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

I am thankful to the Commission for accepting input on this issue and also to Rocky Mountain power for their work in administrating the solar incentive over the past 4 years.

I own a small architecture firm that helps home owners and building owners to realize high quality structures with the lowest possible operating costs. After energy efficiency, renewable energy is the most important component of achieving an integrated, sustainable design that buffers families from wildly oscillating energy costs and that gives businesses the competitive advantage of being able to produce some of their own energy.

I believe that continuing the Solar Incentive Program is important and should be continued and expanded because the renewable energy sector of the economy is becoming increasingly important in providing energy security and maintaining our quality of life in the West, and Utah cannot afford to fall behind in will surely to be an essential component of truly balanced and cost-effective energy choices in the future. The Solar Incentive is important in that it begins to level what is an extremely unbalanced playing field that currently favors non-renewable energy sources. It is essential that these pilot projects featuring the smart use of renewable energy continue to receive this small source of assistance, in order for families and businesses to be prepared for the challenges of the future.

Sincerely,



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