and%20Jobs%20Report_0.pdf)).

In short, solar is good for the homeowner and for the environment, but can be bad for regulated utilities. Rather than try to boost regulated utilities' profits by taking money from current rooftop solar owners and dissuading new rooftop solar, a temporary solution at best, wouldn't it make more sense to require utilities to utilize the capabilities of modern solar inverters and rethink how utilities can be profitable with them in place? If it means deregulation so be it, but I think there may be a better solution if RMP stops seeing solar as a threat and starts seeing it as an opportunity.

Thank you,  
Scott Kisling  
2409 Lynwood Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT. 84109



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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## Docket No. 17-035-61" support rooftop solar.

1 message

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**Chester Frantz** <chesterfrantz@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:48 PM

Docket No. 17-035-61"

I am a rocky mountain power costumer and a solar home owner.

We need to support rooftop solar.

My home is 3 f cooler and required less a/c due to the shade provided by rooftop solar. Solar has been a "gateway drug" for me into 0 emissions living. I got a electric car, insulated my house, got rid of wood fireplace, and have done other things to reduce my footprint.

There are many hidden savings with rooftop solar for the community. And jobs. This proposal is just devastating to our environment, to utah jobs.



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

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**Christopher Hall** <mkchall2@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:52 PM

Reply-To: mkchall2@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Greetings:

I previously commented on the proposed changes, but I would just like to reiterate that the devaluing of electricity produced by home and business solar panels is completely unfair and will result in long-term damage to the Utah economy.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hall

2612 Woodland Dr Ogden, UT 84403-5114

[mkchall2@gmail.com](mailto:mkchall2@gmail.com)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Oviatt** <carriov1@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 7:59 PM

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

As a customer of Rocky Mountain Power I am concerned with their request to devalue the energy produced by home solar panels. This is a great source of non-polluting power and should be encouraged, not punished.

I am also worried about the solar companies. Many of them have guaranteed their work, but if the demand for their services goes down they may go out of business. This damages the value of homes with solar power and also risks putting people out of work. There could scarcely be a worse time for losing employment.

I ask you to vote no to the metering decrease in value.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carri Oviatt



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**Erin Groves (erin.campbell84@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:00 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Solar means clean renewable energy! It's a no-brainer. We should be expanding solar programs and incentives, not the other way around. My husband I built in an eco-conscious neighborhood that requires solar and we'll be getting ours shortly. We live in the desert! To dismantle solar power here in this way would be an egregious and embarrassing response to the climate issues we face.

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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**Annette Ephroni (annette.milliron@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:07

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Making solar power easy to access and cheap for every Utahn is the only way we solve the clean air crisis in our state. Please do everything possible to support solar for homeowners.

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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**David Sandak** <dlsandak@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:21 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please do not devalue and ruin solar for me. I'm about to build my dream house at the Preserve in Park City and was going to invest big time in solar energy. Don't spoil it for me and don't ruin solar energy's future in Utah.

David Sandak  
1586 Preserve Dr  
Park City UT 84098

Sent from my iPhone



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**Taylor Rhoades** <teh.holman@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:44 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi I'm emailing in response to Rocky Mountain Power's proposal on Solar energy and it's value. I'm a recent home owner and we immediately put solar on our house with the hopes of reducing energy costs, reducing our impact on the earth, and being an overall inspiration to young home buyers. With Rocky Mountain Power's proposal it will completely ruin any of those hopes. Not only hurting the industry and taking away thousands of jobs, it will completely take away one of the incentives of getting solar, to lower the costs of power. Rocky Mountain Power doesn't care about the people of Utah Valley, they care about making money. Why would they propose something like this if that wasn't their motive? Recently there were 200,000 people without power for a week including my 80 year old grandparents. Had they had solar or an alternative power solution they wouldn't have been forced to cook quite literally over a fire in there backyard or had to be in bed by 6 pm for fear of falling because they couldn't use their lights.

Rocky Mountain Power's proposal will make it difficult for anyone to invest in solar because the incentive rate is devalued. There should be a free market allowed and Rocky Mountain Power only tries to monopolize the industry. Please consider the customers and employees of the solar industry in the decision making of this proposal. Thank you!



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**Christine Swientek** <cswientek@aol.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 8:58 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

My name is Christine Swientek, I reside at 2883 S. Avon Place in South Salt Lake City, UT 84115. I have 11 solar panels on my roof now for 3 years. I was told that I was grandfathered with the Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) rates until at least 2030. Now I hear that RMP wants to reduce their solar customers' rates. I am a retired person with a fixed income. If they reduce these rates, I will have spent thousands of dollars that will never be recouped. To me this is like being scammed and RMP and the UT PSC and legislators are the scammers! Isn't the government supposed to protect their citizens not be the scammers?

Murray Power "buys back" at a 1:1 rate; Provo City Power offers 6 cents/kWh of solar. Why does a huge money making RMP need to reduce their rates to 1/10 of a cent @kWh? This is most unfair especially to those who, like me, are protecting Salt Lake County's and Utah's air quality. We should NOT be punished for trying to help our environment! I urge you to deny RMP's rate reduction and to stick to the original agreement of grandfathering our rates.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Christine Swientek

Sent from my iPhone



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

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**Michael Andrews** <eid712340@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:10 PM

Dear Reader:

I support rooftop solar systems in Utah. I have a grid-tied system on our roof in Hurricane, Utah. Before moving to Hurricane, I lived in Phoenix where I installed a solar roof system in 2008. I also installed 2 solar hot water systems.

If I had a chair at the Utah Home Builders Association, I would work with Utah State Legislature on a bill which would mandate a 5,000 watts of solar be installed on every new home built in Utah. Basically treat it like a standard kitchen appliance, air conditioning or furnace. The result would be a 100 fold increase in renewable energy while helping home owners manage their variable expenses.

Regards,

Michael W. Andrews  
602.432.1351

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Michael W. Andrews



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

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**Anthony Ertassi** <ertassi@me.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:10 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I don't understand why a state would allow any structure that would discourage homeowners from purchasing their own solar rooftop systems. I moved from California where we were awarded a credit of one kilowatt for every kilowatt we produced. At the end of the year a true up was done where the number of kilowatts used was offset by the number of kilowatts produced. If you produced more than you use, you got a paid a small amount (0.015 per kilowatt). I can understand a system where you don't get reimbursed, but not a structure where you get a small percentage of what you produce vs. what you use. A system where I get anything less than 100% credit seems silly, but a system where you get 15% credit for what you produce is ridiculous. I sure hope you do the right thing and make it attractive for homeowners to put solar on their house. Even though i will not save a lot with my system and it will take years to pay for itself, I feel good knowing I am producing clean energy and reducing my carbon footprint. Utah is a beautiful state and growing fast, home solar should be encourages for everyone. Please don't let the power companies dictate and discourage independent home systems

Anthony Ertassi  
Pleasant Grove, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Grace Andrews** <gracebear1@yahoo.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:47 PM

Utah Public Service Commission,

I am writing your Commission to urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposal to reduce the export rate for all exported energy. I also ask that you help keep our energy costs low, especially during times such as the present one when so many families are losing their employment due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Our family has worked hard to pay for the solar system we purchased, along with the help of the state and federal rebates which were extremely helpful. We saved money for this purpose with the hope of being able to substantially eliminate energy costs in the future when they might be a lot higher due to price increases and our income would go down as we became older.

During the recent power outages in Utah, we were extremely grateful to have power since we have also invested in back-up batteries. We were able to keep the food in our refrigerator and freezer cold during the prolonged outage, which otherwise may have gone bad and had to be wasted. Our solar system allows us to be somewhat self-sufficient and could be a life-saver if a member of our family or a neighbor is ever on oxygen for medical reasons. It would be wonderful if solar power were kept affordable so that more people could be self-sufficient in this important manner.

The solar industry also provides many valuable jobs for Utah residents and we want to make sure this remains a viable industry because it contributes so much value to our lives. Energy is critical and we want to continue to have a solar option.

I cannot stress how grateful I am for our solar system and back-up batteries and want my fellow Utahns to continue to have the opportunity to obtain this clean energy source for themselves so they can be more self-sufficient during trying times such as the one we just passed through.

Thank you for your consideration,

Grace Andrews



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**Chris Leonard** <chris@lincsolar.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:49 PM

Dear PSC-

I would like to take this moment to write you in regards to the proposed amount Rocky Mountain Power is wanting to pass. I think that this is absurd that they would try to even go this low for the buyback rate of the energy exported to the grid. Berkshire Hathaway which owns Pacific Corp is ran by multi-million/billionaires and are wanting to build their own farms to keep more money in their pockets which would ultimately affect thousands and thousands of people employed in the Solar industry here in the state of Utah.

I'm a self have been in the industry for almost 10 years and have traveled all over the country to help with the growth of this industry and have never seen a utility company try to be this bad besides SRP in Arizona. This would shatter the industry and would cause so many people to be without a job and they would have to search for a new one or move out of state to work for other solar companies which then takes money out of our state.

I and my thousands of customers here in the state please ask to keep the rate where it currently is at the 9.2 cents per kilowatt hour. I thank you for not allowing them to get 50% the last time they tried to pass this. Thank you for your consideration and may God bless you and your loved ones.

Thanks

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Chris Leonard  
Founder/CEO  
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"Let's turn sunshine into savings"



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

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:56 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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

This utility's proposed export credit rate reduction from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh is nothing more than an attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to misrepresent the value of rooftop solar in order to stifle competition and monopolize renewable power generation. The evidence provided throughout this solar export proceeding has both demonstrated the value of customer-generated exports and shown that Rocky Mountain Power has failed to adequately assess the value of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change.

A better solution than the proposed rate, which, if approved, would be among the most punitive in the nation, is an increased solar export credit rate. The Vote Solar Load Research Study demonstrates the value of customer-generated exports at 22¢ per kilowatt-hour. This value includes 10.57¢/kWh from utility-based benefits alone. Environmental and social benefits add an additional 12/03¢ of benefits.

While it is important to recognize that rooftop solar customers are still very much on the grid, utilizing utility infrastructure, one cannot fairly calculate the cost of this over the many benefits to the grid, customers, and community provided by rooftop solar.

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

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

Sincerely,  
Lindsay Radebaugh  
[1457 N 950 W](#)  
[Orem, UT 84057](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**Jenneth Hampton** <jennethreyeshampton@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:23 PM

I support rooftop solar.

Thank you,  
Jenneth Hampton



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**William Borrowman (mac.borrowman@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at  
10:18 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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Sincerely,

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**Elizabeth Howell (50496b63@opayq.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:31 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I made a huge investment in solar panels for my home. I bought my solar power system from a Utah based company to invest in our state. Please don't devastate this important industry in Utah!!

Another benefit for me was to be able to return energy to the grid. We don't have enough fossil fuel to keep going the way we have been going. We need solar power and need our citizens to be part of distributed solar power collection. I want my friends and neighbors to be motivated to go solar and net-metering is a major attraction for them. Please reinstate net-metering immediately.

Rocky Mountain Power is being greedy. You don't have to support them in this greed.

Please don't let them get away with this! Do what is right for the people of Utah, not for a corporation prioritizing its own bottom line at the expense of our state and fellow Utahns.

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**Liz Buirley** <lizbuirley@comcast.net>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:47 PM

Reply-To: Liz Buirley &lt;lizbuirley@comcast.net&gt;

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

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Sincerely,  
Liz Buirley  
[2940 E Wardway Drive](#)  
[Salt Lake City, UT 84124](#)



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Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:07

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

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**Tracey Evans** <tlevans66@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:14 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

I have invested in a solar energy system for my house because I believe in the benefits of solar energy. This valuable resource can lower noxious emissions, improve our air quality, provide energy security during emergencies, create jobs and improve the economy, and attract more businesses and people to our state. The more people invest in these systems, the better our quality of life will be in the future.

I am personally very sensitive to air quality issues, so this is extremely important to me. We live in one of the sunniest states in the US - so why shouldn't we take advantage of that fact as much as possible? The proposed low solar compensation rate will move our quality of life lower instead of higher. If the energy my system creates is priced so low, then why is the energy I buy from the grid so expensive?

I urge you to require a compensation rate that better reflects the value of solar energy to our citizens and our future, and that incentivizes investment in solar power.

Thank you,

Tracey Evans  
[2704 S Wildcat Ln](#)  
[Saratoga Springs, UT 84045](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**M HUTCHINS-BENNETT** <richmichbennett@msn.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>  
Cc: M HUTCHINS-BENNETT <richmichbennett@msn.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:55 PM

We put Solar Panels on our roof because we felt that it is good for our Health and for the Environment. There is Climate Change going on, and we all need to work together to slow it down. Even though Rocky Mountain Power will not pay us for any excess power we have at the end of the year, we still felt it was worth having. It also provided jobs for the people who installed it. The power it generates is clean (not coal based). This meeting is occurring because Rocky Mountain Power is acting as a monopoly and is trying to crush any competition.

Please do not devalue rooftop solar energy. Please ensure there is a fair rate for rooftop solar.

Thank You,

Rich Bennett  
Michele Hutchins  
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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

1 message

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**Jared Morgan** <jaredmorgan76@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 2:01 AM

Reply-To: jaredmorgan76@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Myself and many other close friends and family have been working in the residential solar industry for over 5 years and the proposed changes by RMP will put all of us out of a job. The profoundly negative effect on just the people I know personally is in the hundreds of people. Please do not allow RMP to put over 7,000 Utah solar workers out of a job. Thank you.

Jared Morgan  
Senior Solar Consultant  
Intermountain Wind & Solar

Sincerely,  
Jared Morgan  
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**David Shapiro** <d.shapiro@me.com>  
Reply-To: David Shapiro <d.shapiro@me.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 4:49 AM

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,  
David Shapiro  
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**Ryan Berry (ryanberryarchitecture@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 7:30

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Rocky Mountain Power should pay a fair rate for the power it receives from residential solar power returned to the grid. These systems cost us a lot of money and one of the things that makes it affordable is the potential of getting some payback from the surplus power we generate. It would be unethical for Public Service Commission to allow the utility to pay such a low rate - you would essentially be permitting the theft of a huge portion of the power we generate and are willing to contribute back to the grid. Please maintain buy-back rates that are fair.

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

1 message

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**Mel S** <mels.fender@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 7:38 AM

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

Hello -

It appears that Rocky Mountain Power wants to stifle the expansion of renewable energy generated by rooftop solar vendors/customers in an attempt to control the spread of renewable energy in order to protect its fossil fuel assets, and take control of all forms of energy production. This will kill Utah's solar industry, forcing thousands to lose their jobs, and take control away from independent companies and individual customers.

To ensure a fair rate for rooftop solar and promote competition in this industry (prevent monopolistic practices), please do not allow Rocky Mountain Power to reduce the amount by which rooftop solar customers are compensated for energy they supply to the grid. Please reject this new assault on rooftop solar for the well-being of all.

Best regards,

Harold Reid and Melody Sweatman



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**Lauren van Vliet (vanvliet.lauren@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 8:09

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

It's Utah. The amount of uninterrupted days of sun we get in a year almost rivals the days in the year. Living here has been a joy for that reason, to go out and enjoy the desert and mountains all the time.

But what do you want us Utahans to return to? Mounting power bills from keeping the house cool in the long summers and warm in the chilly winters? When both those seasons have ample sun to power our heating, cooling and electronic needs?

I have installed roof top and pole solar panels for new homeowners, and their monthly bill to be hooked to the grid is \$7. That is it.

Let's design a Utah where residents can spend their money supporting local business, buying that new thing they have wanted or needed, sending their kid to college. Instead of bolstering up a dying industry that does little more than gouge our pockets while scouring the earth.

Utah may be just as polarized as every other state. But we are united behind solar.

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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**Charlotte Mark (ms.discordia@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 8:59

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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

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Sincerely,

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**Anny Lefebvre (annylef17@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 9:19

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

For our future and our children's future, we need clean power in Utah. Solar energy is sustainable. Please subsidize it! Support solar!

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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**Heather Balch** <hbalchunm@yahoo.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 9:25 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Dr. Heather Balch, I live in Woods Cross, and I am writing this email in opposition to the Rocky Mountain proposal to decrease the rate for which customers are reimbursed for their solar. We are currently in the process of installing solar on a new house, about 5 years ago we put solar on our old house and loved it, hence why we are pursuing it again. In the growing threat of climate change, it is imperative that we do all that we are able to do in order to decrease our impact on the environment. Having an affordable option in solar is one way in which Utahns can help to reduce our impact. Utah has a great climate for solar and many jobs have come from the solar industry. Decreasing the rate at which Rocky Mountain buys this power will effect jobs, as well as our air quality, as people will have less incentive to get solar. Rocky Mountain shouldn't be making excessive money off of our own personal investments.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Balch



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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**KIMBERLY ZIKE** <closetreki@comcast.net>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:03 AM

Public Service Commission,

I am a solar power customer and am sending this email to persuade you to help us break up the monopoly Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is intent on maintaining. Our government has been encouraging us to invest in alternate forms of energy, yet RMP and PacifiCorp/Berkshire Hathaway are doing everything in their power to prevent us from moving forward in eliminating fossil fuel sources of power. These efforts include taking away the incentives for purchasing and using solar power. In addition, RMP monitors our power, and we have to trust that we are being assessed fairly. This brings to mind the phrase "the fox guarding the henhouse!"

Please do not let RMP control our sources of energy! They should not be allowed to impose restrictions on solar power, nor be allowed to devalue its cost savings. This monopoly needs to end so that power users can have a choice in purchasing the power they need. We also have a moral imperative to move beyond fossil fuels and use power sources that are ecologically sound.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kimberly C. Zike



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**Andrew Cunningham (a.b.cunningham@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:49

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Utah has ample solar resources and consumers should be encouraged to invest in renewable 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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Sincerely,

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**Shannon Mullins (shannon.mullins@mac.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 11:23

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

We need to improve the air quality in Salt Lake and reduce our dependence on coal. I've done my part by recently investing in solar panels. All of us should have panels, so please save Utah Solar!!!

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Sincerely,

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**Michael Hannan** <michael.hannan@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 11:49 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I'm writing to express my strong support for strengthening--not weakening--the compensation rate for energy generated from rooftop solar PV systems here in Utah. Even under the current rate, I found my rooftop solar PV system would pay for itself only after more than a decade in operation. While I was willing to invest in a larger PV system to take advantage of the sun's energy, there is of course no incentive to "over-produce" clean energy, and so the ROI of a system more than twice as big as the one I'm installing would have been negative.

And this is under the current compensation rate and associated rules--weakening them would only make this situation worse, all but eliminating the incentive for homeowners to take advantage of all of the wonderful sun that shines down upon our great state.

Michael Hannan  
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**Daniel Warshauer (dawarshauer@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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Sincerely,

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**Zoe Heiden** <zheiden19@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Zoe Heiden <zheiden19@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**Joseph Timmins (joetimminslcsw@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM

&lt;automail@knowwho.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Sustainability of Human Resources of all kinds (healthy minds and bodies, and a healthy environment that gives us resources) is critical for the well being of our children's future well being. Using up our non renewable resources (oil, coal) is basically stealing from our children's future. Why has RMP not thought ahead and utilized these renewable resources before (I do subscribe to their blue sky, wind energy source) and now that other companies are offering us customers more cost effective and renewable sources of energy, it's like the bully on the block who didn't plan ahead and is afraid their income will suffer so they want to make us community members suffer for their lack of foresight!!! Please support our new companies who are trying to help us live a more cost effective life and environmental cost effective as well. They seem to care about individuals well being more than the corporate bottom line \$\$\$

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**Walter Bornemeier** <wcb@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:05 PM

Reply-To: wcb@bornie.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please protect solar in our great state and seek regulations that will insure future benefits to new and existing solar users. Our state continues to need low cost and renewable energy as the population of Utah continues to grow. My wife and I will be moving soon and will seriously be investigating the installation of solar in our next home. I really believe that solar is very important and needs to be encouraged by our state government. Thank you.

Walter Bornemeier

Sincerely,

Walter Bornemeier

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

1 message

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Reply-To: Jenna Alton <jenna.s.alton@gmail.com>  
To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:30 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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

I could tell you all the reasons why this is simply an attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to monopolize renewable power generation, but instead, I'm going to tell you why it matters to me and countless Utahns like me.

I have a toddler and am also currently expecting my second child. The horrendous air quality in Utah regularly affects our lives. My son loves the outdoors and the wonderful recreation our state has to offer, but all too often I have no choice but to deny him of this aspect of his childhood thanks to dangerous air quality. I fear he will develop asthma as a result of growing up in Utah. I also constantly fear for the life of my unborn child, as Utah's air quality has been associated with miscarriages.

This isn't a burden that I -- or any other Utah resident -- should need to carry. Improving our air quality should be our top priority, not appeasing Rocky Mountain Power.

When you and I are long gone, it's our children and grandchildren who will have to deal with our wanton disregard for our planet. I refuse to believe that this is the best we can offer them. I plead with you to do all you can to save rooftop solar in Utah instead of destroying it.

Thank you,

Jenna Alton

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

1 message

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**Dr. Ken Andersen** <drkenandersen@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:32 PM

Dear Commission,

I have been considering getting solar for the last several months, but I'm waiting to see how this board is going to vote before I make a final decision. It is very unfortunate Rocky Mountain Power is attempting to dramatically reduce the exporting credits for homes with solar. I don't understand how they can justify a 84% reduction in the current rate and I can't understand why the board is even entertaining this proposal.

I have several reasons why I am considering solar, but at the end of the day it just makes sense considering we are the 5th sunniest state in the union. This is considerable investment, but with this reduction it will just not make sense. As a business owner, I believe in a free market but Rocky Mountain has cornered the market. Voting in favor of Rocky Mountain Power will be a jobs killer for the community. These are small business owners that contribute to our community greatly, but approval of Rocky Mountain's proposal would kill them and they will completely dominate the market giving us zero options. Nevada passed similar regulations years ago and then had to reverse their decision. Why are you not looking at that as an example? They made this mistake and had to reverse their decision, so it makes zero sense that Utah would go down this diastrious path.

As a small business owner and resident of Utah, I am completely against the passage of this proposal and I'm hoping you will make the right decision and vote against it.

Respectfully,  
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## Rocky Mountain Power rate case

1 message

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**Linda** <linda@south-fork.net>  
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Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 2:03 PM

Public Service Commission Members:

I am writing regarding Rocky Mountain Power's decision to end net metering and to reduce the export tariff for rooftop solar customers to the pitiful rate of 1.5 cents per kWh, a rate reduction of 84% for new solar customers. With this drop from 9.2 to 1.5 cents per kWh, homeowners will have less incentive to add solar and thus we will lose many benefits, including reduced pressure on the electrical grid, increased use of renewable, clean energy with no investment in new projects by Rocky Mountain Power, and very important to me and my family, helping to improve the environment and clean the air we all breathe.

When we invested in solar panels in late 2015, net metering was in effect. The amount of 9.2 cents per kWh hour seemed quite fair and helped us decide in favor of going solar. We are grandfathered in to this rate until at least 2032. However, with the proposed changes, the modifications aren't just bad for homeowners but also for the solar industry, which was a growing employer in Utah. Our state will be faced with more company closures (including the company we hired), a decrease in new installations, the loss of jobs and businesses, and dirtier air.

An option that might interest us as well as other homeowners would be for Rocky Mountain Power to offer homeowners who make excess electricity the option of donating their full overage to help meet the energy needs of low-income families or nonprofit organizations, rather than receiving the pittance of 1.5 cents per kWh.

A different type of solution would be for power companies to subsidize the purchase of batteries, as is done in Vermont and perhaps elsewhere. This would encourage people to add rooftop solar, with all of its benefits, plus batteries would reduce pressure on the grid, especially during crises.

It is my hope that the Public Service Commission's decision on this issue will strengthen rooftop solar in Utah, not destroy it. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community.

Linda Oswald

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**Sandra Williams** <theutahartist@hotmail.com>  
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To: Public Service Commissioners <psc@utah.gov>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 2:18 PM

Dear Commissioners,

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

This utility's proposed export credit rate reduction from 9.4¢/kWh to ~ 1.5¢/kWh is nothing more than an attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to misrepresent the value of rooftop solar in order to stifle competition and monopolize renewable power generation. The evidence provided throughout this solar export proceeding has both demonstrated the value of customer-generated exports and shown that Rocky Mountain Power has failed to adequately assess the value of excess solar energy in its proposed rate change.

A better solution than the proposed rate, which, if approved, would be among the most punitive in the nation, is an increased solar export credit rate. The Vote Solar Load Research Study demonstrates the value of customer-generated exports at 22¢ per kilowatt-hour. This value includes 10.57¢/kWh from utility-based benefits alone. Environmental and social benefits add an additional 12/03¢ of benefits.

While it is important to recognize that rooftop solar customers are still very much on the grid, utilizing utility infrastructure, one cannot fairly calculate the cost of this over the many benefits to the grid, customers, and community provided by rooftop solar.

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

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

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

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**JJ and Shauna Jones** <therollingjones@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 2:26 PM

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

America must do all possible for climate control issues. Individually we try to do as much as we can. DO NOT put obstacles in front of citizen's efforts. Be the most supportive you can!

Sincerely,

JJ and Shauna Jones

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## Clean Energy

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Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 3:04 PM

**Dale McCormick** <dalemccormick10@gmail.com>

3:01 PM (1 minute ago)

We are making some progress in cleaning up our air and our environment. Now is not the time to stop. It is never easy to change from one system to another even if the new system is better.

I encourage you to look at the presentation made by Vote Solar. This is a better representation of what solar power can do than that presented by RMP. The current compensation will help increase the use of solar energy and create thousands of good paying jobs for our state while continuing to clean up our environment.

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