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The Public Service Commission of Utah  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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RE: Docket No. 08-035-78

To Whom It May Concern:

As a developer and owner/operator of renewable energy projects across the United States, including the largest solar photovoltaic project in North America located in the neighboring state of Nevada, MMA Renewable Ventures (MMA RV) is very interested in developing projects in Utah. One of the main roadblocks that exists for MMA RV, as well many other renewable energy companies, is the current limit on overall net metering enrollment for customers as well as the way in which excess generation is credited for net metering customers.

I recommend the following modifications to the net metering bill, "Sb 84 Final ENROLLED":

- 1) Ensure there is no cap on the overall enrollment for net metering customers (residential and commercial) in either this bill or the electric rate tariffs that are referenced in this bill.
- 2) Create a mechanism to value excess generation at the customer's retail rate rather than the set avoided cost.

These changes would bring projects to Utah and stimulate the state's economy, rather than these projects continuing to go to Colorado, Nevada and Arizona. In a slowed national economy, renewable energy is one of the few industries that continues to boom, and I believe it would be prudent for Utah to open its doors to this industry by allowing customers to net meter in a fashion that drives renewable development.

Allowing for customer-sited distributed generation would be economically beneficial to Utah utilities and the grid. Distributed generation addresses the issues of reliability and proximity to use, so having power generation resources close to users and sized appropriately for the local demand, the grid is bolstered at an appropriate size close to a point of demand. That is, reliable power is added to the grid close to where it will be used, reduces line losses, and relieves congestion. It is also important to note that PacifiCorp, the parent company of Rocky Mountain Power, currently has no cap on overall enrollment for net metering.

I can be reached at the number below should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Hopper  
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