

ROOFTOP SOLAR

ABOUT

Utah's largest electricity utility, Rocky Mountain Power, is proposing a drastic decrease in the rate that rooftop solar owners get for the electricity they return to the grid. Doing this could seriously hinder the rooftop solar market in Utah.

DETAILS

- Rooftop solar has been growing rapidly in Utah since 2009
- But rooftop solar creates competition for utilities like Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) who own the transmission lines that carry this power onto the grid
- RMP is proposing to make solar more expensive for Utah families and has filed a request with Utah to decrease the rate paid to rooftop solar customers for the excess power they generate (export credit)
- The current export credit is 9.4 cents per kilowatt hour but RMP wants to reduce the export credit rate to 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour - that's an 84% decrease
- RMP already made rate increases to rooftop solar customers in 2017



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WHY STAND UP FOR SOLAR?

Booming Solar Jobs

As of 2019, there are more than 7,000 clean energy jobs in Utah but people will lose these jobs without a market to support them

Energy Transition

Widespread adoption of solar will help Utahns become more energy independent, contribute to cleaner air, and offset power generation from fossil fuels

Beyond You and Me

Solar reduces costs for the electric grid system and wear and tear on the grid, avoids line losses and capacity upgrades, and even stabilizes energy prices

Grid Flexibility and Resilience

Rooftop solar decentralizes the grid, safeguarding customers from widespread problems like blackouts, and also allows for secondary technologies like battery storage

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Contact the Public Service Commission

Submit comments with the PSC, who oversee this process

Call Governor Herbert

Call him (801-538-1000) and ask him to oppose rate changes

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