

Trixie Behr - Fwd: Docket No. 07-035-T14: In the Matter of the Approval of Rocky Mountain Power's Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 47, Re: Schedule 107 - Solar Incentive Program

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RE: Docket No. 07-035-T14: In the Matter of the Approval of Rocky Mountain Power's Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 47, Re: Schedule 107 - Solar Incentive Program

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As one who has been intimately involved in the current Rocky Mountain Power Solar Incentive pilot program I would like to thank the Commission and Rocky Mountain Power for launching this program over 4 years ago. At the time of the program launch it was not known what type of interest and participation would come from the general population of the state. I believe all parties are pleased with the great success and high levels of interest that have been exhibited by the residents and businesses of the state of Utah. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the continuation of this program.

I have been the Program Manager for the Solar Incentive program since the inception of the program and have become passionate about the success of this program. (I am not currently the Program Manager)

Knowing the interest level that exists in Utah it is my opinion that not only continuing the program but expanding the scope of the program is in the best interest of many parties including but not limited to; Rocky Mountain Power, residents and business owners, contractors, suppliers, supporters of clean energy technology and ultimately all citizens who want to be proactive in providing and developing the next generation of power production. It is my opinion that this is one of the primary energy efficient waves of the future. We can lead or follow -- let's not fall behind, but rather lead the way in America's clean technology industry.

The current structure of the program has been amenable to both the sponsor and the participants. However additional structure to the program should be considered. One item to be addressed is the current energy efficient measures of the structure requesting solar power. For example a home that only has 6 inches of attic insulation should be required to upgrade the level of insulation as well as other cost effective energy efficient measures (i.e. insulation, lighting, weatherization etc.) prior to being allowed to participate in the solar incentive program.

I am very interested in staying apprised of the current status of this and other energy efficient programs. If a public email distribution list exists please add me to the list; [redacted]

Sincerely,

Blake Howell
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