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Subject: Docket #14-035-114...Solar NEM Study

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for initiating an inquiry into the costs and benefits associated with Rocky Mountain Power / PacifiCorp's net metering program in Utah. We agree that the time has come to replace rhetoric with a broad base of hard evidence that will make clear what a shift to solar and other renewable energy sources means for our state: now and into the future.

Our group supports you in conducting a comprehensive examination of the impacts of displacing fossil fuel combustion with customer-generated renewable energy in the production of electricity. We look forward to the results of a thorough study that includes data collected from all net metering customers: residential and non-residential.

We urge the Commission to take full advantage of this unique opportunity to address the entire spectrum of relevant cost and benefit variables in its investigation. This means incorporating all grid-specific factors as well as the public health, economic, and environmental impacts that occur when renewable energy from customers offsets the utility's use of fossil fuels to generate electricity.

With the attention of our state and nation drawn to serious energy policy questions, the public is best served when regulatory bodies like yours endeavor to establish a solid foundation of evidence from which fact-based options can be identified and rational choices made for the common good.

The scope of your inquiry into the value of net metered renewable energy will have significant implications for Utah's energy future. You have our best wishes for success as you develop a thorough and objective energy information base for the public and policy makers.

Sincerely,

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