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To Whom it may concern,

Referencing **Docket #16-035-T03**; Rocky Mountain Power's proposed revisions to Electric Service Schedule #140, Non-Residential Energy Efficient Program, Filed on Feb. 9 2016.

Being a long time RMP Ally partner in this Energy Efficiency Program, it was quite a shock to have this proposed Tariff change presented at their Wattsmart Business vendor annual meeting on Feb. 10, 2016. In the last part of the meeting they laid out the proposed changes to be approved and in effect by March 30, 2016. This is quite a drastic change in Incentives paid out to RMP commercial customers, in some cases a drop of 33% to over 80% based on the proposed lighting upgrade. LED incentives dropping from 33% (indoor) to 66% (Pole Lighting) The Fluorescent changes going from a prescriptive measure to a KWH savings (like LED,) only on comparison to the existing Tariff/Incentives, the drop is anywhere from 66% to over 80% (based on normal business hours). Effectively, this puts a end to commercial customers going from T-12/magnetic ballast to a T-8/electronic ballast upgrade, based on the impossibility of commercial customers having an effective payback (ROI) based on the new proposed Tariff. The question is does Rocky Mountain Power desire to end this form of a excellent lighting upgrade and only focus on LED upgrades (it appears that way). It is sad in that on most commercial projects the T-8 savings can be up to 66% or more, hugely effective for RMP customers and RMP energy savings. Understand that the cost of this Fluorescent upgrade compared to LED at this time is much more cost effective to the customer (based on LED tube pricing) not to mention the drop in incentives will very much hinder upgrades of the LED outdoor lighting upgrades: Wall Packs reduced 47% in Incentives and Pole Lighting by 66% in incentives. Very much concerned being a very successful RMP Ally partner-selling these programs going on 12 years, this has been a great benefit for the RMP commercial customers, and I believe RMP as a whole on energy demand savings-a great way to manage their program effectively all these years, and would believe to continue that trend (not to mention a great PR tool) Another question is how mismanaged were the funds to be in this situation in only February of 2016, as this program for all intents and purposes has come to a standstill. Everything is up in the air at this point as to the direction and if any funds are available for the remainder of the year(2016), quite a blow to the loyal full time RMP Ally partners who have served this program with numerous lighting upgrades (Done the right way) and huge energy savings to benefit all. Please take these comments into consideration, only trying to find to best solution for all parties concerned.

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