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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am strongly opposed to the solar energy export credit reduction proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. This cut would severely penalize people who are trying to do the right thing by generating clean, renewable energy. It would take us backwards instead of forward when we clearly need cleaner energy and more energy independence. It would also mean the loss of hundreds of jobs by decimating a budding solar energy industry. A cut of 84% is draconian and punitive and serves as a disincentive for Rocky Mountain Power to explore and produce the renewable energy that we most definitely need.

The PUC needs to serve the "Public" instead of the utilities and vote against this solar rate reduction.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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