

From: Nancy Orr
To:
Date: 11/20/2008 10:19 PM
Subject: DOCKET NO. 08-035-78 on Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule No. 135 - Net Metering Service

Re: DOCKET NO. 08-035-78 on Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule No. 135 - Net Metering Service

Thank you for taking public comment.

With the RMP incentive and tax credits, I was able to install a 1440W PV system and start net metering at my home in Moab this year. I am jazzed to be able to generate a majority of the energy that I use, and find myself scheduling my peak usage to coincide with my highest generation hours. I am fortunate to have a schedule which allows me that efficiency.

Please keep encouraging distributed energy generation - I feel that there should be no cap on the generation capacity from customer systems, in order to encourage more participation. I also feel that the credit allocated for customer generated energy should be equivalent to at least the lowest customer price paid for the energy drawn from the grid during the current billing cycle, rather than the lowest avoided cost to the utility. While it may represent a loss of revenue in the short term, the eventual savings (both financial and environmental) realized from reducing the number of future coal-fired generation facilities will be tremendous.

Even with the RMP incentive and the tax credits, I am unlikely to ever recoup my investment financially. However, my reasons for installing the system have more to do with my desire to lighten my overall consumer footprint and do my part to help make renewable energy more affordable. I am grateful to have the wherewithal to be an early participant in this effort, and I support further efforts to assist customers who may need a bit more incentive. In order to attract more participation, the incentives must remain (and increase) to encourage customer-based renewable energy generation.

Please consider a program similar to Duke Energy's recently announced plans to lease customer rooftops for installation of utility-owned and maintained solar panels; I believe the lease fees go to offset the customer's utility bills. Moab has already proven itself willing to participate in green energy with our dedication to the Blue Sky program - I daresay a lot of Moab customers would be quite enthusiastic to lease out their roof space, and we have the sunshine to make it feasible (far more so than in North Carolina.) Rocky Mountain Power has a wonderful opportunity to make the intermountain west even more of a leader in renewable energy - please step up to the challenge to take us into a new era of distributed renewable energy generation.

Regards,

Nancy Orr

RECEIVED

NOV 24 A 7:29

1587121

1587121