

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Yellowstone Leo <yellowstone.leo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 6:31 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Legislators,

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer—regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Thank you,

Leo Leckie
Gardiner, Montana

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Beth Madden <bethmadden64@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:39 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Please support Net metering

I am writing to urge support for net metering in MT. I support our right to generate renewable energy for our own use, because it allows us to invest in our energy future, saves money, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you for considering this crucial issue.

I hope your study finds that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers, as many of us Montanans see and believe is true.

I hope ETIC will also consider the benefits of having community solar, so any utility customer can access solar by purchasing a portion of a larger, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers. We have seen successes with community solar programs in Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli RECs in Montana. I think we should consider this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Madden
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Livingston, MT 59047

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: lynbobhilten@att.net
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 6:42 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Please allow net metering! It is the future. Please advise the legislators to think about the future and not give in to big business again. Enough is enough. Do what is right for Montana.

Bob Hilten

Sent from my iPad

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Norman Bishop <nabishop@q.com>
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:08 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering and ETIC

Hello, Sonja.

As the owner of a rooftop solar system, and a participant in net metering, I urge the ETIC to strongly consider the numerous advantages to Montana citizens of dispersed power generation. First, it allows me to lower my carbon footprint and invest in my own energy future. My electrical bills are much lower.

I look forward to seeing the completed study, and hope that the committee will conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy, and to other customers. Furthermore, it will reduce the carbon emissions that are largely responsible for climate change and gross air pollution.

I hope ETIC will also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer— regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can gain access to solar energy by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer that to their customers.

I see that Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs, and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Norman A. Bishop
4898 Itana Circle
Bozeman, MT 59715

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Michael Enk <trouter@q.com>
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 10:24 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering and community solar

As a 36-year resident of Montana, I want to see net metering expanded and promoted because I firmly believe it benefits homeowners, local workers, and the environment. Montana has a proud heritage of independence, and net metering is a very good fit for people who want more control over where their energy comes from and how its generation and transmission affect our climate.

Community solar should be available to EVERYBODY! My house requires less energy to keep cool in the summer due to shading, but that's also why my roof is a poor candidate for solar panels. I want the opportunity to share in a community solar development to reduce my dependence on the grid and my carbon footprint. It is time to embrace a more renewal energy future, and the ETIC can play a big role in helping to make that a reality.

Michael Enk
Great Falls, MT

trouter@q.com

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Lee Metzgar <leemet@bigsky.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 6:55 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Ms Nowakowski,

Please inform the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee that I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use. It allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs.

I appreciate the work of the ETIC in considering this important issue.

Lee Metzgar

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Elli Elliott <elli@visi.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:16 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) - Net Metering Study

Dear Members of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) of the Montana legislature:

Thank you for studying the costs and benefits of “net metering.”

Net metering supports customers’ rights and will be good for our communities and our state. Customers should be encouraged, not discouraged, to generate renewable clean energy for use on the own homes, businesses, farms, and ranches. When they generate more than they need for their own use, they should be encouraged and compensated for energy contributed to the grid for others’ use. Customers should be encouraged to make this investment in the future.

Communities should be encouraged as well. Many benefits could be achieved by allowing community solar, so any utility customer— regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

I would like to be able to participate this way. I live in a historic cabin as part of a homeowners’ association. Putting solar panels on the cabin is not something my neighbors or I would want to do. Community solar would be a great option for us. Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Thank you again for considering these important options for inclusion in Montana’s energy future.

Elli

Dr. Susan M. (Elli) Elliott
P. O. Box 1042
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Bill Berg <bill@coolworks.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 10:05 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

To the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:

My wife and I installed 12 solar panels on our home near Gardiner in 2008. They have produced 22 MegaWatt Hours since. Net Metering has allowed us to deploy this practical, desirable, and much needed homegrown energy solution on our roof. Our success with our home installation motivated me to take the lead in building a photovoltaic array at the Gardiner School with the installation of 12 solar panels in 2009, and more than doubling that in 2015.

I enjoy and support the right to generate clean renewable energy. It allows individuals to invest in their energy future -- in my mind I picture those panels on my roof as a replacement for a multi-decade wood pile. The work on our home and the local school also creates good-paying local jobs. There are now several photovoltaic systems in Gardiner, tapping into the expertise and expanding business for solar entrepreneurs in Bozeman. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer— regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Best,

Bill Berg

President / Founder
www.CoolWorks.com ~ Jobs in Great Places (tm)

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."
Teddy Roosevelt

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www.twitter.com/coolworks

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Janet Rivers <riversart@q.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 10:55 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for addressing this important issue.

It presents a win, win, win scenario in that it allows individuals to save money on their electric bills, creates good jobs and provides more green energy into the mix on the grid.

Sincerely, Janet Rivers
Roberts, Montana

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Tim Holmes <musegaze@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:29 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Net Metering

I urge you to support Montana customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. As a solar producer, I generate more power than I use and so I provide an immediate, reliable energy source for my neighbors. My power is virtually at the source, reducing need for transmission and therefor line loss.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer— regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Montana is a perfect market for this technology since our distances are so huge and sun so prevalent. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,
Tim Holmes

Tim Holmes
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Barbara Bryan <bbryanpe@bresnan.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Please pass my comments along to ETIC legislators:

Thank you to ETIC for considering the important issue of net metering. I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, allowing them to invest in their energy future and save money on their electric bills, while helping create good-paying local jobs.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar so that any utility customer (regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space) can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide – including Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli electric co-ops in Montana -- have embraced community solar to benefit their customers. I think we should allow the same opportunity for both of Montana's investor-owned utilities.

Regards,

Barbara Bryan
2929 Rockrim Lane
Billings, MT 59102
406-671-9605

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Caleb Lande <caleblande@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Eric Members,

My family is in the process of using local contractors to install a net metered rooftop solar array. This invest is financially prudent and brings numerous benefits to society. I have a dog in this fight not just because of my self interest, but due to my deep love for Montana.

The reality for utilities is rapidly changing. Instead of letting them rest on the laurels of an outdated business model, please require them to think to the future. By regressing our current net metering policy, we only delay the inevitable. Montana and Montanans will be much better positioned for the future if we enact forward thinking rules regarding renewable energy.

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer— regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Sincerely,

Caleb Lande
Billings

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Renee Evanoff <reneeivanoff@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I am a resident of Montana living in he Paradise Valley south of Livingston.
Please support net metering. It is time.
Please excuse the brevity and any typos - sent from my iPhone

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Wade Sikorski <wds@midrivers.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 5:29 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Members of the ETIC committee:

My name is Wade Sikorski, and I live on my family's ranch in southeastern Montana. Over a year ago, I installed a 2,000 watt solar panel system and began net metering. For 3 months during the winter, I do use a little more electricity than I generate each month, but for the rest of the year I am generating more than I use each month, giving the surplus to my coop. So far, my system is working flawlessly, generating all the electricity I need without any maintenance.

I strongly believe that all Montanans should be free to do what I am doing, and I urge you to not let the utilities put obstacles in the way of net metering and community solar projects.

I expect that many Montanans might want to net meter for financial reasons, since the cost of a net metering solar system is at or approaching parity with utility rates now, and will likely be well below them in the next decade, but my motivation was moral. I believe the EPA's scientists when they say that toxic emissions from coal fired generation plants are killing over 10,000 people a year in the United States and harming the health of hundreds of thousands more. I also believe the overwhelming consensus of climate scientists when they say that global warming is happening, is human caused, and will become catastrophic if we continue business as usual.

As a farmer and a rancher, I know that global warming is already harming my family's business, rendering our flood irrigation system useless because the spring floods no longer come, disrupting our planting and harvesting schedule, increasing the risk of extreme weather (like drought and hail storms), and, as a scientific study done on our place concluded, is already causing an green ash grove to die out. When I look at the temperature and precipitation patterns that climate scientists are projecting for the future, I shudder because I know that we are only decades away from food crisis, one that could eventually kill people in unprecedented numbers. A recent study in the Lancet, which analyzed the impact global warming will have on food production, for example, reported that half a million people could be dying each year from decreased food production by 2050, when temperatures could rise to 2 degrees Celsius, the threshold climate scientists say we must not cross or we face major disruptions to the planet's ecosystems.

As someone who has a Ph.D. in political science, and who has published peer-reviewed books and essays on political ecology and the philosophy of science, I also know that the objections to what the scientific community is in collective agreement about are seriously misguided. The findings of climate scientists are robust now, established well beyond any reasonable doubt. Ignoring what scientists are saying for financial or political reasons places not only the lives of many millions of people at risk, but our civilization itself.

As a political scientist, I have studied what has caused various civilizations throughout history to collapse, and very often, I have found, it happens because they have harmed the ecosystem that supports them. Soil erosion and deforestation, in particular, have led to the downfall of civilization after civilization—Rome, Greece, and the ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia to name a few. Civilization is fragile, so very fragile, and

too many people, in deep ignorance of our environmental history, do not have any idea the horrors they unleash when they damage the ecosystems that support their lives.

For these reasons, it was a huge moral relief to me when I was able to start net metering. The source of my electricity is Basin Electric, which is largely coal. By turning to solar panels, and net metering, I felt, at long last, I was no longer part of a system that was destroying the planet, putting our civilization at risk. My earth sheltered house was already very energy efficient, and my need for electricity already small, but completely replacing the coal generated electricity I was using with renewable electricity meant that I was no longer part of what I so deeply objected to. I felt free, free at last, of a horrible moral burden.

So, more than ever now, I believe that people should not be forced to buy a product they have deep moral objections too. Even though my family makes a living from raising beef, I would never dream of forcing a vegetarian to eat beef, or even mock them for their moral reservations. Just as it is wrong to force a vegetarian to eat meat, it is wrong to force an environmentalist to buy electricity from a coal generation plant. Net metering is about moral choice. If utilities are failing to do what is necessary to save our civilization from environmental disaster, at the very least, the state should allow people who know better to not have to participate in it.

To this end, I urge ETIC to make community solar projects possible across Montana. Not everyone has a south facing roof that will work for solar panels. Many people rent their housing. Others do not have the financial resources to buy an a complete system adequate to their needs. For these people it should still be possible for them to still live their morals. They should have access to community solar projects. Please make it possible for renewable energy to work for everyone.

America is supposed to be about freedom of choice. It simply isn't freedom of choice if you have to buy electricity from a utility that you know is generating it in a morally unacceptable way.

Sincerely,

Wade Sikorski, Ph.D.
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Baker, MT 59313

406-775-6378

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Lori Byron <lori.byron@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:04 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: re: renewable energy benefits

Hi, Honorable Nowakowski!

I am a physician practicing in Big Horn County. I support our rights to generate renewable energy for our own use. Thanks to ETIC for considering this.

I hope that you all will consider net metering. I also hope that you will consider community solar. It is good for our communities, and for our health!

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Lori Byron
406-671-5824

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

[Margaret Mead](#)

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Deb Milburn <debcheda@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:15 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: In support of Net metering

My husband and I had roof top solar panels installed over a year ago. We thought it was a good idea then and now we know how beneficial it is for us and for others throughout the state. Please consider ways to make net metering easier and more available for folks to decrease their electric bills, as well as increase use of cleaner energy. Also, please consider the benefits of shared solar installations, so that all people, whatever their income, can choose to use this clean energy source. It's good for the economy and a cleaner environment. Thank you for considering my input.

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Debbie Cheda Milburn

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Kari McIntyre Kaiser <karimcintyre@bresnan.net>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:34 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Legislators,
First, I want to thank you for your service to Montana!

I'm writing today to voice my **support for net metering**. In this time of angst over pollution, coal train traffic, and tangible effects of climate change, I feel strongly that we owe it to ourselves and future generations to be proactive in encouraging the development and use of renewable energy sources. We should embrace the production of energy from clean sources, regardless of the size of the system. **We are in this together** and can all benefit from distributing excess energy produced by small rooftop solar systems.

At our home in Belfry, we've installed a roof-top solar system and are currently able to supply any surplus energy to the grid via a net metering agreement with Beartooth Electric. Electricity rates in Belfry are almost twice what they are in Billings. (10 cents versus 6 cents per kWh.)

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer—regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Thank you for your time!

Kari McIntyre Kaiser
Billings, Montana
406.698.1260

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Dylan Malloy <dylanmalloy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Sonja,

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer—regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

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Dylan Malloy
Professional Person

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Rick McIntyre <rickwmcintyre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

My wife and I both feel strongly about Net Metering. Please support Net Metering in any future votes.

Rick and Sherina McIntyre
Billings, MT

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Cate Campbell <frogburg.cate@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:31 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Hello,

I'm writing to weigh in on the net metering issue. I am a member of a rural coop and understand the concern about those with rooftop solar not contributing to the cost of maintaining transmission lines. But please consider the energy security around power generated in a dispersed way. There is less opportunity to take out whole communities with a targeted attack on distribution networks/infrastructure.

Plus the fact that a small percentage of electric customers will be able to run power back into the lines from their panels. The push against net metering seems to be a fear of the slippery slope theory: what if EVERYBODY put up PV panels? Well, this is not bound to happen in the near future so why not encourage greater energy security by creating incentives to put power back into the system. It also takes the pressure off Colstrip, a couple of units of which seem to be teetering due to old age.

Thank you,
Cate Campbell
Frenchtown, MT

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Susann Beug <ssbeug@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 3:13 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I support customers' rights to generate clean renewable energy. We have installed a 44 panel roof top solar unit to help us with our energy bills as we move into retirement. This was a large investment but will pay for itself and free up money in retirement for other expenses. As a member of Beartooth Electric we are able to take advantage of net metering and I feel this should apply to all Montana residents. Beartooth is also looking at a community solar project as several other co-ops already are supporting to provide an alternative energy source for anyone despite their location or economic status. Clean renewable energy is providing a growing number of good-paying jobs for our residents as well as helping to protect our environment. I hope you will favorably consider net metering and see it a a positive step forward for our state. Thank you.

Susann Beug
Red Lodge

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Elizabeth Schenk <ecschenk@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 3:00 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Solar Policies

Energy and Telecommunications Committee Members:

As a citizen(and homeowner) in Montana, I am writing you to ask you to help keep solar energy a viable option for homeowners in Montana.

Rooftop solar is a tool that gives homeowners and businesses control of their energy costs.

Montana's net metering law provides consumers the confidence they need to invest in a private, on-site energy system, while delivering significant benefits to Montana's economy

We should have the right to generate our own electricity and receive full credit to that which we provide to our utility

Please defend our net metering law, and also lift arbitrary barriers to on-site solar and wind power.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

Elizabeth Schenk
Missoula

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jerome Walker <jeromewalker@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Montana's solar policies

Dear Ms. Nowakowski;

I understand that you work with the legislature's Energy and Telecommunications Committee, and would appreciate it if you would pass along several thoughts to them. I'm a physician who moved here to Montana about 3 yrs. ago from Atlanta, and am seriously concerned about climate change, as well as the adverse health effects of continuing to burn coal. My wife and I have purchased a 1928 vintage cottage here in Missoula and have remodeled it with energy efficiency in mind. We've sealed and insulated the house, switched to all LED light bulbs, and installed new and more efficient appliances. We also have installed 18 solar panels and were pleased this past year to find that these have generated essentially all the electricity that we use. This summer I plan to install additional PV panels on the roof and to switch to minisplit heat pumps to heat the house instead of using the current gas furnace, which will be used only as a backup. We are lucky here in Montana to live in a sunny state (and also a windy one), which gives us natural advantages changing over to renewable energy, which is clearly the wave of the future. During the summer our PV panels generate more electricity than we use and during the winter less. Northwestern Energy evens this out under current net metering energy policy in Montana, which I would urge be continued.

This law gives Montana customers the confidence to make the upfront investment in solar energy, We need Montana's legislature to defend and strengthen Montana's net metering law, while lifting arbitrary barriers to on-site solar and wind power, as I understand have recently been unfairly imposed in the State of Nevada. Thanks to you and the Committee for considering these thoughts.

Jerome Walker, M.D.

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Marta Meengs <mmeengs77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

To the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Legislators,

I would like to encourage you to increase the incentives for renewable energy use by both individuals and residences and also for community use. This is crucial and we cannot waste time in getting these actions supported by legislature and policy.

I would like to see net metering help incentivize rooftop solar and small wind energy.

I would like to see more utilities and electric coops increase the availability for community solar use and programs.

I would like to see community solar use increase so that all people who are interested can purchase a portion of shared solar installation regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Coops have already adopted these kind of programs and Montana should find ways to embrace this change.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters. Sincerely, Marta Meengs 107 North Ave.
W. Missoula, MT 59801

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jeremy Osborn <jeremy.e.osborn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: ETIC meeting supporting rooftop solar

Hi Sonja,

I heard that the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee will meet this coming Friday, and wanted to let you know that I'm hopeful for strong outcomes to support further rooftop solar development in the state.

I really want Montana to be a place that supports the drivers for the kind of economic development and environmental stewardship that this committee seems well positioned to achieve through expanded rooftop solar.

Net metering is a great start, provided that producers receive full credit for the energy they pump into the grid - I urge the Committee to defend and strengthen those consumer rights to generate power.

With that in place, I'd also urge the Committee to expand opportunity for on-site renewables development writ large. There's a huge energy transformation underway in the US and around the world that can create new jobs (even whole new job sectors) and address the severe realities of climate change and environmental degradation. Montana should absolutely be a part of it, and I look forward to seeing the Committee help get us another step down that road through Friday's meeting.

Thanks for reading, and all the best for your work,
Jeremy Osborn
Helena, MT

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: David Lehnerr <mtxdoc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 5:35 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Ms. Nowakowski:

Please share my sentiments with the **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee...**

“Please support the rights of Montanans to generate clean, renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Locally generated power also reduces the need for local co-ops to rely on outside generation, and reduces the stress of having to provide all power from regional suppliers. The net result of net metering is a more local and stable supply of power.

I hope you find that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers, because it certainly does.

The **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee** should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer, regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space, can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs. Please consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities. Thank you very much.”

David Lehnerr
Red Lodge, MT

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Kathleen Masis <kbmasis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 5:36 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: to the ETIC Legislators

Thank you for your examination of the pros and cons of net metering of rooftop solar, and community solar.

I support customers' right to generate clean, renewable energy for their own use, and by purchasing a portion of a shared solar installation.

Please promote Montanans' rights to join the nationwide movement to saving money on their energy bills and accessing good-paying, local jobs for our children.

Kathleen Masis M.D.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: starkconstructionmt@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:47 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Montana Solar Policy

Dear Committee

I am writing to support solar installations and fair net metering policies. As a building contractor in Polson for over 40 years I have seen a steady growth in solar installations and hope our government will support this growth.

Sincerely

Andy Stark
Stark Construction
Polson, Montana

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: gazzomer@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:05 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: please support solar power

Dear Ms. Nowakowski,

I am writing to urge the ETIC to continue to support solar power here in Montana. It is an important, clean power source that is important to continue to develop and encourage. Here are some key points that I hope the committee will acknowledge and be supportive of:

- Rooftop solar is a tool that gives homeowners and businesses control of their energy costs.
- Montana's net metering law provides consumers the confidence they need to invest in a private, on-site energy system, while delivering significant benefits to Montana's economy and other utility customers.
- All Montana consumers should have the right to generate their own electricity while receiving full credit for extra energy they provide to their utility.
- We need Montana's legislature to defend and strengthen Montana's net metering law, while lifting arbitrary barriers to on-site solar and wind power.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Linda Gazzola
Missoula, MT

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Ken Decker <dmsoboe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:16 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: net metering-ETIC

Dear Sonja,

I just installed rooftop solar on my house. It allows me to invest in my energy future and I wish this for all our citizens. Jobs were created when I did this-and they were local jobs. When I send power back into the grid, I find satisfaction knowing it will most likely go to my nearest neighbors, Though at this time I will not be paid for my excess energy production, I do get a credit for that-thank you! Please continue in this progressive and helpful way to help us all.

I would also hope you consider the benefits of community solar so that even more people in our communities can have a part in the new energy future.

I urge you to bring us and yourselves into the 21st century!

Sincerely,
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Dave Custer <DCuster@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:46 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Solar for homeowners

Let's keep Montana green.

Sent from my iPhone

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Sherina McIntyre <sherinamcintyre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:43 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

Sherina McIntyre

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jim Maunder <jmaunder@ravallielectric.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 7:15 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Montana Solar Policies

Good morning Sonja,

Please let the committee know that I appreciate all their hard work on the issue of net-metering and renewable installations in Montana.

It comes down too where is the data!! We've heard that solar costs are coming down but to what? This is a sound bite that has been used all across the country but what are the costs? Show the committee and Montanan's what the real cost of a renewable solar or wind system is. Then present the data that supports these systems being viable and what they generate in Montana not the Southwest. The renewable people have not presented any data support their claims. The committee should request that all parties bring monitored Montana data and have an independent analysis done to show once and for all if these systems do put a lot back on the utility grid and how many renewable owners leave kilo-watt hours (kWh) on the table at the end of the monitoring year.

There are 2 Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) in the state of Montana: NorthWestern and Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) but there are 26 member owned electric Co-operatives. Each Co-op has a local elected Board of Directors that oversee the operation and wishes of the member owners. These Directors are democratically elected to represent the members of each co-op. It's one member, one vote. No big share holder or investor dictating the direction of the co-op. Each member is equal at the co-op no matter if they own 1 acre or 50,000 each pays their own way. If a member wants a renewable energy system they pay for it and if they want a new irrigation service they pay for that too. Then why should member who can't afford a renewable energy system subsidize those who can by paying them the retail rate for the few kWhs they send back on the grid. Most of the time the co-op or IOU acts as the battery. And there is no "peak" energy savings because when Montana utilities experience high electricity demand it's cold and dark outside. The renewables aren't generating.

So why should a bunch of millionaires that can afford renewable energy systems be able to dictate their wishes on the other members of the co-ops? The co-op principle of "one member, one vote" won't be true anymore because the few rich members will have the wishes mandated that they get the retail rate and can shift cost to the less fortunate members of the co-op.

The committee has done a admirable job and they should let local Montana citizens who own their power companies run them as they see fit not have a small group of renewable advocates mandate their wishes on them. If nothing else leave net-metering the way it is!! Thank you.

(If the committee wants Montana data. I've got!! I've been monitoring all the renewable systems on our lines since the first one came on in 2007 and have at least 2 or 3 years baseline data on all the systms before they were installed thru February 2016. The data will surprise you!!)

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jeffrey J. Smith <yswolfhowl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 8:32 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Encourage Renewables

Hi Sonja,

I understand the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) of the Montana Legislature has been studying the costs and benefits of net metering and will soon begin making recommendations.

Net metering is the right thing to do. We should be encouraging citizens to generate clean renewable energy for their own use. This individual investment benefits us all because it saves money, creates good-paying local jobs, and cuts the greenhouse gases responsible for global warming.

I look forward to reviewing the study and hope to see a conclusion that makes sense for ordinary citizens, rather than for utilities and fossil fuel companies that want to preserve the status quo.

Community solar is also a great benefit to Montana. Utility customers — regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space — can help their bottom line by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. It's good business.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs, and both of Montana's investor owned utilities should expand and encourage this innovation.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Mary Fitzpatrick <stardust@usadig.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: net metering

To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim committee
From: Mary Fitzpatrick
March 8, 2016

Members:

I am writing in support of measures which will encourage and facilitate the expansion of net-metered renewable energy in Montana. Community solar in particular can open up the renewable option to many more people. Also, since the information so far received by the committee on the subject of cost shifting with net metered installations is equivocal, I support a Montana study to be undertaken when the grids of the IOUs reach a given saturation of net metered generation, with independent verification of costs and benefits reported by interested parties. The IOUs emphasize costs, but are less vocal about avoided costs of transmission, generation and controlling emissions, holes in the ground and polluted water.

I want to note that cost shifting is built into the systems, both IOUs and co-ops. Not all cost-shifting is equal. When all customers pay the same charge to connect to the system, "end-of-the-wire" customers are subsidized by other customers. I suggest that this inequality benefits the public in general, by helping to electrify the rural parts of the state.

Another cost-shift involves the discount given by the IOU to its employees. They too are subsidized by less favored customers, with no public benefit. In fact, one might say the public is harmed, since replacing the discount with higher pay would increase payroll taxes, and help the Social Security and Medicare funds.

I would like to see all cost shifting schemes, including tiered rates for high consumers, evaluated for their true costs and benefits to the public as well as the system. It is only in that context that the costs and benefits of distributed generation can be assessed.

Even if net-metering imposes net costs on the system, something which has not been evaluated thoroughly, there may be off-setting public benefits worth considering. Only allowing greater saturation of the system with distributed generation can provide the data for a realistic and meaningful study.

Thank you for your attention.

Mary Fitzpatrick
Billings

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Chris @ The Oasis <info@OasisMontana.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:20 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: RE: Net metering and solar policies in Montana

Dear. Ms. Nowakowski:

I have been working in the solar power industry in Montana since 1989; I have had my own business since 1999. We offer grid-tied as well as remote power systems, and also focus on solar water pumping for stock and remote homes.

Montanans, like most Americans, want cleaner forms of energy (in a non-partisan fashion!). As our society moves forward, we are increasing our use of electricity -- and this also makes decentralized power systems like community solar projects more alluring. Unlike some other forms of power generation - like coal powered plants, which continue to need the mined coal as long as it's operational -- once these solar (photovoltaic) facilities are built, the energy is essentially free. And free is always cheaper!

Installing solar power systems gives home and business owners a method of controlling their electrical costs, and also a hedge against energy price increases. All Montanans should get full credit for the energy provided to a utility; this is also a real benefit to help keep a utility's cost down (in terms of infrastructure investments).

My business employs several people, and when we land a big job, we may have a crew of ~10 or more. We also employ engineers, roofers, crane operators, excavators -- in short, the solar power industry is a real bright spot in the nation's economy and job sector.

Please work to enhance and strengthen Montana's net metering laws. It's good for jobs, good for utilities to help keep costs down, and good for the environment. And it's also good for people who may have the opportunity to 'buy into' a community solar project, even if they cannot afford it on their own site.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Gary Hawk <kestrelgwh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:21 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: net metering

Dear Ms. Snowakowski:

I understand that the Montana Legislature's Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee will meet this Friday to consider Montana's solar policies. In January I began the process of installing solar panels on my shop. The process, while not yet complete, has broadened my understanding of the significance of renewable energy and solar energy in particular. I am now much more conscious of our use of electricity, the need to conserve, and the way self-generated electricity figures in the energy portfolio of Montana. While we have been engaged in the construction of a small domestic system three rural electric cooperatives in western Montana have built community projects. Clearly, individuals, communities, and our utilities see that supporting and promoting this shift to renewable energy needs to happen on a broad scale. Montana can encourage this process by continuing to offer tax credits, low-interest loans, and assurances that these investments can be entered into with confidence.

I strongly encourage your committee to look into the future and support the strongest net metering policy possible.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Hawk

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: besspl <besspl@bresnan.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I support net metering for ecological and environmental sustainability. Bess

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Karen Davidson <bernicemt@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 1:08 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Ms.Snowakowski,

Please ask the ETIC to support net metering.

Sincerely,

Karen Davidson
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Elisabeth Fitzgerald <e.fitzgerald1@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:53 AM
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From: Bruce Newell <bruce.newell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Cc: kmaki@meic.org; Sue Newell
Subject: Message to the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

Good morning,

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From: Alison Young <aliyoung17@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:55 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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From: Michael Garrity <garritymichael@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Support Solar Energy

Dear Energy Interim Committee:

I support solar energy in Montana. I have solar panels on my house and an electric car which I charge with my solar panels. This works for me because of Montana's Net Metering Laws. I paid thousands of dollars for my solar panels and electric car. Please do not destroy my investment in locally produced energy.

My solar panels help other Montana residents because they reduce the need for new expensive power plants and reduce stress on the grid.

Please change the law to allow community solar and expanded net metering.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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From: c merker <c_merker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:50 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer—regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities. Solar energy job growth has grown at 12 times that of fossil fuel. Solar destroys no landscape or wildlife habitat, pollutes no air or water. It is time that Montana moves beyond the "buffalo tongue" economy of fossil fuel and into a brighter future that protects the special qualities of "The Last Best Place".

Christopher Merker
TWS Certified Wildlife Biologist

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From: Harper, Stephen <sharper@carroll.edu>
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To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Dear ETIC,
Energy is the key to the future. We continually need more of it. Let us get it any way we can.
Please support **Net Metering** proposal.
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From: Jodi Guenther <jg150891@umconnect.umt.edu>
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To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Sarah Ray <sarahmray@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 2:18 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Montana's Net Metering Policy

To the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:

I urge you to make policy recommendations that will strengthen Montana's Net Metering law. Citizens of Montana should have the right to produce their own electricity while receiving full credit for energy that they provide to the utility.

Thank you,

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From: DEBORAH IZLAR <KAYIZLAR@HOTMAIL.COM>
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From: Tim Crawford <crawdadt@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:05 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Montana's solar policies

Montana Legislature Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
ATTN: ETIC staff Sonja Nowakowski

I would like to be on record supporting rooftop and community solar development.

I have donated a rooftop solar system to Bozeman's Emerson Cultural Center as well as creating three systems to service my ranch in Gallatin County, a building in downtown Bozeman, and one to power an irrigation system east of Roundup.

There should be a provision for expanded net metering solar and the generation caps should be generous rather than restrictive.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jim Parker <westridgecreative@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:08 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Please do share my comments with the **ETIC legislators**. Thank you.

Dear ETIC Legislators,

I support my right as a customer (and for other customers too) to generate clean renewable energy for my own use, because it allows me to invest in my energy future, saves money on my electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue and taking a stand for CUSTOMERS.

When ready I look forward to reviewing the study, and sincerely hope to see your conclusion one that identifies net metering of rooftop solar and small wind as a beneficial effect for our economy and other customers.

I also hope that ETIC considers the benefits of allowing community solar as a beneficial opportunity for all our communities, so any utility customer— *regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space*— can access solar benefits by purchasing our own share of a larger solar installation. We have numerous examples of this beneficial policy across the country and near to our state in Montana. The forward looking utilities (i.e. those who really SERVE their customers) and many, many rural electric co-ops nationwide have already committed to community solar so they can offer these encouraging, cost-effective programs for their customers.

Indeed, Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops recently adopted community solar programs and I, as a customer of NWE and voter, think we should by law, demand this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. Let's not be the last best place to get this done!

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From: Schmidt, Hugo <schmidt@montana.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:13 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: net metering and community solar

Dear Energy Interim Committee,

Please work to eliminate barriers for utility customers who have or are considering installing solar panels or wind generators. Park Electric charges us an extra \$9 a month connection fee because we have a 3 kW PV system at our vacation house near McLeod. It takes about the first ten days of the month to generate enough energy to pay that extra fee. Also, we lose a special rate for electric slab heating because we have net metering. If public utilities like Northwest Energy can survive without such extra charges, why can't coops?

Also, please promote community solar which can benefit homeowners whose location is not favorable for rooftop solar because of nearby trees or tall buildings. Because of inertia, some people will not install solar because they must find a contractor and do some planning, but they might sign up for community solar if this eliminates these barriers.

Thanks for considering these ideas.

Sincerely,
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Subject: ETIC and net metering

March 9, 2016

To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
Representative Christopher Pope
Representative Keith Regier
Representative Tom Steenberg
Representative Daniel Zolnikov
Senator Duane Ankney
Senator Pat Connell
Senator Robyn Driscoll
Senator Cliff Larsen

Dear Legislators:

This letter is to thank you for studying the costs and benefits of "net metering." I urge you to support "net metering."

My 13-year old great-granddaughter's world surely will benefit from your leadership now in support of alternative energies. "Net Metering" is one way for corporations and their customers to collaborate and invest in the future together. Their communities will benefit when customers install small solar or wind generation on their own property, receive credit on their energy bill, send energy back onto the grid, and reinvest the savings or spend them in the marketplace.

Thank you for your consideration of clean, affordable, renewable energy!

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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 2:40 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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From: Chelsea Marshall <chelsea-marshall@hotmail.com>
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Karen Ladanye <kare7399@gmail.com>
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To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: David Lewis <davidlewismontana@gmail.com>
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To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Jim Emerson <alpinepots@yahoo.com>
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To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Barbara Gulick <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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Mar 9, 2016

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Sincerely

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From: James Rokosch <jrokosch@cybernet1.com>
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Gwen McKenna <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:26 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 8, 2016

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Jennifer Walworth <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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Allow net metering. Do it.

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Sincerely

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Nike Stevens <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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Think toward the future, not over your shoulder.

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Richard Mulligan <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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Anything and everything that can be done in the name of energy conservation and efficiency--in the name of God, for the sake of the Earth and every one and everything on it--should be pursued without consideration to partisan politics or the interests of ANY corporation or other government or private entity whatsoever.

Anyone not employing this philosophy will be considered removable from their position. Period.

Thank you for your work on this issue and as you continue to study net metering, please give Montanans more options to make their energy decisions.

Sincerely

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Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Denise Barber <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 8:27 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 8, 2016

Research Analyst Sonja Nowakowski

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Sincerely

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This is not a political point. This is a positive move toward a cleaner, happier future.

Thank you for your work on this issue and as you continue to study net metering, please give Montanans more options to make their energy decisions.

Sincerely

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The third Win-Win, forUS is the economic growth generated by this new energy recourse.. It is a Triple Play for our Environment, Economy, and Path Toward Self reliance.

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Sincerely

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Sincerely

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This will also help MT meet its carbon emission reductions.

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Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Janet Lyon <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 12:18 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Mar 9, 2016

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Sincerely

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Mary Strickroth <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 12:18 AM
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Dear Research Analyst Nowakowski,

As you continue to study the issue of net metering, please work to give home and business owners the freedom they need by expanding net metering in Montana.

I am a homeowner who has made the personal investment in solar energy on my home. I did this because I strongly believe our community, our state and our country need to become more forward thinking with regard to renewable energy. To encourage growth in renewal energy usage, we need to provide incentives for current and future investment in solar energy. Net metering is an essential incentive that enables citizens to recapture their financial outlay over time. I urge you to uphold and enhance Montana's net metering policy.

We must end our dependence on coal and other dirty energy sources. We need to envision new economies based on clean, renewable energy. Solar and wind projects create jobs, keep air and water clean, enable our land to retain its integrity, and provide the means for Montanans to take definitive action to reduce their carbon footprint.

Net metering allows Montanans to invest in their energy future and save on their energy bills. Clean energy like wind and solar are a win-win for Montana ratepayers. Net metering and tax credits empowers Montanans to make decisions that result in positive change with regard to energy consumption.

Please do the right thing by maintaining liberal net metering policies in Montana. The time is NOW. We simply must move forward.

Thank you for your work on this issue and as you continue to study net metering, please give Montanans more options to make their energy decisions.

Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Alan Hilden <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 6:53 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Lucas Wilkinson <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:22 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Lindsey Hagmaier <lindseyhagmaier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:42 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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Furthermore, I urge you to support policies that promote and establish community solar.

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Thank you for your time.

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Martha Newell <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Mar 9, 2016

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By putting solar panels on our house, we generally do not have to buy electricity from May through at least November (and last year it was through February). With favorable laws for larger projects, clean energy could contribute more to the system.

Thank you for your work on this issue and as you continue to study net metering, please give Montanans more options to make their energy decisions.

Sincerely

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Jonathan Matthews <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:22 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Please Expand Net Metering in Montana

Mar 9, 2016

Research Analyst Sonja Nowakowski

Dear Research Analyst Nowakowski,

As you continue to study the issue of net metering, please work to give home and business owners the freedom they need by expanding net metering in Montana.

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Sincerely

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Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 9, 2016

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Thanks for listening.

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Sincerely

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From: Wade Hoskin <w_hoskin@yahoo.com>
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From: Wynn Jessup <wj papa2@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Barry Flamm <barryexplorer@yahoo.com>
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To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Lee Travis <lrtravis2@yahoo.com>
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Toddy Perryman <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 9, 2016

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My family just ordered 12 solar panels to be installed this spring. Our decision was helped by the tax credits available and the fact that we can get net metering. These things are helping to clean up our air and energy future.

Thank you for your work on this issue and as you continue to study net metering, please give Montanans more options to make their energy decisions.

Sincerely

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Margie Reck <redmtnranch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:27 AM
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Vicky Crampton <Ranchosanmiguel@aol.com>
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From: Mark Polakoff <markpolakoff@yahoo.com>
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Patricia Hogan <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 9, 2016

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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 12:09 PM
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Ernest Scherzer <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:46 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Megan Faber <mcv@mtvoters.org>
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From: Roxanna Mclaughlin <gaia_maid@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 12:12 PM
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Linda Semones <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 2:07 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Suzanne Thweatt <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Mary Wulff <cedarorion@yahoo.com>
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From: Kathryn Posten <katyposten@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:28 PM
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Ellen Sanford <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 4:10 PM
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From: Hugh Zackheim <montanazac@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:36 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Solar Energy & Net Metering

Please pass along my comments to the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee.

I urge the Committee to take bold and forceful actions to support and expand Montanans' ability to develop roof-top solar energy, including implementation of a net-metering program that recognizes and rewards Montanans who invest in producing solar energy. We are creative, skilled, independent and hard-working. The ability to develop solar energy represents the best expression of these Montana traits. And it bolsters OUR ECONOMY, not the out-of-state corporate interests who drain funds from Montana.

Please show the political courage and independence needed NOW to advance solar energy, environmental progress and Montana jobs.

Thank you,
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Sent from my iPhone

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Mary Edelman <kidcurry@ronan.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:42 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Stacy Reid <stacylreid@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:45 AM
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From: Dr. Jim Cooper <jacooper@midrivers.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:54 AM
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From: David Katz <dkatzj@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:20 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support net metering

Ms. Nowakowski,

Net metering is essential to transition Montana to a clean energy economy.

It is essential that Montana make that transition. Coal is dying, as evidenced by the expected closure of two Colstrip power plants, and the demise of other fossil fuels will follow as the world transitions to clean fuels.

Solar is growing quickly, but net metering is required to make the necessary growth of rooftop and commercial solar economically viable.

David Katz
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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:23 AM
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From: Kathryn Iverson <menze002@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net Metering Support

Dear Honorable Legislators of the Energy Telecommunications Interim Committee,

My husband and I are owners of two residential properties in Silver Gate, MT that are serviced by Flathead Electric Co-op.

We support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

We look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

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Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

Sincerely, Dr. Mike Menzel & Kathy Iverson

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Caitlin Piserchia <capiserchia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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Thank you for your time.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: D wick <wickmt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:04 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Please tell Montana Legislators to Support Net Metering!!

It is an exciting new field of which Montana and Montanans would benefit greatly.

Net metering by it's very nature would encourage more Montanans to pursue the solar and wind energy market.

Montana is the only home we have ever known, and want to keep it, well, Montana!!

We, 4th generation Montanans, are researching renewable energy sources for our home and would love to be a part of this amazing industry.

Please, please, please give Net Metering a whole-hearted thumbs UP!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kenneth and Daun Wick
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Lana & Charles Sangmeister <lcsangmeister@nemont.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:08 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Ms. Sonja Nowakowski,

Please share my email with the entire ETI legislative committee. Thank you!

Dear Legislators, I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

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Lana Sangmeister
Nye, MT
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: M Ford <mjf503@juno.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:36 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Elli Hawks <hawks@mtintouch.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:53 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear ETIC legislators:

As a rancher in central Montana, I support allowing net metering and the opportunity it provides in our rural areas.

Thank you.

Paul Hawks
Melville, Mt

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Lisa Autio <lautio2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 1:46 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Hello Sonja

I believe this is the time to adopt the ability of all Montanans to generate their own power through non-fossil fuel energy sources like wind and solar, and to allow net metering.

At this time all energy customers in Montana have long been subject to the whim of power companies who charge whatever they want to. Net metering forces them to treat consumers as customers.

Thank you,

Lisa Autio
Missoula, MT 59802

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Archer/Tully <archtul@bresnan.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

To the members of the ETIC:

We strongly support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use. It allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs.

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Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Nina Alviar <Ninapdoula@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Tom Alsaker <tom.alsaker.mec@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 2:10 PM
To: Cliff Larsen
Cc: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: ETIC Committee
Attachments: ETIC Committee Memo.docx

Senator Larsen,

Attached is a letter addressing some of my concerns in advance of your ETIC Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow. If this could be shared with other members of the Committee that would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Alsaker

March 10, 2016

Dear Senator Cliff Larsen:

I was hopeful that this current ETIC Interim Session would bring some agreement among parties with net-metering interests so that a repeat of last year's Legislative Session might be avoided. I believe the attitude in the recent Montana Renewable Energy Association's call to action shows they don't have a similar view.

After listening to all of the rhetoric concerning this issue over the last several years and growing tired of their efforts to demonize the utilities for their position regarding renewables and net-metering I was motivated to try and do something. I thought it would show the "other side" that we should be able to come to some common ground if the utilities ventured into the world of solar energy.

My primary motive was not to suggest it would be a great investment, but more the opportunity for those interested in participating for other reasons. I believe we as a utility will learn how to deal with the changes it brings to us.

The latest effort from the Montana Renewable Energy Association shows it has fallen on deaf ears.

Please do what you can to instill some reasonableness to the discussions and recommendations from your committee so that a repeat of last year's Legislative Session regarding this issue may be avoided.

Sincerely,

Tom Alsaker
Trustee, Missoula Electric Cooperative

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Suzanne Voss <sunshine47y@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 2:47 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Helmville, MT 59843

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: john dunkum <dunkum@bresnan.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 3:17 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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john dunkum
dunkum@bresnan.net

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: John Dunkum <dunkum@bresnan.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Sonja,

I support net metering as I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy and save money on their electric bills. I hope your committee concludes that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on the economy and other customer; please also consider the benefits of allowing community solar projects. Thank you for considering this important issue, and happy Spring.

Sincerely, John Dunkum (in Missoula)

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Kathleen Vaughan <pvaughan184@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 3:39 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Hamilton, Montana 59840

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Rebecca Richardson <BeckyjrRichardson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Nancy Condit <Nancondit@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 4:13 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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Nancy Condit
Nancondit@gmail.com

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Katherine Haque-Hausrath <kmhausrath@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 4:28 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Please support net metering

Hello,

I am writing in support of maintaining the current net metering available to utility customers (net metering over the year up to what is used by the customer), and considering increasing the strength of net metering. Please provide these comments to the energy interim committee.

My husband and I recently installed solar panels on our house. We spent over \$30,000 that went directly to supporting a local Montana business and creating jobs. (Our contractor actually hired a new employee during the course of our project.) However, economically it makes sense to be able to net meter over the year, because we produce more power in the summer, and use more power in the winter. We relied upon the continued existence of net metering in making this investment in our home, as did other customers who have installed solar panels. Removing net metering would essentially result in a regulatory taking of our property, because the solar panels (our property) would be less valuable and useful than they were when we purchased them. Please continue to support net metering.

Net metering makes the grid stronger by creating multiple sources of energy generation. It also helps reduce climate change by promoting alternative energy sources into the grid.

Thank you for your consideration and please support net metering.

Regards,

Katherine Haque-Hausrath
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[Helena, MT 59601](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Catherine Logan <catherineplogan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:40 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Cc: Jesse Logan
Subject: Dear ETIC, Please expand net-metering & renewable energy opportunities for all Montanans.

Dear ETIC,

Please expand net-metering & renewable energy opportunities for all Montanans. We all deserve the liberty to choose alternative energy, net-metering, as well as community solar/wind projects regardless of income, building ownership, or building & land restraints.

I support ratepayers rights to generate their own electricity and pass along their excess generation through the grid line to the next user, so they all can reap electricity bill savings. Clean, renewable energy that's generated and distributed locally is more affordable all around - it even offers utility companies lower wholesale rates while reducing line loss inefficiency, and their transmission costs. Expanding renewable energy would also decrease costs in reducing Montana's carbon emissions.

Montana citizens, businesses, and utility companies deserve these economic benefits and job opportunities that accessible and reliable renewable energy can offer them.

Plus, renewable energy keeps our air and water clean.

If you have any doubts about advancing renewable energy for Montana then please continue to review how other states are already successfully pursuing this worthwhile venture. One utility company that is well underway in transitioning into a fully solar powered entity is Vermont's Green Mountain Power, and it is a compelling example.

Thank you for considering our input,

Catherine P. and Jesse A. Logan
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Emigrant, MT 59027-0482
(406) 333-4850

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Deborah Hanson <hans_deb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:46 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Sonja,

As Legislative staffer for the ETIC Committee, please distribute my comments to the committee members.

It seems like a no-brainer to allow individual Montanans to invest in their energy future, save money on their electric bills and be self-sufficient by supporting a customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use.

It also would create good-paying jobs. Here in eastern MT we generated enough comments to the PSC regarding MDU's proposal to stop net metering to cause them to withdraw that proposal.

The benefits of allowing community solar to allow any utility customer to access solar by purchasing a portion of a large shared solar installation are such that ETIC should consider embracing this concept. Many utilities and rural co-ops across the country have embraced community solar because they can offer this program for their customers; take Flathead, Missoula and Ravalli Electric Co-ops as examples.

Please consider these points as you review your study.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hanson
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Dorinda Troutman <dorindatroutman@centurylink.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:55 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Connie Warner <conniebwarner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 6:01 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Connie Warner
conniebwarner@gmail.com
584 Wishart Rd
Kalispell, Montana 59901

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: mason witt <mtdragon@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:42 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Support Clean Energy and Net Metering

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Bert Lindler <blindler@montana.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:13 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: lynbobhilten@att.net
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:17 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Sirs;

When there is an obvious solution to the pollution caused by finite fossil fuels, why would you not support it? We have been under the thumb of the fossil fuel industry since 1973 when ARAMCO stopped shipments of oil to the U.S. that forced the federal government to remove price controls on oil in this country! Most folks don't remember this. I would hope you do and act accordingly. It is high time.

Bob Hilten

Sent from my iPad

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Mary Dostal <mdostal@bresnan.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:18 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Christy Gerrits <christygerrits@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:37 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Letter in support of net metering to Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee members

March 10, 2016

Dear Chairman Keith Regier and members of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee,

I am writing in support of net metering to encourage individuals to install solar panels to either offset their electric bills or actually create all of their household needs. I am actually writing from experience, as my husband and I just installed 40 solar panels at our home in 2014. While the federal government tax credit for the solar panels was an incentive to install the panels, without net metering it would have been prohibitively expensive. Net metering allows us to 'store' the excess energy we produce on the net, and then when the sun goes down, we can access that energy, per se. Otherwise we would have to install expensive batteries to store excess electricity.

Installing the panels involved paying contractors and electricians, so we were helping to provide jobs for local residents. Since we installed the panels, we have produced more energy than we need almost every month, except January, so we are helping the state and Nation reach clean energy goals. It is a great feeling, knowing that we are producing all of our household energy by harnessing the sun's energy.

Most importantly, we are contributing to this Nation's and the world's efforts to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions so that we can start to curb global warming. That should be everyone's ultimate goal in all decisions.

Thank you for your time,
Christy Gerrits
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Nellieisrael@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:38 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I support net metering for the reasons stated. It is very important to establish this in Montana.
Thank you, Nellie Israel, PO Box 76, Joliet, MT 59041

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Catherine L Scarff <Clgordie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 9:43 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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From: Charlene Woodcock <charlene@woodynet.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:26 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

To ETIC and all Montana legislators:

The US is falling far behind other countries in addressing climate change and recognizing that if our children are to have a decent life on our planet we MUST stop mining, transporting, and burning fossil fuels.

Fortunately, especially in Montana, we can turn to wind and solar energy and the costs for both have fallen dramatically in the past few years.

There are many more jobs to be had from broad and vibrant renewable energy production and Montana's economy will benefit greatly, as will the health of its citizens and especially children, to have clean air, unpolluted by coal dust, methane fumes, and water protected from being poisoned by fracking.

I strongly support every incentive to help people purchase solar arrays and communities to put up wind generators where appropriate. Many ranches and farms would benefit by investing in solar and wind and they certainly should be encouraged to do so by approval of net metering.

In addition, ETIC should support community solar so anyone who recognizes the benefits of moving to clean renewable energy can participate in production of solar energy even if they don't own a roof to put a solar array on. It's very encouraging that the western Montana Electric Co-ops have adopted community solar programs. Let's make them available to all Montanans.

Thanks for your study of these issues.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Diann Heivilin <dheivilin@montanasky.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:57 PM
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Gary Matson <gjmatson@montana.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 6:01 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

I thank our Montana legislators serving on the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee for their efforts in studying the effects of net metering, which would enable customers to install solar or wind generation on their property and receive credit on their energy bill.

I am a 49-year Montana resident and grandfather and know that full utilization of renewable energy is an essential key to the well-being of my children and grandchildren. I am grateful for progress we've enjoyed with coal and oil as primary energy resources but know that fuels for energy production must change to preserve quality of life for future generations.

I strongly support net metering and the increasing role it can play in ensuring our energy future. I believe that utility companies can take advantage of private citizens' generation of energy through the renewable resources of solar and wind. This is a "win-win-win-win-win" situation: 1) Utilities can generate power at a lower cost than if they invested in large, centralized generation; 2) Utilities and their investors can continue to receive financial gain through the transmission of power generated by their customers; 3) Improvements in the "grid" through ongoing development of "micro-grids" can increase the dependability of power transmission; 4) Customers can enjoy lower cost energy; 5) Future generations will be less impacted by increasingly serious effects of climate change because of the currently exponentially increasing atmospheric of CO2.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer—regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Kris Matteucci <Kris@bresnan.net>
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From: William Woodhouse <billw@3rivers.net>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Please support net metering. It is very important to our energy future. It will provide clean affordable energy where needed, with little effect on environment.

Thank You
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From: Barbara Farrell <mslabarb@gmail.com>
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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Matthew Uland <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 5:38 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 9, 2016

Research Analyst Sonja Nowakowski

Dear Research Analyst Nowakowski,

As you continue to study the issue of net metering, please work to give home and business owners the freedom they need by expanding net metering in Montana.

Personal Solar and wind energy systems deserve our continued support.
Please continue to allow net metering to stimulate renewable energy systems.

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Sincerely

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Claudia Narcisco <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:12 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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I believe it is my responsibility as a citizen to carry renewable energy forward. Coal-powered electrical generation is perhaps the only component of our modern lifestyle that languishes in a technology over 150 years old. Not our appliances, transportation, digital TV's, computers, smart phones, GPS, our homes, medical advances and on and on and on. Coal-powered electrical generation wouldn't languish either, if it weren't so heavily subsidized and allowed by legislative action to be an anchor, the weight of which is a ball and chain making us prisoners to an energy past rather than to move forward to a high tech energy future.

With current natural gas prices so low, and all the energy conservation efforts I have applied to my home and lifestyle, my energy bill is low.

But still I plan to invest in solar, even though I may not see the economic return for many years to come. I am not a wealthy person, rather a retiree with a very modest, even below average income. So it is not a matter of me having excess wealth or money to burn. I plan on making this investment not because it is going to be a windfall for me in the few decades I have left in this life. I plan on making this investment because it is the right and the moral thing to do.

We citizens, rely on you to be leaders to help us transition to the energy future, not to be a sinking anchor to the past. Please do the right thing and meet taxpayers, homeowners and voters like me half way and expand net metering as a way to help balance the cost of installing this new technology. Your children and grandchildren will thank you. I will thank you.

Sincerely,
Claudia Narcisco

Thank you for your work on this issue and as you continue to study net metering, please give Montanans more options to make their energy decisions.

Sincerely

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Michael Enk <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:33 PM
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From: Jennifer Ferguson <ja_ferguson@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 1:00 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 10, 2016

Research Analyst Sonja Nowakowski

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Don Bianchi <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:55 AM
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Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 8:50 AM
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Donna and Jim Onstott <uplandfarm1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net Metering

I am writing in support of net metering because it would help customers to generate their own clean, renewable energy to offset their energy needs. Current laws present an artificial barrier to Montana citizens' ability to receive fair credit for the energy they supply to the electrical grid. Individuals should be able to make their own energy choices unhampered by arbitrary constraints on the market.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: jack.isbell@gmail.com on behalf of Jack Isbell <jack.isbell@solarmontana.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net Metering

March 11, 2016

Dear Chairman and Members of the Interim Energy Committee,

I strongly urge your support to ensure that Northwest Energy customers can continue net metering to protect and encourage our investments in solar energy.

For over ten years I've been designing, selling and installing renewable energy systems in Helena and the surrounding areas. Every year it seems that there is more demand and more interest. People love the idea of being able to harness sunlight and create electricity on their own roofs.

We have been expanding our business, and I have recently opened a new store front downtown, where I employ two other full time positions, as well as subcontract many other trades through out Helena. Net metering is creating local jobs and keeping money in local economies.

Current net metering laws have made this possible, changing them could really hurt my business and many others throughout Montana. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Kind Regards,

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bob filipovich <bob.filipovich@live.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Please forward my comments to the ETIC. Thanks. bob.filipovich@live.com Helena 449 6039

I support net metering and legislation to encourage it because net metering:

#gets citizens (voters) thinking about their energy use. This will lead to more electricity efficiency and energy conservation.

#will apply economic pressure to stimulate market innovation and individual responses regarding electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and use. These responses have already begun.

#encourages communities, neighborhoods, and even forward-looking individuals within communities to cooperate and coordinate their resources to gain a more level footing when dealing with electricity generating monopolies. Community solar projects, for example, are already showing the way forward in at least 3 Montana electricity coop programs.

#Embodies the self-reliance so much prized by Montanans. As electricity storage methods improve, Montanans will move away from the monopoly, away from the pollution coming from coal-generated electricity and toward clean air and individual choice. The economic shift away from coal generation is already well underway across the nation.

The monopoly should be paid to maintain its distribution lines and to provide base load electricity, but even those key parts of the grid are fading away. Net metering moves natural people away from monopolistic control of an essential service and toward clean air, less greenhouse gases, and the avoidable consequences of climate change. These changes are in the wind; your remarks, report, and votes on 2017 legislation will show people whether you support or deny net metering and all it implies for Montanans. Thank you for your work.

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Becky Grey <hik66gray@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 11:22 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

ETIC should also please consider the benefits of allowing community solar so any utility customer may benefit by purchasing a portion of large shared solar installation .

Thank you. Becky Grey.

Sent from my iPhone

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jennifer Swearingen <parkside@bigsky.net>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 1:05 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Ms. Nowakowski,

We are writing to express our support for Montana's current net metering policies, and we urge committee members to make no changes to existing policy unless and until a thorough, objective analysis indicates that changes are necessary.

We installed a 2.9 kW photovoltaic rooftop system on our new home in 2014. We chose to make this investment because we are very concerned about the impacts of climate change and are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and to conserving as much energy as possible. We produce more electricity than we consume and gave up a credit of nearly 1200 kilowatt hours last year. We are on track to do the same this year. This is electricity that NorthWestern Energy sells to our neighbor at full cost.

We are very concerned about our utility's characterization of residential solar as a "cancer on the system" and have watched with alarm as the private electrical utility industry (through the Edison Electric Institute and other industry associations) has made a national push to limit the residential solar industry via state legislation and utility commission actions. In response to this heavy lobbying pressure, some states have enacted extreme new rate structures that severely curtail the financial returns of residential solar investment. In the case of Nevada, it is widely agreed that the solar industry is now dead as a result of these successful industry efforts. This has occurred despite the fact that *the large majority of net metering studies show a net benefit to all retail electric customers.*

What all studies confirm is that *residential solar systems conserve energy*, which benefits all electric customers. The less energy we consume, the less need there is for new, very expensive-to-build generation. These "avoided costs," which are shared by all ratepayers, are significant. Thus far, Montana's electric utilities have failed to assess these avoided costs.

Furthermore, distributed residential solar systems provide a wide array of additional benefits, including the following:

- avoided transmission costs
- avoided distribution costs
- avoided line losses
- reduced peak load costs
- reduced plant operational costs, and
- reduced hazardous air pollution.

Our utility's efforts to pit traditional customers against solar customers, citing a "cost shift," is shrewd and deceptive. It is also straight out of the Edison Electric Institute playbook. We urge legislators to take a very cautious approach to any potential energy policy "reform." States that have leapt before looking, such as Nevada, are now suffering significant economic turmoil and heavy job losses, and are embroiled in very contentious litigation.

We strongly urge legislators to demand a thorough, objective analysis of all costs and all benefits of net metering before adopting any changes to policy.

Thank you for considering our comments on this very important issue.

**Sincerely,
Will and Jennifer Swearingen
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Bozeman, MT 59715**

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Jerrod Bley <jnbley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:55 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: ETIC & renewable energy policy

Intended for members of the ETIC,

I'm writing to encourage you all to consider the net-positive benefits associated with amending current policy to provide a landscape in which this meaningful industry can be cultivated. I urge you all to consider the value of giving homeowners the ability to control where their energy is produced. More importantly, how it is generated and at what cost to them, in a monetary sense, but also at what cost to the overall health of our community, water, air, and wildlife. One way to ensure this industry thrives is to remove arbitrary barriers and identify then implement mechanisms that will allow on-site generation to play on a level field with utility-scale generation. Consider the full array of positive economic impacts associated with clean energy generation and strive to ensure it is being taken advantage of. Strengthen our net-metering laws and remove the arbitrary cap on generation.

I would also like to take this time to encourage all of you to consider the benefits of community solar. As a renter it does not align with my current living situation to place on-site energy where I reside. I would like to choose how my energy is generated and it's impacts on the environment, while supporting the renewable energy industry. I hope you all work toward a goal that will be more supportive of community solar and create the right atmosphere within our state to make it a greater reality.

Regards,

J. Bley

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Holly Sandbo <hollysandbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 3:35 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering

Dear Sonja Nowakowski,

I support customers' right to generate clean renewable energy for their own use, because it allows individuals to invest in their energy future, saves money on their electric bills, and creates good-paying local jobs. Thank you to ETIC for considering this important issue.

I look forward to reviewing the study, and hope to see you conclude that net metering of rooftop solar and small wind has a beneficial effect on our economy and other customers.

ETIC should also consider the benefits of allowing community solar, so any utility customer—regardless of income, home ownership, or rooftop space— can access solar by purchasing a portion of a large, shared solar installation. Many utilities and rural electric co-ops nationwide have embraced community solar because they too can offer a program for their customers.

Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Electric Co-ops in Montana recently adopted community solar programs and I think we should consider enabling this opportunity for both of Montana's investor owned utilities

Thank you,

Holly Sandbo

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Patti Steinmuller <psteinmul@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 11:53 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Net metering Support

Ms. Sonja Nowakowski:

Please distribute my comments to the ETIC committee members.

I am very supportive of net metering and was disappointed that none of the net metering bills offered in the 2015 legislative session were passed. Both private citizens and businesses deserve the option of generating clean, renewable energy. Montana is not taking advantage of the opportunities available to generate more energy from renewable sources. Montana citizens expect the ETIC committee to explore options and present the best ideas for net metering as potential bills us to 2017 legislative session. I look forward to reading the ETIC study results and acknowledgment of the benefits of net metering for solar and wind energy generation. Also, please consider the benefits of community solar for customers of all economic means throughout the community. Several Montana co-ops are making community solar available in their areas. I'd like community solar to be considered by this committee.

Thank you.

Patti

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Barbara Gregovich <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 8:41 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Attn: ETIC members

Mar 13, 2016

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <mcv@mtvoters.org> on behalf of Bruce Bender <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 3:39 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
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Mar 12, 2016

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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:36 PM
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