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

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

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the recently submitted tariff filing by Rocky Mountain Power for approval of Schedule 107 - Solar Incentive Program. As a member of the Salt Lake City Million Solar Roof Partnership, our City wholeheartedly backs this program and requests that the Commission approve this tariff (with one minor change noted below). Salt Lake City has partnered with Utah Clean Energy, Professor Richard Collins, and the Department of Energy for the past four years to develop a program to help lower the financial barriers to the adoption of solar roof panels in our city. This proposed tariff is the culmination of many hours and hard work by the partners. The Solar Incentive Program will provide important information to Rocky Mountain Power, regulators and ratepayers on the significant potential of solar photovoltaic resource to meet our burgeoning peak demand. We commend Rocky Mountain Power for sponsoring this program.

As a strong proponent of solar power and a solar homeowner, I believe that this modest pilot program will gather important information on the cost effectiveness of a utility buy-down program. One of the important functions of this pilot program is to gauge the willingness of Rocky Mountain customers to participate in the program and fund the bulk of the investment costs for this important resource.

As the devastating projected effects of global climate change loom, it is incumbent on all levels of government to implement policies that will mitigate the emissions of carbon. Solar energy is a carbon free resource and will provide valuable power during Utah's peak demand periods. Although not specifically stated in the tariff, the implementation plan calls for transfer to Rocky Mountain Power 100% of the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with the solar PV systems served by the incentive program. RECs can provide a valuable revenue stream to help finance solar projects. The RECs transferred to Rocky Mountain Power should be proportionate to the percentage cost covered by Rocky Mountain Power. The proposed \$2 per watt rebate represents approximately 20% of the total system cost; therefore, Rocky Mountain Power should receive 20% of the credits. With this minor change, this modest pilot program deserves funding. We graciously request that the Commission approve this tariff and the Solar Incentive Program.

Sincerely,

Ross C. Anderson
Mayor

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