

Regulators deal a blow to Nev. rooftop solar industry

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With no discussion, state regulators this week voted unanimously to slash the value of credits rooftop solar customers earn for generating excess energy.

The three-member Public Utilities Commission adopted a proposed order that would reduce by 75 percent the amount NV Energy pays customers for excess power their solar panels produce and change the flat service rate for customers with solar panels. The changes in so-called net metering policies would phase in over four years, starting Jan. 1. Regulators deal a blow to rooftop solar industry

The PUC's position in the order is that higher bills are being paid by nonsolar users to provide "hidden subsidies" for those with solar panels. The PUC said solar users in Southern Nevada have been getting an annual subsidy of about \$623. The subsidy for solar users in Northern Nevada is about \$471.

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