

Utah Public Service Commission  
Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City UT 84111

May 3, 2007

RE: Tariff PSCU No. 47  
Schedule 107 – Solar Incentive Program

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to support the recently submitted tariff filing by Rocky Mountain Power for approval of Schedule 107 - Solar Incentive Program. I am the OWNER of BUSINESS NAME located in LOCATION, Utah. We specialize in...

As a member of Utah's emerging solar industry, I am very supportive of Rocky Mountain Power's proposed pilot solar incentive program. I feel this program will provide the utility, ratepayers, and the State with valuable information on the potential for solar technologies in helping to meet Utah's growing peak demand.

With nearly 300 days of sun a year, Utah has an excellent solar resource and could reap the benefits of increased adoption of solar technologies. Solar photovoltaic electricity provides safe, abundant, carbon- and pollution-free energy, especially during Utah's critical peak demand period. Understanding that the utility and customers do not have much experience with solar technologies, I believe this modest pilot program will provide the necessary information and education to better assess the great potential of this resource in Utah. What's more, the proposed rebate is another step towards increased adoption of solar in the state, which is significant for business owners in the solar industry like myself.

My support for this program is contingent upon one minor suggested change to the program. In their Implementation Plan, Rocky Mountain Power requests a transfer of all of the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with the solar PV systems served by the incentive program. RECs are an important revenue stream for renewable energy and solar technologies and will be the building blocks that we use to help each homeowner achieve Net Zero Utility bills. The value of the REC's needs to stay with the property as the generation of those REC's comes from the property. In discussing this matter with members of the Build America Team, Appraisers and Mortgage lenders, the value of a property increases as the REC's increase in value. The sale prices of our homes are going up as the value of energy efficiency, renewable energy and REC's are recognized.

Sincerely,

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