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Honorable Commission and Staff,

Didn't we go through all this a year or two ago? What happened? Didn't Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) agree to a forward looking plan on solar? Why are they back again, trying to renegotiate the deal? Please vote NO on the RMP proposal. Keep clean green solar moving forward in Utah.

People who put solar on their rooftops should be feted as heroes. Not only do they shoulder the burden of CAPITAL needed to develop clean electricity. They sell it back to the power company at exactly the time they are called upon for peak air conditioning demand. They also help create a resilient grid. A grid that has a distributed source of power. It is nearly impossible to knock out power when thousands upon thousands of generation facilities are located all over the service area.

Centralized power generation is so last century. Nano generation can save us from terrorist attacks on our grid.

And has anyone figured in the social cost and damages to the environment if we focus on methane and coal? What is going on with that?

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) wants to tighten the leash and squeeze any power generation into THEIR hands. They want to control power so they can own it "end to end." I get it. But I also GET that it isn't in the public's best interest.

What could be better for the end consumer than having individual rate payers shoulder the cost of providing additional power? It's like a dream come true. None of the capital cost. All of the benefits. And all RMP has to do is manage the grid. Just like they would if THEY built solar and had to manage it.

But RMP doesn't like not owning everything (and charging us for the privilege). They want everything centralized, where it is easier to knock off line. They want to pay for it themselves so they can put it in their rate base. They want to CONTROL it all and charge the rate payer money they could have gotten for free (from people who pay for the solar on their rooftops).

Please save us from the benighted RMP policies designed to COST rate payers MORE while delivering a last-century model that ignores the benefits of a distributed power-generation.

If we believe in being good stewards of the earth, shouldn't we be OPENING every possible door to create green energy (especially when the utility doesn't have to borrow to create the juice)?

Doesn't it make more sense for RMP to have a distributed grid? Doesn't it make sense when individual rate payers shoulder the cost of creating that grid? Doesn't it make sense that these same rate payers ought to get a fair price for the excess power they create? Shouldn't RMP have to pay SOMETHING for that clean, free power? They are not paying for anything else.

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RMP complains that solar customers use less power. Isn't that the same as complaining that people turn off their lights? Shouldn't we TRY to use less and share with others? Has anyone explained those concepts to the bright lawyers drafting their benighted tariffs?

Keep the way open for MORE clean green solar energy. Power to the people for the people.

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Dear Public Services Commission,

My understanding is that Rocky Mountain Power is again seeking to reduce the residential rooftop solar export rate. Even setting externalities aside (like clean air and reduced GHG emissions) there is absolutely no way that a kwh produced by rooftop solar is only worth 3 cents but the kwh that I purchase from RMP is worth over 10 cents.

Residential solar owners need some certainty that when they purchase their system they won't have the rug pulled out from under them with regard to their expected return on investment. I worried that RMP would come back and immediately try to change the export rate and they exceeded my expectations in terms of how quickly they have come back to you requesting a change.

Please help bring some certainty and fairness to residential rooftop solar. Right now it feels like we, the public, are getting clobbered by a giant monopoly. Please put the public back in the Public Services Commission and create a solution that serves the best interests of the entire community, not just the RMP shareholders.

Best,

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