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Reply Comment to 20-035-14, 2019 Subscriber Solar Program Report

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Dear Public Service Commission,

Please accept my Reply Comment to the filing of, and Comments to, Rocky Mountain Power's 2019 Annual Report of the Subscriber Solar Program in Docket 20-035-14.

I remain concerned that the program has been over-subscribed since 2017. I am also disappointed that neither RMP's report nor the comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities or the Office of Consumer Services sought to examine why an initially successful consumer clean energy option has been allowed to stagnate with one 20 MW solar facility for three years.

To its credit, the utility admits in its report that "[M]arketing was minimal.." This sheds some light on the problem. My guess is that the admission would have had validity every year since the initial --and only-- facility was built in 2017. One might wonder whether the Subscriber Solar Program was ever anything but a "greenwash" smoke screen for a carbon-based utility only pretending to embrace clean energy.

None of the Comments questioned the extent and composition of the "waitlist" of would-be subscribers that RMP has maintained since 2017. My Reply Comment is to wonder how many residences and commercial entities that might have invested in utility-scale solar were rebuffed and shunted back to reliance on the utility's fossil fuel-dominant energy mix.

Rocky Mountain Power's 2020 Annual Report of the Subscriber Solar Program should explain how the public's interest was served by RMP's years-long hiatus from SSP development.

Thank you for recording my Reply Comment to DPU and OCS in Docket 20-035-14.

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