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To: Utah Public Service Commission,

In the Matter of the Disposition of Remaining of Unused Credits Associated with Excess Customer Generated Electricity.

Each year at the regularly scheduled meter reading cycle for the month of March, RMP zeros out the credits earned by residential Solar users so that we have to start at zero at the next billing cycle which could include many cloudy and stormy days. (April showers bring May flowers) Professional Solar Installation Companies use this as a selling tool/point to over build and possibly over charge for a residential system and therefore eliminates the theory that the expiration of unused credits promotes the proper sizing of customers' solar systems

Those of us who have solar systems which periodically produce credits/excess through the net metering program, have spent tens of thousands of dollars in order to do our part to help Utah clean air and RMP to avoid expenses for additional power generation capacity which RMP has asked it's customers to do, both in programs offered at customer's expense through the customer efficiency services charge, and in their monthly news letter. During Nov. & Dec. of 2014, I have used over 300 KWH credits because of storms, snow and clouds.

I am requesting that the PSC consider allowing a credit of up to 600 KWH, which is less than most home owners' usage during a month, to remain with each, as credit to start out the new cycle year. I am not asking for a payment of any excess, and any excess of the 600 KWH can be dropped and be allocated as per docket number 14-035-116. I believe that in all fairness, the total credits produced at the solar home owners expense, should be carried over and never expire, but the above request would be a move to be at least a reasonable compromise and show some consideration to the solar home owner public. Many States, and even private power companies with-in Utah pay for excess electricity production if the solar home owner so desires. Utah always seems to be behind for any real motivation for clean energy.

It is my request to the PCS to revise Utah code Ann. § 54-15-104(4) (a) (ii), to allow a carry over credit of 600 KWH. I propose that this more closely fulfills both purposes of proper system sizing, and eliminates net metering as a money making proposition. This will also acknowledge the contribution of the Utah solar homeowners.

Note: (FYI) Utah Business Journal, The Enterprise, for April 7-13, 2014, Vol. 43, Number 31, has featured a front page article stating that RMP/PacifiCorp has agreed to a 20 year Power Purchase Agreement which amounts to Billion(s) of Dollars to a foreign Norway company, Scatec, to build a solar farm in Parowan Utah that is estimated to

produce 210 million KWHs per year, and yet RMP through the PSC refuses to pay their long time dedicated customers for excess production. Are we serious about conservation and clean air, or is this simply another ploy to harness the Utah public?

Thank you for allowing me to be included as part of the process. Phone no. upon request.

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