



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Subject: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Grover Marsh <gmarsh1960@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 8:47 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Commission,

I am for Rocky Mountain's proposal to lower credits for solar power generating customers.

I do not understand why I must subsidize rich people for electricity. I understand why solar companies object as this would hinder their money making scheme. I am only asking the rich to pay their fair share.

grover marsh



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

RE: Public Hearing Comment - RMP Phase II 17-035-61

1 message

David p <roachslayer@outlook.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 7:04 PM

Summarizing in a simple way:

Many reasons for rejecting RMPs 1.5 cent proposal exist, but here is a big one focusing on actual, tangible, immediate needs of clean air we are all breathing right now.

Want clean air and reduction in the "inversion"? Drive electric cars.

Want more people driving electric cars? Get rooftop solar to make e-cars financially viable.

Want rooftop solar? KEEP net-metering, keep the rate 92% or 1:1 or *higher*. DO NOT decentivize the installation and financial viability of individuals to add solar to their homes.

From: David p
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 6:10 PM
To: psc@utah.gov
Subject: Public Hearing Comment - RMP Phase II 17-035-61

Please include this consideration on the RMP net metering and rate decision.

- **Inversion** (poor air quality) in Utah is not questionable - we see it, we feel it.
- Vehicles are a significant contributor – we constantly see requests to carpool, use public transit.
- **Electric cars** produce **zero emissions** contributing to this inversion
- RPM proposal of 1.5c will halt solar installs to near zero - decentivize and make **rooftop solar unaffordable for nearly every household** in the state
- Many if not most people with solar production that are guaranteed 1:1 or even 92% rate have **also** expressed they either own or plan to **own an electric car**.
- Despite electric cars being available for over a decade now and the excitement around Tesla, etc, I have never, ever had interest in getting an electric car **UNTIL** I put in an application to put solar on my house and grid-tie it.
- Now that October 1 has passed, nearly nobody is interested in installing solar, resulting in a devastation of interest in electric cars.
- Reduced interest in electric cars will have a **direct, visible and physical negative impact on our air quality**, as well as **negative impact on the auto industry** trying to be innovative and attractive in the market.

Thank you,

David Pugmire

10/6/2020

State of Utah Mail - RE: Public Hearing Comment - RMP Phase II 17-035-61

Tooele, UT

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

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

1 message

Craig Provost <cprovost@att.net>

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 7:49 PM

To: PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

PSC members,

I would like to relay my comments in writing due to the lengthy hearing and delays. I thank you for this opportunity, and for your having such a long hearing to listen to us concerned citizens.

I have solar panels and really appreciate the opportunity to be on net metering with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). The present charges for my power are equitable and provide significant benefits to RMP and to our state. The environmental benefits of roof-top solar is great, especially when our state is experiencing such poor quality air. The benefits to RMP help to minimize costs of developing further generating stations and the cost of long distance power lines from other states. The cost of continuing Coal Powered production of electricity is beyond the cost of equitably paying for the energy we roof-top solar panel owners are able to provide, and further harming our environment.

The previous presenters had more data which backs up my gestalt of the issues.

Please vote against the plans for RMP to reduce the amount they would pay for the power provided by us roof-top owners.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Craig J. Provost, Ph.D.,
800 E 18th Avenue, SLC

On Oct 1, 2020, at 8:20 AM, PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for contacting the Public Service Commission of Utah.

Your assigned time to provide your comments is at 9:45 pm on Monday, October 5, 2020.

Here is the link and telephone number to join the hearing through Google Meet. You may use either, and may choose to connect by video or by audio only.

<https://meet.google.com/mfz-ngjp-okc>

484-326-5972 / PIN: 467 910 388#

The Commission Chair will call your name when your turn comes. Please be ready and remember that public comments are limited to 3 minutes. If you need more than 3 minutes you may provide additional comments after all other scheduled commenters have finished.

If you would like to view the hearing before and after your scheduled time slot, you should disconnect from Google Meet and access the hearing's live stream through the PSC's YouTube channel. A link to that channel will be available during the hearing on the PSC website: psc.utah.gov

Thank you

On Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:23 PM Craig Provost <cprovost@att.net> wrote:

My name is Craig Provost and I would like to provide a comment on Docket No. 17-035-61, Monday October 5. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, please let me know in time, when I will be able to speak.
Thank you,

10/6/2020

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

Craig J. Provost

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comments following up

1 message

spr solar <gospringsolar@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 8:49 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,

I would like to add one more comment. I feel the biggest thing you can do to save Utah jobs, is to reject the Rocky Mt Power proposal. Every household for solar is still paying monthly about \$9 to be using the grid, it is not free. I feel the 9.2 cents is fair, where in the summer the solar over production can be sold to the neighbors at 11.5 cents or 14.4 cents and still make a profit when they're buying it at 9.2 cents and only need to use 50 feet of wire from neighbor to neighbor. I feel this is a good compromise rather than kilowatt for kilowatt credit. This would keep Utah jobs, the designers, engineers, suppliers, sales reps, installers, landlords of office buildings, city inspectors and plan reviewers all employed. There is a domino effect when jobs are lost, and I believe Utah really values it's economy and families, since solar employs so many families. The gravy is helping the air quality as I feel this should be a long term solution, but the number one reason we should reject what Rocky mt is proposing is job loss. We can not afford the massive layoffs, as solar sales will be next to impossible, which dominos on installs and need for everyone else.

We need to keep the current net metering schedule which is the best big picture solution which is still allowing Rocky mt power to make money on the neighbors the solar producers give to.

Sam Yeager
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Comment on Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Michael Potter <mike@mikenbob.com>

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 9:29 PM

Reply-To: Michael Potter <mike@mikenbob.com>

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

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to add my voice to those apposing the significant decrease in solar export credits. Please do reject Rocky Mountain Power's proposed solar export credit rate (Docket No. 17-035-61). Instead of using the "form letter" I would like to give my point of view.

Solar power was a huge decision for us. I could not afford solar as well as battery storage. To offset as much as I have, I relied on the credits as they currently exist. The only other option was to have a much smaller portion of my usage covered by solar, or not invest in any way. I believe in clean energy. I believe we can create a system that can serve all consumers. I believe that the investment in clean energy production is the best way forward. How do we encourage such investments? Honestly, in any way possible.

The idea that the energy I produce should be available to RMP at the same rates as what they can purchase on the open would have stopped me from my investment. I believe there are so many more benefits to our state than is being calculated in this "open market" price. I understand I am no expert, but I am a consumer. And this just doesn't feel right to me. Please don't let this proposal pass. Please, let's keep encouraging all of us to make wise decisions in our energy consumption.

Sincerely,
Michael Potter
4947 Swan Hill Cove
West Jordan, UT 84081



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Public Comment: Docket 17-035-61

1 message

Nancy McHugh <mchughinslc@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 10:16 PM

I am a homeowner who was on the brink of installing rooftop solar panels. I just learned of your deliberations.

So I am writing to encourage the Commission to remember it is a PUBLIC utility commission. Therefore, its decisions cannot side with purely with profit, but must give considered weight to the benefits to the PUBLIC in any of its decisions regulating Rocky Mountain Power. RMP is attempting to reverse the momentum of roof-top solar energy in Utah just when both our polluted air and customers' well-being need to have *more* incentives for solar to be ramped up.

The New York Times reported on Sept 29th on the "galloping" pace of roof-top solar and the tremendous advantages it has brought cities in Australia. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/29/business/energy-environment/australia-rooftop-solar-coal.html> Are Australian regulators be more sophisticated that Utah's?

No crocodile tears for \$23 bil RMP: It paid solar homeowners less than 1% of its sales last year for energy returned to the grid. If an owner would get only 1.5 cents for their excess energy, why pay personally \$10-\$20,000 for solar installation for the intangible public good, when the PUBLIC utility that is already extremely profitable has been charged with increasing energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions?

In July, 2019, Kevin Emerson wrote in the Salt Lake Tribune:

"...the Wattsmart energy efficiency programs that Rocky Mountain Power implemented during 2008-2017 provided over **\$1 billion in net economic benefits for the utility** and its customers.

Unfortunately, Rocky Mountain Power scaled back its cost-effective energy efficiency programs starting in 2018.If the rollbacks are approved, Rocky Mountain Power will decrease the financial incentives and other assistance it provides to its customers to help them adopt energy-saving practices and technologies."

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The PSC should remind Rocky Mountain that the long-term viability of Utah's economy, air quality, water quality and our personal health depends on everyone doing their part to move the State to cleaner energy. As one of the State's major polluters, and a publically empowered, wealthy monopoly, RMP should be required do its part to encourage homeowners to install rooftop solar by making it a viable economic decision.

Utahns believe in free markets over government interference but the monopoly RMP has on energy requires PSC's intervention to level the playing field. That is the role of government/. Instituting a viable financial incentive for homeowners to obtain roof-top solar is a market-based solution.

Please do NOT approve the 1.5 cents per kWh but encourage growth in our clean-energy capacity with an export credit of 9.2 cents per kWh, guaranteed for 20 yrs. And I will move forward with my solar contract with confidence.

Nancy McHugh
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Michael Sheffield <shf_ips@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 11:19 PM

Reply-To: shf_ips@yahoo.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I urge you to protect Utahns' right to have solar energy. People who invest in solar deserve to have fair compensation for what they contribute to the grid. Without fair compensation, it is not viable for most people to invest in solar. Rocky Mountain Power's proposal is not only inequitable, it will effectively kill the solar industry, which provides thousands of jobs to Utahns. RMP's proposal is frankly unconscionable at a time when clean energy is not only a growth industry, but a vital step toward clean air and a sustainable future for our local communities. Do the right thing. Stand for customer rights.

Sincerely,

Michael Sheffield

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Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Anell Gibelyou <agibelyou2@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 10:46 AM

In a day of growing population and growing demand for power, it is illogical to not use all renewable methods of power production. To penalize people for using renewable energy sources such as rooftop solar power generation does not make sense.

I realize that RMP needs to make a profit. I understand they are concerned that those without solar will bear a larger burden, but wouldn't a better solution be to encourage more people to adopt solar power, thus having more power in production, with less transportation of power costs?

Thank you.
Anell Gibelyou



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jake Whitney <jake@smartwavesolar.com>
To: PSC@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 11:46 AM

I wanted to email my concern on Rocky mountain powers net meter request for solar rooftop homes. Just want to simply say "Have you looked outside recently and seen the air?" Obviously car pollution contributes to the disgusting air quality of utah valley, but also so does the coal factory for producing power for residents.

And each home going solar is one small step closer to a cleaner environment which Utah is in desperate need of. More people come here from surrounding states to live a better life in a thriving economic state, but if more people move here so does the demand in electricity and essential appliances. RMP already owns electric and also now GAS, and they will need to produce more power for the increasing house market, and they think they can do it in their own solar way in 10-20 years?? This state will be a smog infested state in 10-20 years if solar is discouraged to do which is exactly the case if they get their way.

Just ask yourself, when was the last time you saw the mountains in this valley as clear as day? Its not possible, and surely wont be happening anytime soon with solar being discouraged with a net meter of 1.5, just pure greed.

Utah unemployment is already hurting, and if RMP gets their way, your going to see that number go higher as well.

PLEASE REJECT THEIR PROPOSAL OR IN FACT INCREASE NET METER VALUE

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 - protect SOLAR net metering rates

1 message

Adam H. <adam.hiatt@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 11:51 AM

I am a residential roof-top solar system owner and am very concerned that RMP (Rocky Mountain Power) is using their monopoly and deep funding pockets to try and decimate the competition of the residential and commercial solar industry in Utah.

Utah solar has many benefits which the proposed net metering decrease in rates would ignore:

- Clean, renewable energy that is good for the environment
- cleaner air for Utahns due to lower carbon footprint
- Reduced costs and cost avoidance for RMP for transmission and delivery of power for existing infrastructure
- Less power loss due to customer onsite power generation excesses available for neighboring customers
- More energy independence: both domestic and foreign.
 - Less reliant on foreign oil, coal, natural gas, etc. for large power plants
 - able to generate power within city, county and state lines without large expensive long-haul high voltage transmission lines
 - Power available during times of large scale power outages due to wind, natural disasters or human causes (like large peaks in usage /brown outs).
- Increases in local and statewide jobs - solar panels must be installed by someone locally, not some chinese company getting the economic benefits of installation labor profit.
- Utah has a high potential to harvest energy from the Sun due to sunny days - we should be using this potential more not LESS
- Better able to project long-term energy costs and financial planning for inflation cost-avoidance during uncertain economic times like the ones we face now.

I URGE YOU TO NOT REDUCE net metering rates.

I made a long-term 7-20 year investment in my home roof-top solar generation system which was intended to benefit not only our own family, but my local community, the environment and the local economy.

Please don't take away those benefits for myself and for the future generations of Utahns that wish to make a similar financial and social-economic benefit.

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

rooftop solar

1 message

Josh Chiles <jchiles@fleetflo.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 11:57 AM

Seriously, do you think you could do what is best for Utahns and our air, just once? Quit letting RMP and Warren Buffet run over us and this state! Instead of squashing solar BUILD IT UP! More jobs are in solar right now than in coal! Protect and expand rooftop solar! ALL government buildings should have panels!

Thank you

Joshua Chiles



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Docket No. 17-035-61"

1 message

Aaron Falk <aaronfalk1111@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:01 PM

I am opposed to giving Rocky Mountain power a monopoly in UTAH.

Aaron Falk
801-682-0491



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Christi Leman <christilynne2@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:04 PM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am writing today to express my position for the net metering plan currently before the Commission.

As a solar customer, I recognize the need to promote solar power for the health of our economy, our planet and our people as well as to reduce our reliance on coal and encourage clean air. The net metering plan Rocky Mountain Power is promoting would crush this necessary industry in Utah. Please do what is right and sustainable for our state.

Christi Leman
Provo, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Chip Nakagawa <chipacles@hotmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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

Please do not change net metering for solar. We need to increase solar usage in Utah for the betterment of air quality for ourselves and, more importantly, for our children. We should not incentivize monopolies like Rocky Mountain Power, and solar is a lever by which to encourage change for the better.



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Mark Lusvardi <mjljunk@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:04 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am appalled by the thought that Rocky Mountain Power could even consider a reduction in paying market rates for net metering of solar energy generated by Utahn's who have invested personally in improving the environment and generating power through renewable sources. I vehemently oppose such action and will work to hold utility companies responsible for destroying the environment while monopolizing on profits from customers.

M Lusvardi



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

"Docket No. 17-035-61"1 message

Jo Naylor <jocnaylor@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:06 PM

Please don't let Mountain Power have a monopoly over power in Utah.
Solar is safer and more sustainable.
Many people will lose their jobs, houses, and cars. This IS UNACCEPTABLE!

There are enough customers to have more than one company handle energy.

Please vote in opposition of this docket and allow for Utahns to CHOOSE which source of power works for them.

Please give me 24-48 hours to reply to your email.

Thanks!
Jo C. Naylor, Ph.D., CCC-SLP



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Thacker _ <thacker1723@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:12 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a recently new member of the solar community & homeowner. My family & I STRONGLY OPPOSE the change to net metering that Rocky Mountain Power is wanting.
It will cost 7,000+ people to become unemployed. It will go against everything we have been working on becoming more self sustaining as Utahns.

It will take from the poor & give to the already wealthy. Rocky Mountain Power & it's CEO's already take more than their "fair" share from our solar production & what we get in return is hardly compensation let alone close to "fair".

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Jared & Sabrina Thacker
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Eric Jenson <g_eric_jenson@yahoo.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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

To Utah PSC:

I added solar panels to my home 10 months ago. I did so to help with the bad air we are experiencing within the State of Utah. As a homeowner I want to do all I can to make this a better world for my children. If the proposed rate from Rocky Mountain Power had been in place when I added panels, I would not have purchased solar panels, it makes no financial sense. I encourage you to think longer term, let's be a State working on solutions, rather than continuing to worsen the environment.

Sincerely,

Eric Jenson



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

"Docket No. 17-035-61"

1 message

Steve Boulay <Steve@magicspace.net>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:19 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a Salt Lake City resident with 40+ solar panels on my home. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal RMP has made to reduce reimbursement rates for solar customers that is now before the public service commission. I express this opposition for several reasons:

The norm in the rest of the country is even higher than the current reimbursement rates. It makes no sense to reduce the rate even further.

The rates proposed by RMP rely on simplistic economic arguments that do not take into account avoided costs, intangible costs like reductions in air pollution, benefits of distributed power generation, etc and the benefits RMP realizes by not having to build additional generation facilities.

The public service commission should be looking out for the good of the broad public and not just the narrow interests of RMP as articulated in their rate proposal. Encouraging low emission generation and distributed power generation alone argue for your turning down the RMP proposal and, at a minimum, retaining the current reimbursement rates.

Sincerely,

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Mary Buhr <maryellenbuhr@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:22 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am writing to protest the request by Rocky Mountain power to reduce solar metering rates. This would create a monopoly and would be unfair to the existing and future solar customers. It would also destroy jobs in the community which are desperately needed especially during this time of COVID. Please do not grant this request.

Mary Buhr



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Daniella Birch (daniellabirch@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:38 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Of course Rocky Mountain Power can get power cheaper on the grid! They would be buying it from fossil fuel sources! We have so much available solar in Utah, why not make use of it and offset the home owner's cost for installing it.

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,

Daniella Birch
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Solar power

1 message

Alisa Weiss <alisa.chica@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:38 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello please do not give Rocky Mountain Power more power. My electric bills despite being conservative in use are ridiculously high, having gone up \$30-40 a month for our family. This during a time of economic hardship for our family. People need options and ways to meet needs without monopolies that can take advantage and manipulate customers beyond their ability to accommodate. I am very interested in solar in order to get out from underneath hefty and growing electricity bills. We need options. We need power to make decisions for our family and future. Solar is clean and available to all in Utah. Let's not cripple its ability to help Utah as a state and it's individuals. Stop Rocky Mountain Power from its greed and power and ability to rob its customers until they can't manage the smothering cost.

Alisa Weiss



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Do not approve Rocky Mountain Power's Solar Credit Proposal

1 message

daniella birch <daniellabirch@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:50 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I live in Salt Lake City where we were hit really hard by the wind storm last month making access to power difficult to get. I knew people that went weeks without power. Why wouldn't we want to make it easier for Utahns to install solar panels? Solar power on a building makes that building less reliant on the power grid and even allows them to contribute to the grid when other sources are cut off. The new rate proposed by Rocky Mountain Power would make it so that the cost of installing solar panels would be cost prohibitive to most people in Utah. When Rocky Mountain Power claims that it can acquire power on the grid for a lower rate, I'm sure they can! But surely this power is so cheap because fossil fuels are extremely cheap right now. In addition to being more self-sufficient, burning less fossil fuels would reduce our contribution to the notoriously bad air quality in Salt Lake and climate change which ultimately affects the substantial ski industry in Utah which employs thousands of people.

daniella

Homebrewer, Cycling Enthusiast, & Shutterstock Contributor!

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Bill Oldroyd <bill_oldroyd@byu.edu>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:57 PM

Hi,

I'm opposed to Rocky Mountain Power being able to reduce net metering rates.

I've seen numbers that suggest about 2% of Utah residents have solar. This low of a number surely can't be a threat to RMP. I imagine there will come a day when RMP can argue that they are doing a lot of heavy lifting (i.e. infrastructure) that warrants them being compensated . . . but we're not even close to that yet.

Isn't Rocky Mountain Power a not-for-profit entity? If so, why are they griping about these issues? Why can't they work with solar and not against it . . . and still maintain operations?

Thanks

Bill Oldroyd

Orem, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Chelsea Allred <chelsea@smartwavesolar.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 12:06 PM

I do NOT support the increase in net metering for these reasons:

- Without solar in Utah, Rocky Mountain Power will have a complete monopoly. People deserve another option for electricity.
- 7107 people have jobs in the solar industry in Utah. This proposal will destroy many jobs, which is the last thing we need during the pandemic. This directly contradicts Governor Herbert's plan for economic recovery.
- Pollution throughout the Salt Lake Valley is terrible. Rocky Mountain Power gets most of their electricity by burning coal. Solar has a tremendous environmental benefit.
- As we get more solar, it will provide stability to the electric grid for natural disasters and other outages.
- [A recent study](#) by Vote Solar showed that net metering credit are worth a lot more than the rate Rocky Mountain Power is asking for. Solar owners deserve fair compensation.
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Scott Bean <scottbean54@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 1:26 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

This is a bad idea to allow Rocky Mountain to reduce the net metering rates. I have had solar for only a few years and it was one of the top reasons why I eventually signed up for it. If the proposed rates were in effect when I was making the decision I would not have gone solar.

-Scott Bean
Orem, UT



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Mindi Overstreet <mind11@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 1:27 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I absolutely disagree with a reduction in net metering rates! For those of us that have spent years with terrible customer service from Rocky Mountain power, solar is the only protection as a consumer. And letting Rocky Mountain have this monopoly is wrong, we as consumers shouldn't have to support a business that provides sub par service. The area I live in according to Rocky Mountain, is in need of a new transformer and has been for 20 years. We experience power outages a ridiculous number of times each year. And Rocky Mountain has no reason to make it better, what can people do if there isn't a second choice in providers? That is why I invested in solar and it is the reason everyone deserves the option. Rocky Mountain should not get credit for a percentage of the net metering, this is just a play to end any competition.

Mindi Overstreet



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Elisabeth Woodfield <lizmjwoodfield@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 1:29 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello Utah PSC,

We would like to express our concern and opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's request to reduce net metering rates. Solar is a great option for so many homes and families and this would essentially kill off that option for Utah. Solar is important because it gives people another option (rather than let RMP have a monopoly on power), the solar industry supplies jobs, it is great for the environment (we already have terrible pollution in Utah, particularly during the winter!). Other states (like Nevada and Maine) have already tried this and then changed it back after realizing this was not a good idea.

Please do not yield to RMP's request to reduce net metering rates.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth and Braden Woodfield



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Candace Kinser <candykinser@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 1:41 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please do NOT allow Rocky Mountain Power to hurt SOLAR. Everyone knows that solar is clean energy - just what Utah needs. Utah needs to keep moving forward - not backward so that a monopoly is enshrined. Choose the right and let the consequences follow! I can't believe they want to reduce our net metering rates.

Dr, Robert and Candace Kinser
[949 Murdock Dr, American Fork, UT 84003](#)



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Mark Sowa <mtct84@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 1:42 PM

I have been informed that Rocky Mountain Power has asked the Utah Public Service Commission to reduce net metering rates by 84%. As a current net metering customer, I am writing to express my vehement opposition to this request. That kind of proposal is completely inappropriate, and carries with it the distinct impression of corporate greed and unfairness to Utah consumers. I agree with the following bullet points:

- This proposal would essentially kill rooftop solar in Utah
- Without solar in Utah, Rocky Mountain Power will have a complete monopoly. People deserve another option for electricity.
- 7107 people have jobs in the solar industry in Utah. This proposal will destroy many jobs, which is the last thing we need during the pandemic. This directly contradicts Governor Herbert's plan for economic recovery.
- Pollution throughout the Salt Lake Valley is terrible. Rocky Mountain Power gets most of their electricity by burning coal. Solar has a tremendous environmental benefit.
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For all the above reasons, I urge the commission to deny RMPs request. Furthermore, I would encourage the commission to ensure that net metering rates in Utah are consistent with the national norm, and if that means they should be increased rather than decreased, then so be it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

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Mark Sowa



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 / Please don't take my job! I'm the only one working!1 message

Celia Hanson <celia@smartwavesolar.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 2:07 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like for you to know my thoughts about Rocky Mountain Power bringing this to you and requesting an 84% drop in the exchange rate for customers seeking solar. First, we are in a pandemic. Many people are without jobs and lack the ability to support themselves and their families. My husband started a business in October and it is all but bankrupt. He is considered to be "high risk" and if he were to get the Coronavirus, he would fit the bill to end up on a ventilator or worse. It's heartbreaking to live this way, in such fear and anxiety.

I was fortunate in that June of 2019, the CEO of the company that I worked for in Lehi left to become a partner at Smart Wave Solar. He asked me to join him and I was hesitant, but I decided to give it a shot because the value proposition to the homeowner is phenomenal. And I'm not just talking about financially. The green option that solar provides for our planet is equally important. I secured this position and have been not only successful, I have been able to weather this storm in which we all live while protecting and financially supporting my husband and two children during this terrible time in which we live.

I know you are already aware that around our country this has been done before. It's already played out- we already know that it doesn't end well. Not only for the consumer who no longer has any other option but the power company but also for the thousands of people who will lose their jobs! During a Pandemic! It's not a good look.

I certainly hope you take time to read this. It is with the best of intentions that I ask you to decide in favor of the people, not a big corporation that is owned by Warren Buffet.

Best to you all, and thank you for taking the time to read this,

Celia Hanson

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Celia Hanson

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Regarding Docket # 17-035-61

1 message

Karen Brimhall <karen.brimhall@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 2:36 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

This is sent to oppose the request by Rocky Mountain Power to reduce the net metering rates in Utah which would basically create a monopoly on electric service and give consumers no choice in selecting cleaner, possibly cheaper power. We currently have Rocky Mountain Power service but believe we should not be limited to one choice, especially, when they can raise rates and continue to do so as they eliminate any competition.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen and Gary Brimhall



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Jon Taylor <123jst@everyactioncustom.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 2:48 PM

Reply-To: 123jst@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I added solar almost ten years ago when it was much more expensive than today, and still have not recouped my investment--even with the 1 for 1 KWh exchange rate.

Also, keep in mind that our instance, like other residential installations, GREATLY assists RMP's ability to reduce peak demands--and therefore saves RMP from having to buy very expensive electricity at peak usage times (and including maintaining older, "peaker" plants at huge costs.)

The 1 for 1 KWh exchange rate is fair when you add in the above to the equation.

Sincerely,

Jon Taylor

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Ray Langhaim <raymondlanghaim@aol.com>
Reply-To: Ray Langhaim <raymondlanghaim@aol.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 3:13 PM

I oppose this docket and support solar and support the jobs and industry. Need to stay with net metering

Thanks,

Ray Langhaim
RaymondLanghaim@aol.com



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

Larry Green <larryg0124@outlook.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 3:15 PM

I OPPOSE the proposed changes to the Net Metering agreement!

I am a solar retail customer, and I OBJECT to you and Rocky Mountain Power trying to end run this agreement!

I am also a former Electric Generating Plant Engineer and have seen the birth and death of Nuclear Power, and now seeing the eventual end of coal and oil fired plants

The world is going to have to face the fact that fossil fuel electricity is the LEAST effective means of generating power, now that modern techniques have been applied to Photovoltaics.

EVEN CHINA has embarked on eliminating their coal – fired stations, do you want to be known as the group that continued to pollute and destroyed our planet?

Your proposed change will set back the clock and cause MORE CO2 to be pumped into the atmosphere. This will endanger your CHILDREN and Their Children. Is this your legacy?

As a former Electric Generating Plant Engineer, your plan is ill-timed and poorly thought out.

DO NOT SET BACK THE CLOCK. Tell RMP that this is NON-NEGOTIABLE

Larry Green

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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

KEEP SOLAR pricing appropriate in Utah and worldwide PLEASE

1 message

Pete Apicella <peteapicella@hotmail.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 3:19 PM

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

Solar power is so much more environmentally friendly than fossil fuels and we have so much sunshine in our state.

Fossil fuels have so many externalized costs that people absorb as air pollution, ground and water pollution, pipeline scarring, hazards to miners, and the world's most expensive military designed to protect the flow of fossil fuels to the richer nations. (not a complete list)

Having a solar panel guarantees that I get electrical energy when there is a blackout which seems to happen several times a year in Moab. Having incentives to encourage people to use solar energy is super important to all beings on earth, not just humans. The fossil fuel industry already is heavily subsidized, with tremendous influence on world governments, tax breaks, & pollution costs passed to others, etc...

Keep solar jobs alive and promote a cleaner way of living from now into the future.

Thanks alot

Pete Apicella



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

John Manning <jpapa.1@hotmail.com>
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:22 PM

Dear Sirs:

I'm not sure why you would even consider reducing net metering rates. I believe that 100% net metering rate is what is fair. This is a public utility service. It is there as a monopoly already. If the public can serve themselves then this will reduce environmental pressures. Anything else is not serving the public interest.

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John Manning
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PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61

1 message

David Vick <davidrvick@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:23 PM

Please keep full net metering for solar panels in Utah.

David Vick
Orem, Utah



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-61 Public Comment

1 message

Jeremy King (jpking789@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:33 PM

<automail@knowwho.com>

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I installed solar panels to generate clean electricity for both myself and all who use the power on the grid. It is extremely unfair not to compensate me fairly for the power I generate which RMP power then sell to customers at their regular rates in any event.

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,

Jeremy King
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Salt Lake City, UT 84104
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Fwd: Rate reduction for solar users1 message

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:54 PM

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From: craigandsandymonson@gmail.com <craigandsandymonson@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:50 PM

Subject: Rate reduction for solar users

To: crevelt@utah.gov <crevelt@utah.gov>

Hello,

I put in solar panels two years ago with the expectation that excess power would be reimbursed at the prevailing rate or very close to it. However, with this proposed change I feel that the rules have unfairly changed. Perhaps a small reduction is palatable, but 80%? Further, there are hidden savings for the RMP in that transmission lines don't have to be as large with solar customers.

Thanks

Craig Monson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No. 17-035-6

1 message

Jack Lyon <jack.lyon@comcast.net>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:54 PM

No! Just no!

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Thanks for listening.

Best wishes,

Jack Lyon