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I would like to comment on the RMP Solar Rebate Program, docket # 07-035-T14;

I have been selling, installing and servicing renewable systems in Southern Utah for over 10 years. The first year the solar rebate program started I helped secure 4 RMP rebates for customers and all 4 lead to a completed system connected to RMP. The following year I was in the office at midnight faxing more applications in and it went so fast I did not secure any rebates for my customers. As of this date I no longer attempt to secure any rebates nor do I even mentioned the solar rebate to any customers. One has a better chance of winning the mega lottery than to "win" a RMP solar rebate, the size of the program is a deterrent to selling solar systems in Utah.

I recently sold a solar system to a customer in Beaver, Utah, before we finalized the contract she heard about the RMP solar rebate coming out in March 2011. She asked me about it, which I implied "you have a better chance of winning the lottery" but she wanted to try, we helped her fill out the forms and her fax finally went thru 3 minutes after it opened. There are over 100 applications before her.

In my opinion make it more available to people or just drop it because it is a JOKE.

I would like to Thank the commission for all the great changes they have made to the net metering program, you have made it a level playing field for customers and installers alike. I have full confidence the commission will do what is appropriate.

Sincerely

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