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Comment: Setting aside all the technical jargon, professional analysis and resulting conclusions---I feel duped and misled by both IPUC and Rocky Mountain Power. I began investigating solar in 2017 and installed a system in 2018. My decision to install was primarily based in the economics of the net metering rate schedule 135 with a pay back of 15 years and rate increase avoidance during the same 15 year period. If testimony in this case is accurate, both the IPUC and Rocky Mountain Power sent misleading and erroneous rate signals by instituting the net metering rate schedule 135 in the first place. Causing me to make an economic decision to invest thousands of dollars into a solar system I would not have otherwise made given accurate information about any cross subsidy anticipated and potential modifications to schedule 135. As a matter of testimony is appears the stockholders are of more concern to Rocky Mountain Power than the solar customers, as testimony indicates shareholders have suffered economically due to the current net metering program. Perhaps it would have been a better deal given the current request before the IPUC and the past apparently erroneous rate signals to have encouraged solar customers to just invest in Rocky Mountain Power stock as we (IPUC and Rocky Mountain Power) will always represent you for a return on your investment. As stated I invested in a solar system primarily for economic reasons based on net metering schedule 135 and subsequent ROI, but secondarily to assist in the avoidance of new system wide generation capacity. Now I feel duped, tricked, misled, defrauded, hoodwinked, you name it--- into believing that net metering schedule 135 was well founded in supportable data which made solar a wise investment. Now to hear in testimony that net metering schedule 135 was misguided and likely sent erroneous rate signals causing an ever increasing number of customers to invest. At the very least the IPUC should hold harmless all current net metering rate schedule 135 customers by allowing them to stay on the current schedule for no less that 20-25 years, the basic life of current systems since the rapid escalation of installs within the past four years. Doing so at least allows for a break even situation for the untold millions invested by customers in solar. Probably should of just bought Rock Mountain Stock. At least they would represent me at the table as a partner instead of an adversarial customer who is getting a free ride. Moreover 20-25 years from now I would have something other than a fully depreciated solar system, which for all intents and purposes Rocky Mountain Power and the IPUC encouraged me to buy through the incentives of net metering schedule 135.

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