For years, NorthWestern Energy has sought to discourage its customers from going solar and generating their own power. Northern Plains Resource Council believes you should have the right to install rooftop solar, and NorthWestern shouldn’t be throwing obstacles in your way. But in a rate case now before the Public Service Commission, that’s exactly what NorthWestern is doing.

The job of the Public Service Commission should be to uphold policies that help you and other Montanans achieve a cleaner, more affordable, and just energy future. Our energy economy will be transitioning to greater use of wind and solar – we all know that. It’s a transition that’s not only necessary in addressing the climate crisis, it’s also good for our economy.

NorthWestern Energy’s current attempt to crush rooftop solar would move Montana further away from the clean energy future we know is possible and necessary. We won’t stand for it and neither should you.

**What is a rate case?**

The Public Service Commission opens a rate case when a utility requests to change the way it bills its customers.

NorthWestern Energy has filed a rate case before the Montana Public Service Commission in which the company is proposing new fees on residential solar in Montana that would ensure it is no longer cost-effective to install solar on our homes, and would be devastating for the many small solar businesses across the state.
What can you do?

Tell your Public Service Commissioner to reject NorthWestern Energy's proposal to penalize residential solar customers in Montana!

2. Continue as a guest and fill out your contact information.
3. In the Tracking # field, enter 2018.02.012 and hit “tab.” The other fields will auto populate.
4. Use this fact sheet to write a brief, personal message in the Comment field. When finished, click Submit.

Thank you for defending solar in Montana!

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