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Ms. Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary  
Public Service Commission of Utah  
Heber M. Wells Building, Fourth Floor  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84118

Salt Lake City Corporation hereby submits these comments in response to the October 12, 2009 Notice of Investigation and Procedural Order issued by the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") requesting comments in regards to third-party arrangements for renewable energy generation (Docket No. 09-999-12).

Salt Lake City desires to assist local residents and businesses interested in utilizing renewable energy by ensuring that local codes and ordinances do not impede their installation. The City is currently working on a comprehensive review of its ordinances to ensure that they support the sustainability goals we have set as a City. It is the first comprehensive sustainability-driven ordinance review we know of in the Nation by a municipality, and finding ways to promote solar energy is a key factor in that review. The first ordinances to support solar projects are expected to be completed early next year.

Salt Lake City has been designated as one of twenty-five Solar America Cities by the U.S. Department of Energy and has received two grants to help the City remove barriers to solar adoption, thereby helping advance solar across the State and the region. Although the cost of solar panels is coming down, financing solar is still a challenge for many residents and businesses. Having an alternative financing arrangement available to them, such as third-party power purchase agreements (PPAs), would allow them to use more cost-effective financing mechanisms for their projects. Salt Lake City is working in partnership with the Interstate Renewable Energy Council on our most recent U.S. Department of Energy solar grant, and they are providing a legal analysis of the PPA for this docket.

As we are all aware, the amount of electricity entering the Salt Lake Valley is limited by our current transmission and distribution capability. Until the lines are upgraded (a challenging and controversial public issue), additional electricity will need to be produced locally. As we have poor air quality now and are trying to achieve stricter air quality standards, the use of non-polluting renewables would be preferred. Distributed solar energy, such as would be provided through the use of PPAs, would be beneficial to all of our citizens and businesses by helping diversify our energy portfolio and improve our prospects for better air quality throughout the region.

Salt Lake City urges the Public Service Commission to adopt a ruling allowing PPAs for both residents and businesses in Utah.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Bennett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Vicki Bennett  
Director