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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of others who have filed complaints with the way in which the Rocky Mountain Power/Hurricane City power have treated Washington County Residents who have made significant investments in their homes with the addition of solar arrays.

In early September of this year, I received an letter informing me of the impending change of electric service providers. I was informed that I would need to schedule and attend a face to face meeting with Hurricane Power officials because our property is fitted with solar panels, etc.

I made contact with them and attended a meeting. I was very surprised to learn that "I had no choice but to to sign up for and agreed to their terms." They also informed me that Hurricane City had no intention of annexing Cliff Dwellers and Grassy Meadows Sky Ranch subdivisions. This begs the question, why did they force us to change power utilities? They also told me during the meeting that since they were a private utility, they were not under the auspices of the Public Service Commission?!?!

My agreement with R M Power includes a minimum monthly charge of \$10 and they extend me an 85% credit of any power which I "feed" back in to their power grid. Hurricane Power, during this meeting, told me that my house would have a minimum monthly charge of \$30, and they they extend a credit of only 50% of power which it generated and placed back on the grid. (Since the solar installation, my monthly electrical bills have been as low as \$10 with the highest being just under \$21)

It is disconcerting to me and to many others who have adapted and invested in solar that we are going financially backwards with the Hurricane Power takeover. We have financed our systems based on power bill savings generated. This change takes most if not all of the advantage of the expensive solar installation away from us. It also upsetting, in an era where alternative powers are being celebrated and embraced, they disincentive personal clean energy such as solar arrays.

My suggestion is that Hurricane City Power immediately sell its entire asset to Rocky Mountain Power, where users will be treated to the best possible deal, with regard to electrical service, OR that they be required to assume all contracts executed between Rocky Mountain Power and solar customers. Restore our previously agreed upon minimum monthly fee and credit percentage for power sent to the grid.

If government really is there to "help" citizens, and if it is truly "by the people, for the people and of the people" why would Hurricane City (which we are not even part of) provide a more expensive utility that what is readily available in the marketplace to its constituents?

Sincerely,

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