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Public Comment to Docket #17-035-61

1 message

Lee Badger <lbadger@weber.edu>

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 9:24 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

Please do your best to increase the export rate for home solar generation. Rooftop solar needs to be incentivized as much as possible, for it helps clear the air, makes us less vulnerable to central generator breakdown and most importantly fights climate change by reducing carbon emissions.

Respectfully,
Lee Badger
Ogden, Utah



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1 message

David Zinn <zinnd3@gmail.com>
To: "<psc@utah.gov>" <psc@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 8:50 PM

I believe we owe it to our children's children to make every effort to keep the air clean. Please support roof top solar energy.

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1 message

Scott <scottrosenbush@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 9:23 PM

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal to further reduce the rooftop solar export credit rate (ECR). I urge you to fix the ECR for extended periods of time and not allow this rate to change on a regular basis.

There are many reasons supporting this opinion which will be elaborated by other people and organizations so I will not recount them here.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Rosenbush
[1027 N Terrace Hills Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84103](#)

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H. Scott Rosenbush





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1 message

Marjorie McCloy <margiemccloy@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 6, 2021 at 7:21 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to defeat RMP's desire to lower, yet again, the value they assign to rooftop solar. In this era of climate crisis, rooftop solar should be part of an "all of the above" policy. Rooftop solar is an individual's way of contributing to clean air and mitigation of the climate crisis. It has no footprint, so it does not endanger animals or plant life. The energy it generates goes directly to the home it sits on, so it is many times more efficient than energy that must travel through transmission lines.

I understand that large solar arrays controlled by RMP fit its business model better. But RMP has no need to be frightened of rooftop solar. The push for electrification of cars and buildings will bring the utility all the business it can handle. Discouraging rooftop solar is the wrong action at the wrong time for the wrong reasons.

Sincerely,

Marjorie McCloy
995 S 800 E, SLC

Sent from my iPad



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1 message

Jan T <jtorck@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sat, Mar 6, 2021 at 10:08 AM

Dear Public Service Commission:

I am writing on behalf of myself and others who are experiencing a change in our lungs due to the air quality in this otherwise lovely valley. I've been here several years now and have developed a persistent cough. I am an older woman, and what I have read about the impact of the air quality on children, I fear more for the children growing up in the valley than I do myself. For this reason I am a strong proponent of making the air cleaner.

Our utility, which fights to undermine clean energy, is harming our health and our environment. I understand their business reasons, but we have come to a point in the history of this city, this state, and this nation that we need to step up and take action to make air quality better. Actually, we are past that point, which makes it imperative that those who make these decisions stand up NOW for human being health over business.

Respectfully,
Janice Torck



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1 message

David Scheer <david@scheerarchitecture.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sat, Mar 6, 2021 at 12:34 PM

To the Utah PSC-

I'm writing to oppose Rocky Mountain Power's request to further lower the solar export credit rate to as little as 3.2 cents per kWh. Like the action taken by the PSC last October to lower this rate from 9.2 to 5.8 cents per kWh, this new reduction fails to provide an apples-to-apples comparison between RMP's cost of producing solar power with that of rooftop solar. Rooftop solar offers benefits not accounted for in RMP's proposal, including the efficiencies of distributing excess power generated by rooftop solar to nearby homes, thus reducing overall demand on the grid.

Furthermore, our energy policy should look ahead not backward. Some may continue to deny or downplay it, but human-caused global warming is a scientifically verified phenomenon with catastrophic consequences for people all over the world. In Utah we are already seeing decreases in our snowpack from which we get much of our water. We need to increase our use of renewable energy sources like rooftop solar. RMP's use of coal for generating most of Utah's electricity contributes to climate change at a time when we need to be doing everything we can to combat it. Short-term corporate interests should not take precedence over the global crisis we face.

The PSC's legal mandate is to focus on consumer welfare in its decisions. Global warming and climate change are a much larger threat to our welfare than a few cents difference in our utility bills.

I urge you to reject this and future requests by RMP to disincentivize rooftop solar power.

Respectfully,

David R. Scheer

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1 message

ianwade@adventuresafety.org <ianwade@adventuresafety.org>
To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Mar 7, 2021 at 9:11 AM

It is outrageous that Rocky Mountain Power seeks to reduce the solar export credit rate. AGAIN! We should be doing everything possible to increase renewable energy and not penalizing homeowners like me who invested in rooftop solar to improve air quality and in a small way address our climate crisis.

Ian Wade

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1 message

Michael Measom <thatenigma@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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

Rocky Mountain does not want to save our planet they just want to save their business. I want to save our planet. I spent \$30,000 so that your grandkid can live

Michael Measom 864-674-7465



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re public comment docket 17-035-61

1 message

Martin Stensaas <mstensaas@jps.net>

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:31 PM

To: psc@utah.gov

I am writing to oppose the lowering of the rate for solar power production as proposed by Rocky Mountain power. Already, the lowering of the credit so far has altered the mathematics of our projections for making our rooftop solar and battery system work as planned. However, we are committed to doing the right thing, and we are actually going to expand the solar output to cover our entire usage pattern overall, regardless of the credits.

However, many people do not have that luxury. And in spite of our efforts to do the right thing, our children are refusing to breed, because they see the utter hopelessness of the greed and carelessness which are ruining our planet.

Please do the right thing and keep the solar credit high to encourage as much decarbonized energy production as humanly possible.

Future generations will look back on this lack of diligence and lack of responsibility as criminal. We may be already past the tipping point for a total of climate meltdown, but every bit counts. Carbon dioxide levels have not been this high for at least 3 million years, and the last time a sudden change like this happened was the Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum. Look it up, boomers. It's not going to get easier and denial doesn't help.

Sincerely,

The Stensaas Family



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1 message

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

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 1:17 PM

Do not make rooftop solar more expensive. Do not lower the reimbursement rate.

The proposed new lower rate for solar rooftop customers is not reasonable. Moreover, the proposed lower rate will discourage new rooftop solar installations in Utah. That is counter-productive to our state's economy. It is also mean.

Lowering the rate is a very bad idea. We need to encourage the development of rooftop solar, not discourage it. Rooftop solar keeps our air cleaner and provides important jobs in the solar industry.

The proposed lower rate must not happen. It is only a backhanded attempt to increase the profits of large corporations who don't need to earn more. Instead, we need to help Utah's citizens who are interested in installing rooftop solar. And we need to help Utah's solar installation small businesses.

Please be reasonable and do not lower the solar reimbursement rate for customers.

Carolyn Clark
Salt Lake City



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Docket No: 17-035-61 Utah Solar jobs still at risk in 2021

1 message

Eleanor Thompson <eleanor@eleanorthompson.com>
To: PSC UT <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 4:55 PM

Dear Members of the Utah Public Service Commission;
As per my email below written to you last year, my reasons for wanting to protect Residential Solar in Utah remain the same.

Because of your change in the RMP NM Rate that went into effect on 10.30.2020.....that changed the RMP NM rate from 9.2cents / kWh down to 6cents / kWh.....I now only sell to Solar clients who have enough money to buy a TESLA PowerWall 2 with their Solar PV System. That adds an additional cost of \$14,000 to their System Cost. The fact that the Federal Solar ITC is still at 26% helps. However, COVID19 has changed the income level of many Utah Middle Class Households. Many fewer people are able to afford Solar in 2021 as in 2020 prior to 10.30.2020.

Take a hard look at how you are destroying the Utah Solar Sector of the Utah Economy when you consider if you will lower the RMP NM Rate this year again, after what you did last year.

Kind regards,

Eleanor

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From: **Eleanor Thompson** <eleanor@eleanorthompson.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 5:53 PM

Subject: Docket No: 17-035-61

To: PSC UT <psc@utah.gov>

Dear Members of the Utah Public Service Commission;

Many people who write to you about the current request by RMP to lower their net metering rate on PV Residential Solar here in Utah from what it is now @ 9.2 cents/ kWh to 1.5cents / kWh.... will remind you that even Dr. Fauci does not expect the COVID19 pandemic to end any time soon:

Fauci Warns that the Coronavirus Pandemic is Far From Over

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/09/health/fauci-vaccines-coronavirus.html?campaign_id=57&emc=edit_ne_20200609&instance_id=19247&nl=evening-briefing®i_id=59888780&segment_id=30494&te=1&user_id=b33658f07f115d39fb83ff6c96bb22af&fbclid=IwAR0jrbIQlpXxFYZx51TdXML64VdleI8KSA6TEYVtBhUMIeU8cv3oUNniMVA

Today the SL TRIB reports that:

"Utah's rate of positive tests for the coronavirus is **rising faster than almost all other states**, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins..."

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/09/utah-marks-another-day/>

Some other journals report that the impact of COVID19 on Clean Energy Jobs nationwide is horrendous already:

"Since the pandemic hit, **the country has lost 594,300 clean energy jobs**, according to a **report** issued last week by BW Research Partnership, the same firm that did the data analysis for the E2 report..."

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/20052020/inside-clean-energy-jobs-coronavirus-wind-electric-vehicles-energy>

Financial reporters are reminding us that a "recovered" stock market does not mean we will avoid a national recession:

Don't think a great stock market means we've got a great economy

<https://tinyurl.com/y9tkyz9a>

Last time Rocky Mountain Power was allowed, in 2017, to lower their Net Metering Rate to 9.35cents / kWh, PV Residential Solar installs in 2018 fell off by 50%:

Utah's rooftop solar market on the skids with net metering change

As Utah's net metering market declines, it is unclear if a successor program is picking up the slack.

AUGUST 23, 2018

<https://pv-magazine-usa.com/2018/08/23/utah-rooftop-solar-market-on-the-skids-with-net-metering-change/>

By now, everyone who has a job in the Utah Solar Sector.....knows that RMP / PacifiCorp owner Warren Buffett / BHE regards an independent PV Solar sector owned

by the homeowners as an inconvenience he has always wanted to destroy:

Rocky Mountain Power, a Warren Buffett-owned utility, is again seeking to kill off residential solar power

Rocky Mountain Power has proposed an almost 80 percent cut to the rate paid to net metered solar electricity, dropping it from the current 9.2¢/kWh to a rough average of about 2.0¢/kWh.

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

<https://pv-magazine-usa.com/2020/02/19/warren-buffett-again-seeking-to-kill-off-residential-solar-power/>

If the Utah Public Service Commission allows RMP to lower its current Net Metering Rate to what they have asked for @ 1.5 cents /kWh on 1.1.2021, the Utah Solar Residential Sector will be destroyed, many people who work in this sector will lose their jobs, Utah COVID19 unemployment rate will grow, many Solar Installation Companies will leave Utah for true solar states like Nevada, California, Arizona and Texas.

I hope you are considering all of this and more as you make your decision on Docket No: 17-035-61. Utah prides itself in creating jobs and making a better economy than the rest of the USA, as per what Utah's economy was before COVID19. If you want to save jobs in the Utah Residential Solar Sector in spite of COVID19, keep the current RMP net metering rate just as it is.

Kind regards,

Eleanor

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