

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Consideration of the
Amendment of Title 16 U.S.C. 2621(d) and the
Addition of Title 42 U.S.C. 6344 by the U.S. Energy
Independence and Security Act of 2007
“Consideration of Smart Grid Investments” and
“Smart Grid Information”

Docket Number: 08-999-05

Comments of – Alta Ski Area—*Alta Environmental Center*

Submitted December 11, 2009

Dear Commissioners:

We would like to offer our comments to the Request of Comments issued October 28th, 2009 in Docket No. 08-999-05 in regards to Utah adopting the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Electric Standards No.16—Consideration of Smart Grid Investments and No.17—Smart Grid Information sanctioned by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA 2007). We understand the deadline has passed for public comments and appreciate the opportunity to be heard and the time and effort your committee is putting into this docket. Despite the deadline we are committed to sending our response in support of the adoption of Standards 16 and 17 of PURPA. In addition to our comments, we are aware of the public comments sent in by our partners in sustainability—Brendle Group and the Town of Alta, as well as the collaboration of Park City Municipal Corporation *Environmental Sustainability Department*, Environmental Defense Fund, and Utah Clean Energy and endorse their letter in its entirety, attached hereto.

As a profiting private business our interest in PURPA and the 2007 EISA relates to committing our participation in energy efficiency, modernization of energy resources, and policy support in pursuit of the prior. As a state we are growing in population and there are environmental changes that question our ability to continue our current way of life and state recreational revenue. As we strive towards economic, societal and environmental sustainability alike many changes in process have and will occur. These concerns require immediate action in securing an “electricity infrastructure that can meet future demand growth”¹ of which is characterized by a Smart Grid. In conclusion, in order to continue development of energy conservation we ask the committee to adopt PURPA Standards 16 and 17. Thank you for your time.

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¹ Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007, under Title XIII—Smart Grid; Sec. 1301. Statement of Policy on Moderation of Electricity Grid. December 11, 2009. <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/EISA%20Energy%20bill%20110-140%20TITLE%20XIII.pdf>

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