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Public Service Commission:

I am writing in behalf all citizens subject to a tier payment structure of Rocky Mountain Power.

RE: The anti-green tier payment structure that you allowed Rocky Mountain Power to place on Utah citizens.

To begin with I would like to list the following questions:

- Who proposed such a tier plan? Was it Rocky Mountain Power, Public Service Commission, or a 3rd party?
- Why was such a proposal passed by the Public Service Commission? What are the benefits (none) or protections (none), or advantages (none) to Utah citizens?
- How does the Public Service Commission have the authority to allow a business to charge different Utah citizens different prices for a product and base it on family size or the chosen use of electrical appliances, tankless water heaters, driveway melting, etc.. They should not be punished for choosing how to spent their own money.
- The Gas company has their scam of charging people a made amount based on a 20 year guess that that person would even live there for 20 years. You have to hand write a signed letter to Questar to request being charged for what you actually use instead of a made up number.
- Here is another example of the next scam <https://sallakecap.wordpress.com/2013/03/22/new-hidden-tax-on-utah-questar-consumers-gas-bill/>
- And who is paying for those stupid radio ads blaming wood burning stoves for Utah's pollution? Shut down the refineries and we can all burn wood all day long. They just don't like anyone getting off the grid!

Next I would like to make aware the factual results of the Rocky Mountain Power payment structure:

- This payment structure seems to be more about protecting and increasing profits for a utility company than what is beneficial to the state of Utah and its citizens.
- This payment structure is not treating all Utah citizens the same by utilizing an unfair KWH charge. Making some people pay more than others for the same product/service.
- No other businesses charge a higher price for their products if you decide to purchase more. In fact they usually reward the consumer with a lower price on higher quantities purchased.
- A utility company that is suppose to be regulated ?? forces the opposition to a natural balance of supply and demand and mandates its own will.
- One cannot purchase the product for others without an increase in price. A single homeowner's electric bill would most likely fall under the tier 1 KWH price.
- But, if that same person has a family of 7 and these people tend to take showers and dry clothes, they now have to pay tier 2 and tier 3 KWH prices for their usage. Why does their usage cost more? You are essentially charging more because the person has children. This is a form of discrimination. Oddly enough this it is the opposite of the discrimination our federal income tax system puts on single people.
- The regulation of utilities to me means that all citizens should be charged the same price for a service, regardless of race, size, income, or family size.
- A large home has to pay higher prices than a small one for the same product.
- The payment structure is completely against the advancement of cleaner or more environmental friendly power usage. The charging of an electric car is a prime example. This payment structure makes the KWH cost a hugely decreased benefit in MPGe.
- The payment structure is just a sneaky way to make some people pay more toward the utility companies profits, under the delusional guise that it is the burden of the customer to reduce the use of electricity. And that somehow it is the customers fault that the state of Utah political system loves air pollution, toxic waste, and de-regulation of corporations.
- It is not the job of the ignorant citizen to decide how or even help a utility company become more efficient, they should hire some engineers to do this.
- On the Rocky Mountain Website it says "A cozy, well-lit home is something many of us take for granted when winter sets in. Utah families facing financial difficulties aren't always able to count on that comfort. But you can help. When you make a tax-deductible contribution to Lend A Hand, you help this program provide qualifying households assistance to pay their electric bills." Why would we donate to this when you have already force such a program onto us via the tier payment structure?
- The fact that this payment structure was passed shows that the utility company and the Public Service Commission has no vision of the future, going green, or the negative affects on housing.
since this structure hinders the use of pollution free vehicle's, tankless water heaters and will actually increase the use of Gas and

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pollution. Oh and more wood burning stoves too.

n) At some point there will be a common low price on electric cars and Utah will begin to have thousands and thousands of them on the roads. This payment structure will become a major complaint of the citizens and the Public Service Commission will be to blame for passing such corruption. I hope the toxic waste of Energy Solutions and the fluoride filled water reaches your office.

Many Utah citizens are ignorant lemmings that vote against their own best interest and health year after year.

It should be the Public Service Commission that saves these people from themselves. I would assume it would be comprised of intelligent well educated people.

Hence, it is your job help protect this society from its pathetic ignorance.

Sincerely,

Eric Lemle (Resident of Ogden, UT)

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