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Re: Net Metering Tariff, Docket 16-035-T14  
Please add this letter in its entirety to the Docket

Dear Commissioners:

On November 21, 2016, Howard A. Stephenson, a Utah Senate member, wrote a letter to the commission in support of Rocky Mountain Power's docket request to change net metering provisions in Utah.

I believe it's important that the record clearly shows that PacifiCorp (Rocky Mountain Power's parent company) made a \$500 donation to Mr. Stephenson approximately 60 days before his letter was written. While I am not suggesting the donation was against any laws, it would be logical for the public to assume that Mr. Stephenson's letter to the commission could have been a "favor" provided in exchange for the \$500 donation.

I'm not sure what technical expertise Mr. Stephenson has that would provide any credence to the points made in his letter. My guess is that Rocky Mountain Power drafted the contents of a letter they wanted Mr. Stephenson to send to the commission.

In the past few days, a comprehensive study funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and prepared by Berkeley Lab was released which appears to minimize the claims written in Mr. Stephenson's letter. I hope the commission and its staff has received and reviewed the Berkeley Labs study as it investigates net metering rate in Utah.

Sincerely,



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