

Trixie Behr - Fwd: Docket #07-035-T14

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Dear Sir or Madam: I am writing you in support of the Rocky Mountain Power Solar Incentive Program. My husband and I are doing a 9 month study with Intermountain Wind and Solar to see which method of producing alternative energy would work best for us. As you know, the installation of either a wind turbine or solar panels is quite expensive. Any help we could get financially would be greatly appreciated.

Alternative energy sources have proven to be sustainable. The entire country needs to break away from dependency on non-renewable energy sources. Being a citizen of Salt Lake County, I am very proud that both Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County have taken this issue to heart, by installing solar panels on such public buildings as the Salt Palace; which was partially funded through this program. The education, use of the knowledge and implementation of alternative energy sources is essential to the private sector. We do not have projects that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. An array of solar panels in my backyard or my neighbor's backyard, will not only reduce my use of coal-burned produced power; but will also put energy back on the grid and will encourage others to do the same.

We have personal knowledge of solar power. For the past 15 years, we have heated our backyard pool only with a solar operated heating system. We have not even fired up the boiler to heat the pool for 15 years, and have no intention of doing so. As a collective body, the private sector obviously makes up the majority of power use in the state. As individual homes, each one of us makes an impact on the power grid, but can also make a dramatic impact on returning power to the grid through alternative power sources.

As a private consumer, the incentive program through Rocky Mountain Power enables many power users to switch to alternative power sources. It is imperative for the state's economic and environmental status to do all we can to reduce the use of non-renewable energy. I am asking you to not only keep this program intact but also expand it.

Concerned family in Salt Lake County

Russ and Jeannie Harmer