

## Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power  
Comment: Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I received a letter from Rocky Mountain Power (Pacific Corp.) stating that there is a proposed rule change to convert existing net metering to a decreased rate after 10 years. (Case PAC-E-19-08)

The problem I have with this proposal is that people built these systems with the understanding that they would be credited at the consumer rate for the life of the system. To change the terms seems unethical considering the capital investment has already been made.

I see no problem with changing the compensation rate for future developments after Dec 31, 2019. But to change the terms for existing customers seems wrong and a breach of understanding and trust with Pacific Corp. I understand that a sunset time might be required for existing systems so that a program doesn't need to be maintained forever. The lifespan of a typical solar panel decreases with time and is rated to ~80% at 25 years. Wind turbines also tend to last about 25 years. It seems to me that the sunset date should be 25 years, not 10 years.

I would expect that the Pacific Corp. might be exposing itself to lawsuits given the financial loss of customers and/or being overridden by the State legislature if this request proceeds. Or maybe they feel that the base customers are too small to fight them and it's a risk worth taking.

I would urge you to deny the Pacific Corps request for an end to the net metering program as written. I would support an amendment to change the compensation rate for future developments only, by removing the 10 year cap on SCH 135 net metering services for existing systems.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ben Baker

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Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power

Comment: We just wanted to register our opposition to the proposal by Rocky Mountain Power to markedly decrease what they will compensate private grid-tied (net metering) customers like ourselves for renewable power we generate back to the grid. We recently got a letter stating that the power company proposes dropping the rate from 12.5 to 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. This is to be - as far as we can tell - a permanent reduction below the rate they charge us for power consumed, which seems a little hypocritical, when the opening statement of the letter claims that they "share your commitment to maintaining a sustainable environment for future generations". Basically, such a rate reduction would penalize anyone trying to become more self-sustaining with implementation of a renewable source of private energy. Where would be any stimulus for new or existing customers to put out the capital required to establish a private solar (or other) "green/renewable" energy system?

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