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### Rocky Mt. Power

I urge you to reject Rocky Mountain Power's petition to close net-metering for numerous reasons. PacifiCorp's argument that net-metering customers shouldn't be credited 100% of the value for energy exported as for energy purchased has merit. As someone who has lived off-grid with solar energy and a battery bank, the benefit to solar generators of being connected to the grid is huge, and the rates should reflect that. However, a truly fair analysis would also recognize the many benefits that net metering customers provide to the grid, not to mention to the environment. PacifiCorp's consideration of "Avoided Energy Costs", "Avoided Line Losses", and "Integration Cost" in calculating the value of energy credits given in Daniel Macneil's testimony does not go far enough to determine the true value of net metering. Improved grid stability and the reduced need for new generation infrastructure and increased transmission capacity, among others, should be considered. Additionally, the on-peak and off-peak export rates proposed in Mr. Macneil's testimony does not align with PacifiCorp's Time of Use rate schedule. If time of use rates was so important to a fair rate structure, why wouldn't they be petitioning to change their TOU schedules to reflect this as well? Lastly, the rate of \$24.86/MWh proposed in the testimony is outlandish and is intended to severely chill solar investment in Idaho. This rate, which is equivalent to that paid to an industrial generation facility, would decrease the rate of return on solar so much as to essentially freeze it. The economy of scale would be so high as to limit solar investment to large industries, ruling out homeowners.

The above issues lead me to believe that to Pacificorp, this is a petition about profits, not fairness. A truly fair analysis would consider the true benefits as well as the cost of net metering, and should be done by a third party, not the "investor owned", shareholder profit driven utility itself.

Lastly, I urge you to consider the economy and the environment. Renewable energies are the way of the future economically and environmentally. Therefore, it is critical to not allow the utility companies to direct the course of history for the great state of Idaho, but rather to put that power into the hands of its people. And if those people want distributed and clean energy, which they do, then please make policies and ruling to encourage this, not hamper it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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