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1 message

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

Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 5:54 PM

Dear UPSC,

Thank you for your time to hear my voice.

As a Net meter solar person, I would like our expired solar credits reassigned to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) so the money can help low-income families insulate their homes to reduce their natural gas bills in addition to their electric bills.

As UCE explains in its latest comment, the WAP option is a better fit than Lend-A-Hand to satisfy two of the main reasons we installed rooftop solar: to reduce carbon-fueled energy consumption and to reduce energy bills.

As OCS reiterates in the new docket, existing law gives the PSC discretionary authority over the disbursement of expired solar credits. Contrary to RMP's claim, the PSC is not legally bound to tie solar energy credits directly to electricity bills.

OCS adds that "weatherization can provide longer-term benefits...in lowering energy usage and therefore energy bills, as well as increasing comfort and safety in weatherized homes."

A joint comment filed by AARP, the Catholic Diocese of SLC, Crossroads Urban Center, and Utahns Against Hunger affirms the OCS point that this is a humanitarian issue.

OCS further notes that even RMP, in its comments, acknowledges that there may be legitimate changes made to the current HELP focused plan.

Thank you,
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Dear Commissioners,

I recently acquired rooftop solar panels and participate in the net-metering program with Rocky Mountain Power.

I understand that my unused solar credits will expire on April 1 every year, and they are to be used to benefit low income people who may have trouble paying their utility bills. I like this use of my expired solar credits.

But how should my credits help my struggling neighbors? I would like to see the money used to help them make their homes more efficient, so that their utility bills are lowered. That is, let's send the expired solar credits to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program. Don't just help people with their current bills as (in the HELP program). Rather, lower their bills permanently with the WAP program.

Thank you for considering my request.

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