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Docket No: 17-035-61 Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity

1 message

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To: psc@utah.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

Attached are a series of letters and signatures from Vote Solar's members across the state of Utah, calling for fair solar energy compensation policies, with respect to "Docket No: 17-035-61, Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity".

We look forward to continuing to engage on these important issues.

Regards,

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To the Utah Public Service Commission:

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Signed,

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To the Utah Public Service Commission:

I'm astounded at Rocky Mountain Power's animosity to rooftop solar. While other utilities are creating smart systems, incorporating solar and storage, RMP seems intent on passing up this opportunity. I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's appeal to recalculate rooftop solar's capacity contribution using an untested and unconventional methodology. The resulting rooftop solar export credit proposal of 3.2 to 3.5 cents is a drastic change from the final decision made in October of 2020, and would therefore require greater scrutiny and stakeholder input than the appeal process allows. Additionally, the resulting new rate would not represent a just and reasonable rate, disincentivizing our right as Utahns to produce our own power and therefore reducing the resiliency benefits of distributed generation and harming the overall well-being of the state of Utah. I am disappointed that the Commission allowed them to go this far, but enough is enough.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Jameson
Salt Lake City, UT 84108-3331

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

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Elaine Totten

Woods Cross, UT 84087-2436

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

Why would you even think that it is fair to penalize some free enterprise companies that can provide thousands and thousand of jobs in order to give another free enterprise company (RMP) a complete advantage. That is not the American way! Utah would be the only state that has no solar alternatives to its Utility company. Without companies that provide rooftop solar the State will never make its RE goals and commitments of 2030 and 2035. Therefore, I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's appeal to why calculate rooftop solar's capacity contribution using an untested and unconventional methodology. The resulting rooftop solar export credit proposal of 3.2 to 3.5 cents is a drastic change from the final decision made in October of 2020, and would therefore require greater scrutiny and stakeholder input than the appeal process allows. Additionally, the resulting new rate would not represent a just and reasonable rate, disincentivizing our right as Utahns to produce our own power and therefore reducing the resiliency benefits of distributed generation and harming the overall well-being of the state of Utah.

Curt Van Hove
Sandy, UT 84093-2206

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

As a Utah citizen and user of a rooftop solar system, I say solar customers actually help Rocky Mountain Power maintain service all during the summer months by adding power to the electric grid without RMP needing to build more generating capacity. Solar energy generation helps to clean our air of deadly pollutants which helps all Utah citizens. Solar energy should be encouraged, not penalized. I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's appeal to recalculate rooftop solar's capacity contribution using an untested and unconventional methodology. The resulting rooftop solar export credit proposal of 3.2 to 3.5 cents is a drastic change from the final decision made in October of 2020, and would therefore require greater scrutiny and stakeholder input than the appeal process allows. Additionally, the resulting new rate would not represent a just and reasonable rate, disincentivizing our right as Utahns to produce our own power and therefore reducing the resiliency benefits of distributed generation and harming the overall well-being of the state of Utah.

Richard Lee
Sandy, UT 84094-4448

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

At one point, Utah needs to decide that having clean air is a priority and that any reasonable incentive to encourage independent, clean energy is worth the cost, even the 'costs' calculated by the fuzzy math promoted by Rocky Mountain Power. Please encourage, not discourage, clean energy. I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's appeal to recalculate rooftop solar's capacity contribution using an untested and unconventional methodology. The resulting rooftop solar export credit proposal of 3.2 to 3.5 cents is a drastic change from the final decision made in October of 2020, and would therefore require greater scrutiny and stakeholder input than the appeal process allows. Additionally, the resulting new rate would not represent a just and reasonable rate, disincentivizing our right as Utahns to produce our own power and therefore reducing the resiliency benefits of distributed generation and harming the overall well-being of the state of Utah.

Carlton Clark
Lindon, UT 84042-1575

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

I believe that global warming exists and that we are contributing to it by our continued burning of fossil fuels. I also believe people can help turn this around by developing and using clean energy sources. I believe that regulatory agencies should actively promote use of alternate energy sources. I think that corporations, left to their own devices, will attempt to maximize their profits at the expense of the environment. It is up to you, the Utah Public Service Commission, to provide regulation that will encourage the general public to reduce their dependence on fossil fuel generated power and try alternate sources. I encourage you to not allow RMP to reduce the value of the power generated from solar panels and returned to the power grid. This is the right thing to do for our state, our country and the world.

Stephen Livingston
Sandy, UT 84092-7225

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Janis Ries

Salt Lake City, UT 84121-3910

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

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Hilary Jacobs
Salt Lake City, UT 84103-2830

Dear members of the Public Service Commission,

I urge you to deny Rocky Mountain Power's appeal to recalculate rooftop solar's capacity contribution using an untested and unconventional methodology. The resulting rooftop solar export credit proposal of 3.2 to 3.5 cents is a drastic change from the final decision made in October of 2020, and would therefore require greater scrutiny and stakeholder input than the appeal process allows. Additionally, the resulting new rate would not represent a just and reasonable rate, disincentivizing our right as Utahns to produce our own power and therefore reducing the resiliency benefits of distributed generation and harming the overall well-being of the state of Utah. My home is yet to be powered by solar, but I hope to someday soon install solar panels to help combat Utah's pollution problem and give us energy independence.

Annie Studer
Salt Lake City, UT 84102-3785

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

I have net metered solar on my house. When I originally put it in, the compensation rate was well below the rate that I was charged for energy. I was so glad when the rate structure changed to compensate on an hour for hour rate. It is fair to credit the energy I generate at the same rate that I am charged. My system typically generates far more energy than I use, and I eventually lose those credits, but with an equal hour to hour credit, I do not begrudge that loss. However, I do begrudge being charged far more for energy I must pull from the grid than the credit I receive for the energy I contribute. I am charged a base rate for being hooked to the grid and using it as my storage medium, and it is certainly reasonable for me to contribute to the infrastructure I use. However, it is overreach to penalize solar users with an unfair compensation rate for the energy we generate.

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Nancy Orr
Moab, UT 84532-2354

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thomas schulz
Syracuse, UT 84075-9303

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Thanks

Laura Donatelli
Salt Lake City, UT 84123-1274

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Laurence Yorgason
Ogden, UT 84405-7203

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Simon Holmes
Park City, UT 84098-6112

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James Shoop
Taylorsville, UT 84129-1215

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Patrick Logan
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-1325

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

Solar owners invest in solar to let Rocky Mountain Power know that we prioritize clean energy. Once RMP has clean generation and storage, they can set the export credit to whatever they want. In the meantime, they need some financial incentive to head down that path, sooner rather than later.

Rex Jameson
Salt Lake City, UT 84108-2434

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C Clark

Salt Lake City, UT 84103-3211

To the Utah Public Service Commission:

The primary responsibility of the Commission is to ensure safe, reliable, adequate, and reasonably priced utility service. It conducts hearings and investigations of utility company operations in order to determine just and reasonable rates for service. The Commission strives to protect efficient, reliable, reasonably-priced utility service for customers, and to maintain financially healthy utility companies. Allowing RMP to get the 3.2 to 3.5 cents would severely go against what the PSC stands for. It is not a reasonable & just rate. It would be an obvious expression that the PSC is more interested in supporting the monopoly of RMP and their unreasonable efforts in destroying the public's ability to choose solar as their safe, reliable, adequate, and reasonably priced source of electricity.

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Justin Sperry
Spanish Fork, UT 84660-5683