

Docket # 18-035-39 Comment

1 message

Oliver Brown <brownoliver@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov Fri, Nov 23, 2018 at 10:14 PM

Public Service Commission

We've had two solar arrays; one installed in 2016 and one installed summer 2018. Since the change in compensating "extra" produced power from kilowatt reimbursement to a "0.9 of the going rate" reimbursement, we have seen a huge difference in effectiveness (on our power bill). It's almost so drastic that it not worth purchasing rooftop solar. We feel cheated on the 2018 install. Rocky Mountain Power had a huge win (for them) with the change.

Second, in regards to expired solar credits, we believe it fair for the credits to go to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program. The expired credits do not belong to Rocky Mountain, although I'm sure they would love another big win (if they got to keep the excess produced power). The credits should go to Utahns. Utahns helping Utahns. The credits should help homes become more efficient, even used for insulation, weather stripping, and sealing air leaks.

The Weatherization Assistance Program is a better option than Lend-a-Hand because of:

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

Thank you for your efforts in behalf of our public.

Olivet Brown



Solar Energy Credits

1 message

Dale McCormick <dalemccormick10@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov Sat, Nov 24, 2018 at 2:43 PM

With all the recent studies on the urgency of reversing global warming, it seems that Utah must do it's part to stop the burning of fossil fuels. I urge you to consider transferring expired solar credits to the Weatherization Assistance Program whether it goes entirely to electrical programs or not.



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Steven Aderholt <stevenaderholt@yahoo.com> To: psc@utah.gov Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 10:39 AM

Apply expired solar credits to WAP

To whom it may concern:

I installed a solar PV system on my home in 2017 to do my part towards improving the air quality along the Wasatch Front and moving our state away from fossil fuels. I intentionally oversized my solar system to cover all of my electrical needs and then some.

I would like to see the PSC require RMP to reassign expired solar credits to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This would help reduce carbon-fueled energy consumption and improve the air quality along the Wasatch Front.

As you know, the PSC has 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.

Applying expired credits to Lend-A-Hand would not help air quality or fossil fuel reduction.

Please do what is in Utahns best interests by requiring RMP to apply expired solar credits to WAP.

Thanks, Steven Aderholt 1848 South 500 East Salt Lake City, UT 84105 (801)746-9848



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Marilyn Marshall <mmcdon7419@aol.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 6:05 PM

PSC,

Apparently we have until Nov 27 to submit public comments on how RMP will use the roll-over (expired) solar credits. Since we have had two mild winters in a row, they probably have way more credits than they thought. Assuming climate change will result in more mild winters, I would like to see the credits go to benefit the most people. I suspect the Salvation Army Lend-a--Hand program is more direct for RMP and will give them a huge tax deduction plus

a more understandable PR claim. The weathering program would probably help reduce the overall carbon output in Utah which is good.

I am happy with either one, since they are both better that what is currently being done. I would just like to see our credits go where it is the most beneficial and kept in Utah if possible. I am not sure the Salvation Army option can stipulate that. Also as a partner to the Salvation Army, RMP would not necessarily have to create a new department and administrator for this. The Salvation Army would handle the money. RMP would probably have to create a new administrator position and department to accommodate the weatherproofing program. I assume this would raise administrative costs.

We are just happy to have extra to share. Sincerely, Marilyn Marshall 3329 S Copper Bend Rd Magna, UT 84044 801-424-9244



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Patrick L <jpatricklogan@gmail.com> To: psc@utah.gov

Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 8:40 PM

I have been informed that you are allowing comment, and hopefully modification of the present Rocky Mountain solar credits deal. I like the idea that the homeowner might be able to select where end of the year "extra" credit might be directed.

It appears to me that the WAP option is far more focused on cleaning the air than the Lend-a-Hand project. In fact, my wife and I were told by a documentarian filming for Sundance that coal- and wood-burning in the winter, to provide housing heat, is a huge contributor of inversion pollution - so that insulation and improved furnaces would exponentially effect the air quality.

In the same way that our solar is reducing our carbon footprint.

Do y'all want live people to come confirm their written requests? I am possibly available.

Please let me know how I might be more effective at updating Utah air policy.

Thank you for inviting comment.

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Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 2:40 PM

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1 message

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Public Comment to the Utah Public Service Commission regarding Docket No: 18-035-39, Investigation Re: Expiring Excess Generation Credits under Schedule 35

November 26, 2018

Dear Commissioners LeVar, Clark, and White,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the future use of monetary value from the year-end excess energy credits generated by my family's rooftop solar system. We are in agreement with the Office of Consumer Services, Utah Clean Energy, and the "AARP Utah et al" comments that the annual excess DG solar value generated by us and by fellow Schedule 135 customers of Rocky Mountain Power should be shifted from HELP to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program, or WAP.

We respectfully disagree with the utility's argument that expired rooftop solar credits should only be used to defray direct electrical energy costs, not other fuel costs. My family took advantage of the University of Utah's "U Community Solar" program in 2014 to cut our share of fossil fuel emissions that are poisoning our atmosphere and jeopardizing the future of our child and her generation. The fact that WAP also helps low-income Utahns with energy efficiency improvements that reduce their costs associated with --and consumption of-- natural gas is fine with us and worthy of our support.

While the Salvation Army's Lend-A-Hand program has great merit, and Rocky Mountain Power is to be congratulated for supporting it, we feel that WAP would provide low-income families more options and flexibility to do their part to reduce fossil fuel emissions. We are comfortable deferring decisions on the use of our excess solar energy credits' value to WAP administrators and staff who know best what their clients need.

Please kindly consider this request that you order that the value of Schedule 135 expired excess generation credits be transferred directly to the low-income Utah Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). And as Utah Clean Energy has suggested, please advise the utility that it will be asked to provide information on the results of the reassignment of expired credits' value when it files the next NEM annual report.

Thank you.

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Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 2:52 PM

David Bennett <davidbennett@mac.com> To: psc@utah.gov

The default is that Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) steals any credits left in our account at the end of March and then gets to decide how to allocate those credits. First of all they shouldn't be allowed to take our credits. For those of us who live in the mountains, when you steal our credits in March we may end up turning around and having to purchase power in April because our panels are still under snow. If this process is to be continued, we should be able to elect to move it to the end of April.

If it is decided that our accounts need to be zeroed out (Why), and that the value will not be returned to us, then we should be able to choose how we those credits allocated. Utah Clean Energy's proposal to have the credits allocated to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a reasonable, responsible proposal. Those of us with rooftop solar are doing so to offset the planet's imminent threat of climate change. The WAP program assists in that effort for low-income families. If some of the savings are on the natural gas side, so much the better. Yet another report out this weekend emphasizes that if we are to be successful in reducing climate change it requires an all out effort with ALL the fossil fuel burning businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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