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Re: Docket No. 08-035-78 In the Matter of the Consideration of Changes to Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule No. 135 – Net Metering Service

Dear Commission,

On behalf of the Community Development Department of Summit County, I am writing to express our comment, as requested, on the subject of net metering. You have requested comment on two aspects of the program:

1. Establishing a higher amount of generating capacity from customer generation systems than 0.1 percent of Rocky Mountain Power's peak demand during 2007.
2. The appropriate value of excess customer-generated electricity costs.

For the first topic, we feel very strongly that a higher amount should be approved. We have had several property owners and business owners express interest in participating in this type of program, and know that with the current extremely low cap of 0.1%, it is likely that only a few of these requests could be included in the program by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) before the cap is reached. Additionally, in Summit County there are many properties that have the potential to generate power, and we feel that a low cap discourages those properties or businesses from even looking into that possibility.

It is our recommendation that the cap be lifted entirely to encourage use of this program; we do not want to see energy investors and even small property owners discouraged from participating in a program that could "green" our energy consumption. If the cap cannot be lifted entirely, then a more reasonable cap should be implemented, such as a 20% maximum, or even a 10% maximum.

On the matter of value, the second topic, we do not have much input since this is not our area of expertise. We would only encourage the Commission to ensure that the value is fair and is also not as discouragement to participation. We would of course like to see a higher, market-rate value to encourage participation, but at a minimum, the value should not be less than wholesale costs.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (435) 336-3132 or kgabryszak@co.summit.ut.us.

Sincerely,

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