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Fwd: Follow-Up on meeting

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Begin forwarded message:

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Kevin,

Thank you for reaching out.

I understand your frustrations and I am sorry that they exist. I wish that this transition could be perfect, and unfortunately, it's not. We are doing the very best that we can to make this transition seamless and painless as we can. We are aware that our solar rate is different than the multiple different rates that Rocky Mountain Power offers. Please be aware that Hurricane City operates as a non-profit while RMP is a for profit entity. They have the freedom and maneuverability to profit in some areas of their business and subsidize other areas. Hurricane City believes that it is not fair or equitable for non-solar residents to subsidize the solar residents, which means that all residents need to pay their share of infrastructure and resource.

The solar industry is constantly changing and advancing. This makes it difficult to have a perfect policy and rate, and both will need to change from time to time to adapt to the technology. Hurricane City will continue to monitor and adapt and do the best that we can to be fair for all customers.

As a note of education, the \$20 base rate fee that all customers pay is for power only. That fee is not applied to any other service or utility. Each of those will have their own fee structure. So, you can rest assured that as a non-citizen that is paying for municipal power, your fees will not be for anything other than power.

I have attached the fee schedule for the power. If you have questions, just let me know.

Best regards,

Scott Hughes

Power Director

Hurricane City

From: KEVIN HOUSE <khouse1961@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:25 AM

To: Nanette Billings <billings@cityofhurricane.com>; Nanette Billings <nanettebillings@gmail.com>; Scott Hughes <powerscott@cityofhurricane.com>
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Thanks for meeting with us regarding our Solar contact with RMP, soon to be Hurricane Power. It's been nine days since we met.

I've drafted my letter/complaint to the Utah Public Services Commission. It is our stance that Hurricane City is not going to honor our current RMP contract and second, and maybe more troublesome for the City, we're going to challenge the City having a \$20 service fee for smaller residential solar systems and a \$40 service fee for medium to large solar systems. (Currently we only pay RMP a \$10 a month service fee.)

The State is big on residential solar and has adopted a resolution to that effect. The maximum size solar system allowed by law in Utah is 25kw. You're not allowed to have a system that generates excessively more power than the home uses. It should be as close to even as possible. RMP analysis past power usage prior to approving the solar project.

Why is the City punishing Solar homeowners?? The \$20 a month you charge your NON-Solar customers, who by the way have numerous City services on their bills. We would ONLY have electric, should remain the same for ALL City customers, Solar, Non-Solar, small Solar systems or large solar system. The City acts like my system is a huge power plant.

The irony is..... The size of my system has no affect on the grid since it "matches" my usage. You DO NOT have a higher SERVICE FEE for homes that use more power than others. (Please don't confuse the two tiers of electric rates that ALL residential customers have. We're talking only about the monthly SERVICE FEE not the cost of power.

Strange that your City is anti residential solar. You should appreciate us. Unless the City wants to make a profit from each Solar home.

Our argument we are putting forth to the Utah Public Services Commission is that your two tier SERVICE FEES, one for smaller solar systems and one for medium to large systems is unfair a possibly illegal. There is no extra cost to the City for having a larger solar system if the solar system was properly sized as required.

I've asked for but, have not received, the cost basis' analysis on how the City came up with why a larger solar system should have to pay more. It makes no sense unless it's just a way for the City to make money off of homes using less power.

If the UPSC agrees with me the City would have to go to a single service fee for ALL customers. Solar or Not.

Billing cost for the 20 Solar homes in the two divisions the City is taking over the power for will only have one utility in the bill. Not five like the homes in the City.

We are NOT part of your City. YOUR City Council has no authority over us. We cannot vote in your City. We do not receive legal notices regarding what's going on in the City to be involved in the process. Taxation without representation.

Hurricane Power is a separate entity. A company ran by the City. I non-profit company. We don't live in your City. You mentioned that you will not have two different service fees for us, who don't live in your city and have current contracts with RMP. Our current Service Fee is only \$10. Why should we pay more??

We have a binding contract with RMP. Hurricane City took over RMP customers by buying all the assets for \$208,000 but you claim you didn't buy the contracts. This is incorrect. Even your Asset Purchase Agreement between Rocky Mountain Power, section 4.3 and 5.3 clearly states that RMP is transferring all assets as well as CONTRACTS, etc. to the City of Hurricane and the City of Hurricane accepts those assets and Contracts, etc.

The City bought RMP's contracts and MUST honor them.

Thus can simply be resolved by honoring the \$10 Service Fee as we currently have on our, and 19 others, ongoing contracts with RMP until annexation takes place.

I haven't even been given the rate schedule for the power we us and the power we send back to the grid.

Yet, We're being forced, against our will, to sign up with Hurricane Power by the 13th. Or risk having our power turned off. I have medical life supporting equipment at my home.

Once I send our letter to the UPSC, it will be in their hands.

Please send to this email:

- 1) The cost basis analyses that determined why there is a two different SERVICE FEES based on solar system size. My small system is considered a large system and the fee is \$40
- 2) The rate schedule for Solar Customers for power used and for power going back to the grid. There are several methods to do this. I have a right to know that BEFORE signing anything with your City.
- 3) An update on the status of what was discussed at our meeting nine days ago.

Thanks,

Kevin House

Please no phone calls. Everything needs to be in writing. I think it is ridiculous that this matter is not simply resolved.

CONNECTION FEES January 17, 2019			ELECTRIC RATES April 1, 2023		
Hookup Fees			Residential		
Single Phase Metering		\$237.00	Base Charge		\$20.00
Three Phase Non C.T. metering (under 400 amps)		\$725.00	Usage		
			1-800 KWH		\$0.08946/kwh
Three Phase with C.T. metering (over 400 amps)		\$1,395.00	801-2000 KWH		\$0.10222/kwh
			2001 + KWH		\$0.11485/kwh
Developing Underground Connection Point from Overhead to Underground			Small		
Single Phase Secondary		\$1281.00	Base Charge – Single Phase		\$19.00
Secondary Riser			Base Charge – Three Phase		\$24.50
			Usage		
4/0 Riser		\$592.00	1-800 KWH		\$0.10302/kwh
350 MCM Riser		\$717.00	801 + KWH		\$0.10880/kwh
500 MCM Riser		\$717.00	Demand Charge		
Primary Single Phase Riser			Over 50 KW		\$8.50/KW
1/0 Primary Riser		\$1044.00	Large		
Primary Three Phase Riser			Base Charge		\$320.00
1/0 Primary Riser		\$2,447.00	Usage		
4/0 Primary Riser		\$2,447.00	All KWH		\$0.06658/kwh
500 Primary Riser		\$4,074.00	Demand Charge		
750 Primary Riser		\$4,074.00	All KWH		\$9.10/KW
Other Connection Fees					
Switch Make-Up Fee		\$1083.00	SOLAR FEES AND RATES April 1, 2023		
Connect into Developers Switch Fuse Bay		\$1690.00	Application Review Fee (1 st Review)		\$200.00
Connect into Existing Switch per Bay		\$8,999.00	Each Additional Review		\$75.00
Connect into an Existing Vault per KVA		\$6.50	Bi-Directional Meter Fee		\$375.00
Elbow Termination Fee		\$99.00	Single Phase Basic Base Rate		6 kW AC or Less \$30.00
Plan Review Fee 3 + per		\$100.00	Single Phase Large Base Rate		12 kW AC or less \$40.00
			Three Phase Basic Base Rate		12 kW AC or less \$90.00
			*See Grid-Tied Policy for additional base rates and application review details.		
Impact Fee Schedule Approved November 17, 2022			* Impact Fee= Base Impact Fee (\$ per kW) \$600.69		
Service Amps	120/240 Single Phase	Commercial 120/240 Single Phase	Commercial Industrial 120/208 Three Phase	Commercial Industrial 240/480 Three Phase	Commercial Industrial 277/480 Three Phase
125	\$1,622	NA	NA	NA	NA
200	\$2,595	\$4,902	\$7,358	\$16,979	\$16,979
300	\$3,892	\$7,352	\$11,037	\$25,469	\$25,469
400	\$5,190	\$9,803	\$14,715	\$33,958	\$33,958
500	\$6,487	\$12,254	\$18,394	\$42,448	\$42,448
600	\$7,785	\$14,705	\$22,073	\$50,938	\$50,938
700	NA	\$17,156	\$25,752	\$59,427	\$59,427
800	NA	\$19,607	\$29,431	\$67,917	\$67,917
900	NA	\$22,057	\$33,110	\$76,407	\$76,407
1000	NA	\$24,508	\$36,788	\$84,896	\$84,896
1100	NA	\$26,959	\$40,467	\$93,386	\$93,386
1200	NA	\$29,410	\$44,146	\$101,875	\$101,875
1300	NA	\$31,861	\$47,825	\$110,365	\$110,365
1400	NA	\$34,311	\$51,504	\$118,855	\$118,855
1500	NA	\$36,762	\$55,183	\$127,344	\$127,344
1600	NA	\$39,213	\$58,861	\$135,834	\$135,834
1700	NA	\$41,664	\$62,540	\$144,324	\$144,324
1800	NA	\$44,115	\$66,219	\$152,813	\$152,813
1900	NA	\$46,565	\$69,898	\$161,303	\$161,303
2000	NA	\$49,016	\$73,577	\$169,792	\$169,792
2500	NA	\$61,270	\$91,971	\$212,241	\$212,241
3000	NA	\$73,524	\$110,365	\$254,689	\$254,689