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Dear Commission,

I'm Kevin House, the complainant in the original complaint referred to as Docket 23-035-48.

Rocky Mountain Power clearly knew what they were doing was wrong and intentionally didn't follow the proper process in the sale of their power infrastructure to Hurricane City. RMP clearly was aware of the proper process because they followed it over 20 times in the past but not this time. RMP CHOSE to skip the proper procedures and in doing so caused me and others great harm. They denied me the right to speak at a hearing. And since I'm not a resident of the City of Hurricane, we had no say in the City's process.

I'm a disabled retired person on a fixed income. So far my electric bills from Hurricane City have cost me well over \$500 so far in just the past few months. My bills have gone from \$15-30/mo. to now \$134-222/mo. This is not only unfair, but a crime. RMP knew going in the solar customers involved in the transfer would be greatly harmed.

RMP got out of the Solar Contracts, Hurricane City gets to force annexation of our property, all through this conspiracy between them. It is the Commissions duty to protect the customers.

It is so very clear that this sale wasn't done properly and that it has caused tremendous harm to numerous citizens of our great State. The entities involved knew what they were doing and thumbed their noses to the Commission and residents involved.

Heck, RMP clearly misinformed, I called it lied, to the Commission in their response to my original complaint. RMP clearly knew our area was not incorporated. The Commissions investigation was spot on.

Any remedy besides overturning the sale would still leave the solar, as was as other customers, harmed. If left to stand, it will cost me over \$2200 a year more. I invested in solar as a way to control my cost in retirement. Now I get very very little benefit from the money I invested in solar.

It is clear, through your investigation, we were wronged and will continue to be harmed for a very long time. It is clear what the City of Hurricanes motives are.

The Annexation process was NOT started or completed. The term "Being annexed" is being exploited.

The definition of "Being" as it pertains to this is:

To:

1. exist
2. occur; take place

This DID NOT happen. The harm caused to the 22 Solar Customers as well as the almost 200 other electric customers is great. A group of 9 Solar customers are furious. Pending the outcome of the PSC decision, will we be able to driving force to rally our elected officials, some of which are monitoring the situation, to fighting on our behalf.

Also, RMP and the City of Hurricane, Conspired to Commit Fraud and RMP lied on official documents. This will be presented to the State Attorney Generals Office for prosecution.

A slap in the wrist and a promise from RMP to due better is ridiculous. THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND LIED TO YOUR COMMISSION. These facts were proven and admitted by RMP.

Both parties were made aware by me PRIOR to the transfer taking place but, they laughed at me and move forward against my protests. While my PSC informal complaint slowly became a formal complaint. The City and RMP moved forward knowing that once the transfer was done, I could do nothing.

This is all a property tax grab by the City of Hurricane. They couldn't doing it legally so this did this to FORCE, against our wishes, ANNEXATION. And they did this illegally.

They may be right that I cannot do anything about this. BUT the Commission can. You have the AUTHORITY to overturn this illegal process. Both parties knew what they were doing they even mentioned it in the purchase agreement that *“No declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of any governmental or regulatory body or authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Rocky Mountain Power.”*

This acknowledgment shows RMP did give thought about not notifying the PSC prior to the signing of the Purchase Agreement. RMP knew that our properties had not been annexed by the City of Hurricane. Answer me this? Doesn't anyone but me wonder why the annexation was even mentioned in RMP answer to my complaint or why the part about not notifying any governmental agency was mentioned in the Purchase Agreement? I know the answer..... It was because they knew beforehand what they were doing!! Any jury would see that both parties conspired together.

If the Commission doesn't overturn the transfer, The City of Hurricane will move forward using this transfer of a utility to them as a way to meet the criteria of providing at least one utility to the unincorporated area in order to force annexation. And thus my property taxes will increase over \$1,000 a year which doesn't include the extra \$2,200 a year in extra electric costs. Plus the monthly payments for my solar system loan.

I realize that over turning this transfer will be costly to both parties but, there is no other option. To allow the transfer to stand will be like the PSC is allowing the illegal annexation of our properties. The Commission's duty to the residents of our fine State is the Protect the Consumers from Exactly this.

We pray for relief in this matter.

Kevin House
and nine other solar customers.

Cc: State Attorney Generals Office
Senator Mike Lee