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Subject: *Solar Incentive Report: Division Solar Incentive Program Review and Recommendation, November 8, 2011*

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Solar Incentive Report: Division Solar Incentive Program Review and Recommendation*, dated November 8, 2011. The Office of Energy Development (OED) would like to express its support for the Report's recommendations, namely that the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program be extended for one year during which time a new workgroup would be established to consider a new solar incentive program that would continue at least through 2016.

We would like to direct you to our May 17 comment on the *2010 Annual Report of the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program*, in which we describe the precipitous decline in Photovoltaic pricing demonstrated by our rebate and tax credit programs. In the same comment we describe the sustained demand for such incentives, and the low administrative costs (< 10%) realized by our office. The 2011 round of the Utah Renewable Energy Rebate Program is now fully allocated, having committed \$1.2 million in just eleven weeks. In addition to demonstrating the significant demand for solar incentives yet again, the 2011 program has been administered at well below 5% of total cost.

The OED would be pleased to share details about the nature of our program administration with the Public Service Commission and the Company, as any added savings on the administrative front could further bolster the SIP program's cost effectiveness profile. Again, we thank you for the opportunity to comment, and look forward to participating in the new 2012 workgroup proposed in the Report.

Sincerely,

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