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Fwd: Docket No. 14-035-116, Order

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To whom it may concern:

I applaud the primary outcome of docket order 14-035-116 that determines that unused credits from net-metering customers will be allocated to the low-income assistance program. Ideally, I hope the mechanics of this credit reallocation will be structured as a tax-deductible charitable donation by the net-metering customer.

I do have a significant concern about the timing of the credit expiration every March. Most Utah households are heated during the winter by natural gas or some fuel source other than electricity. Accordingly, most Utah homes use considerably more electricity during the summer (often for air conditioning) than during the winter.

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") stated "the expiration of unused credits provides a strong incentive to potential net metering customers to size their systems to produce an amount of electricity 'primarily to offset part or all of the customer's requirements for electricity.'" Because the annualized billing cycle ends in the spring, however, most of us have no possible way of properly sizing our systems to meet this criterion. Either we will under-produce during the summer or we will over-produce during the winter and lose all our credits before summer arrives.

I have reviewed the docket order and understand the relationship of the conclusion to the Utah state code. I would like to propose a solution that would allow for proper sizing of customer generation systems while complying with the referenced state code:

Allow net-metering customers to choose whether their annual billing cycle ends March 31 or September 30.

I believe this is the simplest, most elegant way to accomplish the objectives prescribed in the docket order by allowing net-metering households to properly size their systems. As the Division pointed out, this would provide an even stronger incentive for proper sizing to offset the customer's electricity requirements. Please consider amending the docket order to include this allowance for net-metering customers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: **PublicService Commission** <psc@utah.gov>

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Subject: Docket No. 14-035-116, Order

In the Matter of the Disposition of Remaining Unused Credits Associated with Excess Customer-Generated Electricity Provided Under Utah Code Ann. § 54-15-104(4)a

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