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TO: Public Service Commission of Utah

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SUBJECT: Utah Power Purchase Agreements Investigation Docket No. 09-999-12

To Whom It May Concern:

Park City Municipal is writing to express its interest in the ability to participate in Third Party Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). Park City recently installed a solar array on the City's Ice Arena and we are dedicated to continuing our pursuit of renewable energy options.

We view the technical aspects of energy generation in PPAs as being very similar to instances where the City purchases and installs its own renewable energy systems. However, PPAs provide the following unique advantages over the traditional acquisition of renewable energy:

- Third Party PPAs would allow Park City Municipal to indirectly receive the benefit of tax incentives associated with installing renewable energy;
- The initial cost of renewable energy systems under a PPA would be covered by the Third Party and this would remove an upfront financing barrier from the process of purchasing renewable energy;
- Participating in PPAs would allow Park City Municipal to lock-in a fixed price over the contract period, thus providing the City a hedge against fluctuations in energy costs;
- Performance of solar power, and other types of renewable energy systems, is guaranteed by most PPAs and the third party would be motivated to ensure optimal energy output of the system;
- PPAs are an effective avenue to support renewable energy generation and promote a clean energy economy on a local level

Park City Municipal views PPAs as an attractive option for large customers to diversify their energy mix and meet internal environmental goals. Additionally, PPAs provide a competitive marketplace where the interests of energy consumers and third party partners complement each other with the result being renewable energy generation. We are supportive of action by the Public Service Commission to make PPAs a viable option in Utah.

Best Regards,


Mayor Dana Williams