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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity	DOCKET NO. 17-035-61 Vivint Solar Comments on Opening Statements and Witness Summaries
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On August 14, 2020 Vote Solar requested the Public Service Commission of Utah allow parties in this docket to give opening statements and witnesses to be able to give brief summaries of their testimony in the upcoming hearing. The Division of Public Utilities submitted responsive comments August 17, 2020 conditionally supporting Vote Solar’s request for opening statements if the Commission believes they would be useful and if they are limited to five minutes. The Division also supports Vote Solar’s request that witnesses be allowed to summarize their testimony but recommended that summaries also be limited to five minutes.

Vivint Solar supports the request for opening statements. Any party who believes an opening statement would be helpful to the Commission should be allowed to make one. Vivint Solar also supports the request that witnesses be allowed to summarize their testimony. That has been the practice before the Commission. Many years ago, the Commission asked for witness summaries in lieu of witnesses laboriously reading all their testimony into the record before cross examination. Vivint Solar, however, strongly disagrees with the Division’s suggestion to limit summaries to five minutes. That simply is inadequate, particularly in a docket like this one that

will determine the future of an industry in Utah. It is also not in the public interest because it could result in a poorer quality record on which the Commission can base their decisions.

Generally, there has been no need to limit summaries. Hearings usually proceed at a good pace, and when a witness has become too verbose, the Commission has asked that witness to conclude. Vivint Solar recommends the Commission continue their practice of not imposing an artificial limit on witness summaries, but if the Commission concludes there should be a limit, it should be no shorter than 15 minutes for each witness.

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I certify that on August 17, 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing comments of Vivint Solar in Docket No. 17-035-61 to be served electronically on the following:

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