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MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities Phil Powlick, Director Energy Section Abdinasir Abdulle, Technical Consultant Sam Liu, Utility Analyst II Artie Powell, Manager

Date: April 14, 2009

Ref: Docket No. 07-035-T14. – Schedule No. 107 – 2009 Annual Report of the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program

RECOMMENDATION (approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Commission acknowledge the 2009 Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program Annual Report as meeting the Commission's reporting requirement for the program.

ISSUE AND DISCUSSION

In its August 3, 2007 Order approving the tariff with certain conditions under Docket No. 07-035-T14, the Commission ordered the Company to provide an annual report of the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program (Schedule 107). The Commission ordered that this report shall, at a minimum, contain information on completed projects, program expenditures and recommendations for the following year.

In compliance with this Commission Order, on March 15, 2010 the Company filed its 2009 Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program annual report. The Division reviewed the filing and evaluated it according to the requirements set forth by the Commission and found that this annual report complies with the Commission Order.



In this report, the Company provided an overview of the overall project goals, key program elements and design features. The report also summarized annual program results that included a listing of installed capacity and related expenditure data. The summary also included information about the number of annual applications, the number of projects that were completed, and the number of applications that were approved, denied, or withdrawn. The report also showed a listing of contractors that performed the equipment installations along with the number of installations each contractor performed, the number of customers served by each contractor, and a description of their respective project sites. The report also detailed project marketing efforts, equipment availability issues, and allocation of program incentives. Finally, the report included recommendations for the upcoming year and the program data being collected. Among the recommendations is that the Company will be installing generation interval meters on select solar photovoltaic installations to gather information on system generation performance. This will provide more timely, accurate and granular data that is consistent with the load research requirements than could be obtained by gathering energy output data from attestation certificates that are currently used to gather information. Therefore, the Company indicated, and the Division agrees, that the attestation certificates are no longer needed for customers receiving time of use meters. The Division views the introduction of these meters as a very productive measure that will help the program to realize one of its key goals of assessing the value of distributed photovoltaic systems to the Company's system.

Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge that the 2009 annual report of the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program comply with the tariff and Commission Order and meets the reporting requirements set for the by the Commission.

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