



November 22nd, 2016

Subject: Rocky Mountain Power Tariff 16-035-T14

Commissioners,

Park City has grave concerns with Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate changes to net-metering and residential solar rates. The aggressive timeline and financial impact of these proposed changes would create significant barriers to our community's stated sustainability goals. Please deny this docket in order to allow a broad discussion about the costs and benefits of roof-top solar in Utah.

Park City has a strongly supported goal of 100% renewable electricity for all city-operations by 2022, and community-wide by 2032. The city has made strides in reducing barriers for installation of solar panels within city-limits, including waiving building fees. We have partnered with Summit County to raise the awareness of energy use within our communities, and are a national finalist in the Georgetown Energy Prize for our energy leadership. Solar installations in our community defer costly additional generation, distribution and transmission. Rooftop solar also has been repeatedly proven to provide voltage regulation at no additional cost to the utility. It has also been an economic driver for our community with strong participation in Mountain-Town Community Solar.

We believe that this fast-tracked approach is rushed without broader discussion or study, which should include impartial review of the full costs and benefits. There have been multiple studies that show that residential solar has a net benefit to the utility and its customers by creating jobs, improving energy awareness, deferring costly utility upgrades, and creating clean renewable energy at where it is needed. State-level Public Utility Commission studies completed in Maine, Missouri, Vermont, Mississippi, Minnesota, and many other states show that residential solar's benefits outweigh the costs.

Please deny Docket 16-035-T14 to allow for a substantive discussion of the benefits and costs of residential solar. We believe this rushed approach will lead to drastic and negative impacts on our community and the State of Utah overall.

Sincerely,

City Council of Park City