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Regarding case number RMP-E-19-08.

I am writing concerning Rocky Mountain Power's proposed changes to net metering in Idaho. This will affect my family because we have solar panels and are tied into the electric grid.

Rocky Mountain Power proposes to greatly reduce the payments that they make for the power we produce. A grandfather clause would delay this draconian change to my power bill for ten years. This will be a hardship for my wife and me as explained below.

My wife and I are 77 years old and in good health. It is very likely that one or both of us will live to see this increase in our cost of electricity. This increase cost will come at a very bad time. My wife will be a widow around this time because men don't live as long as women. She will see a decrease in her income because my pension will stop when I die and Social Security will be reduced by a third. Even with the best of medical insurance she will spend a lot of money on medical problems. It costs a lot to be old. She will eventually have to sell our home and move near our children. Alas the destruction of the value of our solar electric system will decrease the home's value (our solar system cost was about \$25,000).

All this suffering can be avoided by making the grandfathering time the same as the lifetime of the solar panel system. Fifty years is a reasonable time so that a buyer of my house would value our panels at a fair amount.

I respectfully submit these comments to the commission.

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