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From: Salt Lake County Mayor Corroon

Re: Docket 09-R312-01, In the Matter of the Proposed New Rule 746-700, Standards for Interconnection of Electrical Generating Facilities to Public Jurisdiction Under the Public Service Commission, Comments on Changes to Proposed Rule

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional comments on the Proposed Interconnection Standards and for your continued work on these important energy issues. You are helping remove regulatory obstacles to renewable energy, which in turn helps Salt Lake County's residents and businesses as they seek to generate more renewable energy and diversify energy resources.

We are supportive of the updated changes to the proposed rule, most notably the provision to cap the costs to the customer at 125% of the estimated study costs and the minor change to the provision extending the disconnect switch exemption to all customers with systems under 10 kW. We support the adoption of the Draft Rules with the understanding that they vastly improve Utah's interconnection procedures for large and small customers.

That noted, we submit three additional recommendations for the Commission's consideration as you finalize these Draft Rules. These recommendations were included in our September 30, 2009 comments for this docket:

- Consider including a fourth level of Interconnection Review (or some other appropriate means to address these facilities) for large, non-exporting distributed generation systems to further streamline the interconnection process and minimize the cost and time for studies and review for these types of systems.
- Consider reducing the time frame allotted for the utility to send notification to an interconnection customer as to whether the interconnection request is complete (for Level 1 Interconnection Customers) to help speed the review process for residential and small commercial systems.

 Consider extending the current disconnect switch exemption to all inverter-based Level 1 interconnection systems (up to 25 kW) to help minimize time and money spent for all involved.

Thank you, again, for your consideration of these recommendations and for your continued efforts to address the barriers to distributed, clean, renewable energy generation.

Regards,

Peter M. Corroon

Mayor, Salt Lake County