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Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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RE: Salt Lake County Comments on *Docket 13-035-184– In the Matter of the Rocky Mountain Power’s Intent to File a General Rate Case – Net Metering Fee Request for Comments*

Dear Public Service Commissioners:

In response to your request for public comment on *Docket 13-035-184– In the Matter of the Rocky Mountain Power’s Intent to File a General Rate Case*, I respectfully submit the following comments for your consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important issue.

Salt Lake County cares about and is committed to taking cost-effective steps towards long-term livability in our communities. I am committed to finding solutions to our air quality challenges while seizing opportunities to invest in new industries and job growth.

We have yet to realize the full breadth of the state’s energy portfolio through the development of energy-efficiency measures and renewable energy resources such as solar. Solar is an important piece to solving our energy challenges and we must ensure that financial and regulatory barriers are properly addressed to foster this abundant resource in our state. Utah’s emerging solar market can play an important role in addressing air quality in addition to opening up new markets. To that end, I am writing to respectfully request that no new fee be imposed until a more thorough and transparent cost analysis is completed and the benefits of customer’s investments in clean, fuel free, energy sources such as solar is considered.

I support the directive from the Utah State Legislature in Senate Bill 208 (SB 208) to fully examine the costs and benefits of Rocky Mountain Power’s net metering program, and I appreciate the Commission for providing the public with notice and an opportunity to comment on the issue. I acknowledge the Commission’s intention to fulfill SB 208 in the current rate case and while I appreciate the objective to resolve this issue expeditiously, I respectfully request that the Commission open a new docket in order to fully investigate the costs and benefits of the utility’s net metering program. A new docket will allow stakeholders to fully and formally investigate the costs and benefits of Rocky Mountain Power’s before making any changes to the net metering program. Again, thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Nichole Dunn
Deputy Mayor, Salt Lake County