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Secretary Julie Orchard  
State of Utah  
Heber M. Wells State Office Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Secretary Orchard,

Scatec Solar North America (Scatec) strongly supports legalizing Power Purchase Agreements and third-party ownership of commercial distributed generation solar systems in the State of Utah. In addition, Scatec recommends that Utah change net metering policies to allow distributed generation systems to sell excess energy to utilities at consumer retail rates. These critical steps will ensure the success of solar initiatives such as the Solar Salt Lake program and allow a greater number of businesses and institutions to consume renewable energy.

The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) framework (e.g. typically a 20-year agreement to purchase renewable energy) and net metering sale of energy at consumer retail rates are critical components to the viability of distributed generation energy systems. These two components allow businesses and institutions to satisfy their respective governing boards' renewable energy mandates, and still allow them to focus on their core business activities – i.e. selling goods and services, not generating solar energy. For example, eBay has requested an 800kw solar system to offset part of their energy demand and to more effectively compete for green customers and reduce its carbon footprint. Yet, current Utah policies do not make the development of such a distributed solar generation system economically viable at this time. Once Utah supports PPAs, third-party ownership of distributed generation and energy sales to utilities at consumer retail rates, Utah's clean energy economy will create hundreds of in-state jobs and generate additional new tax revenues.

Scatec Solar North America is a global turnkey developer of commercial and utility-scale solar projects, with a North American division focused on developing projects throughout the United States, including the State of Utah. We support programs like Solar Salt Lake and we look forward to helping Utah to establish a thriving, innovative renewable energy industry.

Sincerely,

Luigi Resta  
Scatec Solar North America, Inc.