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Dear Commission

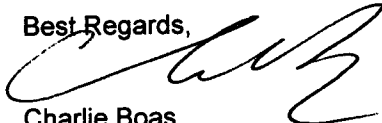
My family and I are new residents to the Salt Lake City Valley, having recently moved from Tucson AZ. Upon our arrival we began investigating the opportunities for doing solar on our home, as we had done in Tucson. Unfortunately, we were disappointed with what we found; the RMP incentive structure for residential PV systems is vastly inadequate for the available solar resources in the valley. The size and scope of funding available was limited to the point that we decided to shelve our solar plans until changes occur in RMP's involvement in the solar industry. Additionally, when we learned that only 30 homes per year were eligible, our hearts sank.

In Arizona, Tucson Electric Power (Unisource Corporation) has been actively involved in the development of the solar industry for many years; primarily with a ratepayer Renewable Energy Standard Tariff (REST) that funds renewable energy projects in the TEP territory. This \$3 charge on each ratepayers bill allows for a \$2/watt rebate for residential PV systems and \$1/watt on commercial systems. In Q1 2010, TEP received 900 applications alone. TEP's tremendous success with the REST has been such that it is estimated that, in Tucson, the solar industry will be able to operate without utility funded subsidies within the next 5 years. However, without the Arizona Corporation Commission and TEP's support the solar industry would have never succeeded.

TEP has found that the REST program has been financially viable for them as well as great marketing. Tucson residents have found that they can afford systems they would not otherwise. And the City of Tucson has found that many companies are moving to Tucson and hiring employees (like Solon, SolarCity and Sungevity- to name a few). The REST has been a Win-Win-Win.

It is our hope that in 2012 RMP and UPSC continue and expand their involvement with renewable energy incentives. It is my experience that it is in the economic interest RMP and the people of Salt Lake City, alike, that they do so. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,



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