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SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF ALBERT J. LEE, PH.D.

ON BEHALF OF

VOTE SOLAR

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. Please state your name, business address, and title.

3 A. My name is Albert J. Lee. My business address is 601 New Jersey Avenue NW, Suite 400,

- 4 Washington, DC 20001. I am the Founding Partner and Economist at Summit Consulting,
- 5 LLC. I provided my full qualifications and CV in my Revised Affirmative Testimony filed
 6 May 8, 2020.
- 7 Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?
- 8 A. I am submitting this surrebuttal testimony on behalf of Vote Solar.
- 9 II. BACKGROUND

10 Q. Have you previously submitted testimony before the Utah Public Service Commission 11 ("PSC" or "Commission")?

12 Yes, I submitted testimony in Phase 1 of this docket on April 10, 2018 based on my review A. of the statistical sample design proposed by Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP" or the 13 14 "Company") for capturing the deliveries, production, and export statistics for commercial 15 and residential customer generation ("CG") in the state of Utah. I provided live testimony 16 regarding my opinions at the Phase 1 hearing of this proceeding on April 17, 2018. I 17 submitted Affirmative Testimony in Phase 2 of this matter on March 3, 2020 and Revised Affirmative Testimony on May 8, 2020 ("Lee Revised Affirmative"). Additionally, I 18 19 submitted Rebuttal Testimony in Phase 2 of this matter on July 15, 2020 ("Lee Rebuttal").

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III. SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS TESTIMONIES

21 Q. Please summarize the Lee Testimony submitted on April 10, 2018.

- 22 A. In my 2018 testimony, I was asked to review RMP's proposed load research study ("LRS").¹ That study was carried out by RMP and became, in part, the basis for the LRS 23 relied upon in the Direct Testimony of Robert Davis submitted on March 3, 2020 on 24 behalf of the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") (the "Davis Direct").² In my 2018 25 26 testimony, I pointed out that the sample design was inappropriate because it omits a part 27 of the population of interest, incorrectly combines two sample designs, unnecessarily uses systematic rather than simple random sampling within each strata, and was likely too 28 small for the specified precision.³ 29 Were the statistical sampling issues you identified accounted for in the final LRS? 30 **O**. 31 No. The issues were not adequately addressed, as I explained further in my rebuttal A. 32 testimony. As a result, the conclusions and extrapolations derived from that sample, 33 including by Mr. Davis in his testimony in this proceeding, are not reliable. 34 Q. Please summarize the Lee Testimony submitted on May 8, 2020. 35 In the Lee Testimony, I was asked (1) to collect and analyze data from residential and A. commercial CG customers in RMP's Utah service territory pursuant to the independent 36
- 37 study described more fully below and (2) to calculate the state-wide estimates for
- 38 production and exports for CG in the state of Utah.

¹ I submitted this testimony on April 10, 2018 as part of Phase I Docket No. 17-035-61. Vote Solar, *Rebuttal Testimony of Albert J. Lee*, Apr. 10, 2018 (*"Lee 2018 Rebuttal"*), lines 21-27.

² See Davis Direct, lines 35-45, 101-17.

³ See Lee 2018 Rebuttal, lines 40-50, for the summary of my opinions in that testimony.

39 With respect to the second item, to estimate residential and commercial solar production 40 for 2019, I developed two statistical models based on the 2019 data: one model for estimating production and one model for estimating exports.⁴ To develop the production 41 model, I relied on the data collected by Vote Solar's opt-in questionnaire and through the 42 43 meters sampled as part of RMP's LRS. To develop the export model, I relied on the data 44 from the sampled meters from RMP's LRS and a file containing monthly totals by 45 customer produced by RMP's internal database. My rationale for calculating production 46 totals as well as export totals was to align with the purpose of the RMP LRS, which 47 according to Mr. Elder was "to better understand the intertemporal relationship between relationship between PG, delivered energy, exported energy, and the full requirements 48 energy."⁵ Not only does the inclusion of the production totals closer align with the intent 49 50 of the sample selection, but it also provides a pathway for calculating the savings realized 51 by RMP due to the power generated by the solar customers. In other words, the more 52 energy produced by solar customers, the fewer deliveries needed from RMP, and likely 53 the more energy returned to the grid.

Q. Please summarize your analysis in the Lee Rebuttal submitted on July 15, 2020
regarding the MacNeil Report.

A. I found that using the proposed export credit rates ("Schedule 137") contained in the
MacNeil Testimony, the export credits reduce dramatically for the typical residential
customer. As stated in my rebuttal, the proposed rates would be so low that RMP's

⁴ Both models were developed and run in a professional statistical software program called Stata. Stata is widely used in academia and industry for statistical estimation. For those who do not use Stata, publicly available and free translators exist to translate the data to other formats. Furthermore, I understand from counsel that Vote Solar also provided a link to access the Stata software and provided the code files in simple text format as well as Stata format. ⁵ RMP, *Direct Testimony of Kenneth Lee Elder, Jr.*, Feb. 15, 2018 (*"Elder Direct"*), lines 26-28.

59		proposed fees of \$310 would far exceed the credits a customer would earn over their first
60		three years of exporting energy to RMP. In essence, the typical customer would be
61		paying to export energy back to the grid. ⁶ In addition, while the Schedule 137 proposal
62		does allow for higher credits during certain "peak" hours, these peak rates would still not
63		allow for the recovery of RMP's proposed fees. Per my calculations, it would require
64		approximately two years for customer generators to start earning credits in excess of
65		these fees even if all hours were compensated at RMP's "peak" rate. ⁷
66		As an extension to the number of years of export credits to cover the cost of fees in my
67		Rebuttal, I calculated the number of years before export credits cover the cost of initial
68		fees and installation costs after accounting for state (\$1,200) and federal (22%) tax
69		credits, per EnergySage. ⁸ Assuming a 6kW unit, the estimated installation cost after state
70		and federal incentives is \$13,057. With \$94 dollars in export credits per year for an
71		average consumer, it would take 142 years' worth of export credits to cover the initial
72		fees and costs.9 Assuming the installation costs and accounting for avoided consumption,
73		it would take approximately 26 years to cover the initial fees and installation costs. ¹⁰
74	Q.	Please summarize your analysis in the Lee Rebuttal submitted on July 15, 2020
75		regarding the Davis Report.
76		I found (i) the RMP sample used by Mr. Davis failed to correct for the statistical
77		sampling errors I previously pointed out (e.g., the omission of Schedule 136 customers

⁶ Vote Solar, *Rebuttal Testimony of Albert J. Lee*, July 15, 2020 ("*Lee Rebuttal*"), lines 328-38.

⁷ Lee Rebuttal, lines 328-338.

⁸ EnergySage, Solar Panel Cost in Utah, https://www.energysage.com/local-data/solar-panel-cost/UT/ (last updated Sept. 9, 2020). ⁹ Exhibit 1-AJL.

 $^{^{10}}$ *Id*.

78 for the production data and the small sample size for the Schedule 135 data), and as a 79 result cannot be used to precisely calculate exports and production, (ii) Mr. Davis failed 80 to properly weight the sample, thus making the total export figures he calculated 81 incorrect, and (iii) Mr. Davis did not use the actual export figures provided by RMP to 82 perform a check on his extrapolated export totals. In addition, I found that the precision 83 of the RMP sample used in the Davis Direct was inadequate according to the standards 84 set forth by Mr. Davis, despite Mr. Davis claiming that the sample met the prescribed precision statistics.¹¹ 85

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86 IV. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

87 Q. What is the purpose of this surrebuttal testimony?

A. The purpose of this surrebuttal testimony is to respond to the rebuttal reports of RMP
witness Mr. Daniel J. MacNeil ("MacNeil Rebuttal") and DPU witness Mr. Robert A.
Davis ("Davis Rebuttal"), filed on July 15, 2020.

91 V.

SUMMARY OF OPINIONS

92 Q. Have the criticisms of your report in the MacNeil Rebuttal Testimony or the Davis
 93 Rebuttal Testimony caused you to change your opinions as expressed in your direct
 94 testimony?

95 A. No. My opinions remain unchanged. In particular, the analysis and extrapolations I
 96 performed regarding solar production and exports in the Lee Testimony provide reliable

¹¹ See Lee Rebuttal, lines 47-58.

97 and precise estimates of solar production and export in Utah, both by month and by hour98 of the day.

99 Q. Did the MacNeil Rebuttal Testimony or the Davis Rebuttal Testimony cause you to
100 change your criticisms of them, as expressed in your rebuttal report of July 15?

101 A. No.

- 102 VI. POPULATION OF INTEREST
- 103 Q. Do you agree with Mr. MacNeil that Schedule 135 customers are different than
 104 Schedule 136 customers?
- 105 A. Yes, that was the impetus for me including a variable in my export and production
- 106 models accounting for the type of customer for the respective unit included in the model.
- 107 Q. Given Mr. MacNeil's critique that Schedule 135 and Schedule 136 customers are
- 108 different and your agreement with that assumption, do you think including them in
- 109 your analyses was appropriate?
- 110 A. Yes, I believe it was appropriate for the following two reasons:
- Since Schedule 135 customers are part of the CG population, it is proper to include
 them in the calculation, and
- 1132. I accounted for their inherent differences through the inclusion of a schedule114identifier variable in my models.
- 115 Q. Given your agreement with Mr. MacNeil that Schedule 135 and Schedule 136
- 116 customers are different, do you and he agree that Mr. Davis erred by excluding
- 117 Schedule 136 customers?
- 118 A. Yes. It appears that Mr. MacNeil and I agree that Mr. Davis erred by failing to include
- 119 Schedule 136 customers in the sample he used to extrapolate population-wide production

data. In my opinion, this renders Mr. Davis's analysis flawed and unreliable, and Mr.
MacNeil implicitly agrees with this conclusion by acknowledging the differences
between Schedule 135 and 136 customers and using Schedule 136 customers in his own
analysis.

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VII.

SOLAR GENERATION DATA

125 **Q.** Can you explain what a convenience sample is?

A convenience sample is one in which only some portion of the population is included in 126 A. 127 the survey because it is easy to be reached. For example, if I wanted to estimate the 128 average salary of statistical consultants in Washington, DC, I might only survey the employees of Summit Consulting.¹² Convenience samples are also referred to as "non-129 probability samples." Under this sampling design, I would not be able to provide any 130 131 statistically valid estimates for average statistical consulting salaries in Washington, DC 132 because I only made the ability for individuals near to me to be included in the sample, 133 and those included in the sampled were not sampled at random. Based on this lack of 134 randomness, I would be unable to calculate accurate and justifiable sampling weights. 135 Do you agree with Mr. Davis's assertion that the Vote Solar study is a convenience **O**.

- 136 sample?
- 137 A. No. The Vote Solar data began with a mail survey to 100% of solar customers (*i.e.*,
- 138 census). In other words, each solar customer in RMP's database was contacted and
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provided an opportunity to participate in the study. This approach contrasts with the

¹² See, e.g., Morris H. Hansen, William N. Hurwitz, and William G. Madow, Sample Survey Methods and Theory, Vol. 1, 1993, p. 71.

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definition of a convenience sample because the full population and not simply a subset of the population had the ability to participate in a study.

142 **Q.** Does the voluntary nature of the responses affect the data in any way?

143 Because responses were voluntary, the Vote Solar study was subject to potential selection A. 144 bias, where those whose data was collected might not be fully representative of those whose data was not collected.¹³ William Cochran, in his seminal text Sampling 145 146 Techniques, addresses studies like the Vote Solar and RMP studies, where "the sample consists essentially of volunteers."¹⁴ He states that "under the right conditions ... these 147 148 models can give useful results" but that "they are not amenable to the development of a sampling theory" without appropriate modeling.¹⁵ In other words, application of standard 149 150 sampling extrapolation formulas may not work. Instead, a model is needed to correct for 151 possible biases. I addressed the potential issue of selection bias through a design-based 152 approach, where I adjusted for location, weather, time of day, month of the year, and other factors through a regression model.¹⁶ Though also subject to selection bias, RMP's 153 154 study did not make any adjustments or analysis to account for the potential issue of 155 selection bias. In essence, RMP's LRS ignores this critique and treated the results as if they were from a statistically random sample.¹⁷ In contrast, my model appropriately 156 acknowledged and explicitly corrected for possible selection biases. 157

¹³ See Steven K. Thompson, Sampling, 1992, p. 5.

¹⁴ William G. Cochran., Sampling Techniques, 1997, p. 10.

¹⁵ *Id.* at note 12, p. 10.

¹⁶ See Steven K. Thompson, Sampling, 1992, p. 6.

¹⁷ Davis Rebuttal, lines 146-47 implies that the LRS is a "stratified random sampling of existing CG customers," but the voluntary nature of the responses means that "non-response" needs to be considered.

158	Q.	Can you describe why the RMP data was not a stratified random sample?
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159	A.	Although the Davis Testimony claims the RMP data was a stratified random sample, that
160		is incorrect for the reasons discussed in the Lee Rebuttal. Mathematically, a stratified
161		random sample must cover the entire population. Since a portion of the data collected
162		through RMP's LRS (i.e., production) was not collected for Schedule 136 customers, the
163		sample is not a stratified random sample since it did not cover the full population of
164		interest. ¹⁸ Operationally, the RMP sample is a systematic sample within strata and
165		therefore not a standard stratified random sample, which uses simple random sampling
166		within each stratum. ¹⁹ As stated in my April 2018 rebuttal, this approach to selecting the
167		sample is less flexible when compared to a random sample approach for situations like
168		this when, practically, the sample size needs to be expanded to meet the precision
169		requirements.
170	Q.	Can you explain why your estimates are better than the estimates from Mr. Davis?
171	A.	Yes. First, the model I used to estimate exports included more than 28.8 million
172		observations and accounted for differences in schedule type, time of the year, and system
173		location. Second, both the RMP LRS and my estimation models depend on data that

174 could be subject to selection bias, I correct for potential bias while the estimates produced

based on RMP's LRS do not. Also, my estimates for exports are very close to the actual

¹⁸ See Vote Solar, Revised Affirmative Testimony of Albert J Lee, Jr., May 8, 2020 ("Lee Revised Affirmative"), lines 73-76.

¹⁹ Lee Revised Affirmative, lines 80-83. Systematic sampling is different than simple random sampling. In a systematic sampling of n items out of a population of N, a frequency k=N/n is determined. Then, every kth item is selected. For a simple random sample, n items are randomly selected. Systematic samples can be subject to issues that do not appear in simple random samples.

176	figures for 2019. ²⁰ Third, when comparing my estimates to Mr. Davis's estimates, I
177	found that my estimates for the Original 36 and Schedule 135 customers were
178	approximately 25 times greater because Mr. Davis used incorrect sampling weights for
179	producing total exports. Fourth, as shown in the table below, the average margin of error
180	as a percentage of the export population estimates for the Schedule 135 Residential,
181	Schedule 135 Commercial, and Original 36 customers ranged between and and
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²⁰ Table 15 in Mr. Davis's March 3, 2020 testimony gives RMP total exports at gigawatts. Davis Direct, lines 288-289 (Table 15). My estimated totals, provided in Exhibit 1 of my Rebuttal Report, are within to f the RMP totals. My estimates use installed capacity as of the end of 2019, thus are not intended to exactly approximate 2019 exports, but are instead meant to estimate what exports would have been with the entirety of installed capacity as of December 31, 2019. This distinction does not make a large difference. ²¹ Peak hours are between 12PM and 3:00PM. The sample was designed to meet a margin of en or of +/- 10% at a

^{95%} confidence level.

184Table 1: Average Margins of Error of Mr. Davis's Estimates by Populat			Davis's Estimates by Population ²²
		Type of Customer	Average Margin of Error (During Peak Hours ²³
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186		In contrast, the export model I produced had a	margin of error less than .24 Fifth, my
187		estimates include production estimates that ena	able the creation of "a representative
188		generation profile" in keeping with RMP's init	tial plans. ²⁵
189	VIII	. LEE'S STATISTICAL MODELS	
190	Q.	Please describe the Davis Rebuttal's crit	icism regarding the reliability of your
191		statistical models.	
192	A.	Above I demonstrated that, contrary to the Day	vis Rebuttal, my models are not based on
193		convenience samples. The Davis Rebuttal also	o claims that the R-squared of my models
194		do not indicate their reliability and that anomal	lies in the data indicated the models may
195		not be reliable. ²⁶ As I explain in detail above ((for convenience samples) and below (for
196		regression analysis), both these criticisms are i	ncorrect. Instead, the statistical results
197		prove that the models I employed improve pro	duction and export estimates in a
198		statistically significant way beyond simply using	ng the average customer production and
199		export figures. This is specifically due to the r	numerous considerations that I made
200		through regression modeling, such as accounting	ng for the weather, hour of the day,

²² Only 7 of the 468 (approximately 1.5%) met the precision requirements as prescribed by Elder's design.
²³ Exhibit 2-AJL. Calculations performed in Workpapers 13-, 14-, and 15-AJL.
²⁴ Exhibit 3-ALJ. Calculations performed in Workpaper 16-AJL.

²⁵ RMP, Redacted Rebuttal Testimony of Kenneth Lee Elder, Jr., Apr. 11, 2018 ("Elder 2018 Rebuttal"), lines 217-22. ²⁶ Davis Rebuttal, lines 102-32.

201 location, and other factors. The model output provided in my work papers showed the
202 details regarding the intuitiveness of my results and the statistical significance of each
203 model's inputs.

Can you explain why you disagree with the criticism of the Davis Rebuttal

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regarding R-squared?

206 A. The R-squared of a regression is a simple measure of the percentage of variability 207 explained by the model. The Davis Rebuttal incorrectly states that "an R-Squared value of 0.6 to 0.7 is a low indicator of the model's ability to explain the dependent variable."²⁷ 208 209 Instead, the text simply states that R-squared is one of many measures and the text is silent regarding how high an R-squared should be.²⁸ As noted in my previous reports and 210 211 work papers, I found the R-squared for the production and export models to be 74% and 212 60%, respectively. These R-squared values are statistically significant and imply more than half of the variability in exports and production in individual solar units is explained 213 using the models.²⁹ Over my twenty-plus years of building, reconstructing, and 214 215 independently reviewing statistical models, an R-squared at these levels, combined with 216 statistical significance, implies the model is substantially better than using a simpler 217 approach that does not involve using a regression model.

²⁷ Davis Rebuttal, lines 105-06.

²⁸ See Davis Rebuttal, note 13 ("The general advice is not to rely too much on the value of \mathbb{R}^2 . It is simply one measure of the adequacy of a model. It is more important to judge a model by whether the signs of the regression coefficients agree with economic theory, intuition, and the past experience of the investigator.").

²⁹ Davis was unable to independently test the veracity of the models produced because he did not have the appropriate software to access the files. Had he been able to do so, he would have been able to see the reliability of the models through the statistical significance of key model variables. As previously noted, the software used was Stata, which is known and proven statistical software package normally used in performing statistical analysis.

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Q. Can you explain why you disagree with the Davis Rebuttal criticism that anomalies in the data indicate the model is not reliable?

220 The Davis Rebuttal identified the fact that there were instances where exports were Α. greater than production in Vote Solar Exhibit 1-AJL 3-6-2020.³⁰ Based on my 221 222 experience working with administrative databases in private and public sectors and the research I've performed, a small number of outliers and data errors are expected.³¹ For 223 224 example, Mr. Davis notes in his direct testimony that he found errors in the raw RMP 225 LRS data that resulted in export data being present when production data was not, and the results were adjusted by deleting certain instances of such anomalies.³² The Davis Direct 226 227 Testimony nonetheless concludes that "the missing data intervals were relatively infrequent and did not appear to have any significant effect on the results."³³ The data 228 anomalies I observed were similar and affected a small fraction of the data. Specifically, 229 instances the Davis Rebuttal refers to are among the **second** hour and day 230 the combinations for which production and exports were estimated, and thus represent only 231 of all data values.³⁴ When comparing the export totals without forcing the values to 232 be equal to or less than production to the values provided in my report, I found that total 233 exports were reduced by approximately due to this capping. In addition to being 234 235 inconsistent between LRS data anomalies and Vote Solar ones, the Davis Rebuttal

³⁰ The Davis Rebuttal incorrectly references **mathematical structures** instances from an outdated version of my Affirmative Testimony. *Davis Rebuttal*, lines 112-13. As stated in my Revised Affirmative Testimony, there are 276 instances of data anomalies.

³¹ See, e.g., Roxanne Connelly, Christopher Playford, Vernon Gayle, and Chris Dibben, *The role of administrative data in the big data revolution in social science research*, Social Science Research, 59 (2016): 1-12. ³² Davis Direct, lines 149-62.

³³ Id. at lines 161-62.

³⁴ This is calculated from Exhibit 1 of my affirmative testimony, cited in the Davis Rebuttal, line 108.

236		incorrectly s	tates that these unexpect	ted values are a "conseq	uence of a model with
237		limited predi	ictive value that over-pr	edicts exports in some in	nstances." ³⁵ The Davis
238		Rebuttal is in	ncorrectly implying that	a model that sometimes	over-predicts is therefore
239		unreliable.	This claim is unjustified	because any real-word	model will at times predict
240		values that a	re too high and sometim	nes predict values that ar	e too low. What
241		distinguishes	s a good model is that th	e high and low prediction	ons average out, so that there
242		is no bias. F	furthermore, nothing in t	he Davis Rebuttal impli	es that the Lee models are in
243		any way bias	sed.		
244	Q.	The Davis F	Rebuttal states that the	re is no evidence that t	here are differences
245		between Scl	hedule 135 and Schedu	le 136 customers. ³⁶ Do	you agree?
246	A.	No. As I po	inted out in the Lee Reb	uttal, the differences bet	ween nameplate capacities of
247		Schedule 13	5 and Schedule 136 are	statistically significant. ³	⁷ The table below provides
248		the comparis	son of the average name	plate capacities between	the schedules of customers.
249		Table 2: A	verage Nameplate Cap	acities by Schedule &	Type of Customer ³⁸
		Type of	Average Schedule	Average Schedule	Difference in
		Customer	135 Capacities (kW)	136 Capacities (kW)	Average Capacities
		Residential			
250		Customer			
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251		The graph be	elow shows the compari	son of the average age (calculated as the number of
252		days since in	nstallation for each unit i	in the population and Ja	nuary 1, 2020) between the
253		Schedule 13	5 and Schedule 136 cust	omers based on the type	e of customer. As shown, the

³⁵ Davis Rebuttal, lines 132-34.
³⁶ Davis Rebuttal, lines 140-43.
³⁷ Lee Rebuttal, lines 214-22.
³⁸ Exhibit 4-AJL.

254 Residential Schedule 135 figure far exceeds the number of days for the Schedule 136

255 customers (*i.e.*, Residential – approximately 3.5 times & Commercial – 4.5).



259	The MacNeil Rebuttal also points out that Schedule 136 customers might be closer to
260	future Schedule 137 customers than they are to Schedule 135 customers, thus tacitly
261	disagreeing with the Davis Rebuttal and implying that the limited RMP study of Schedule
262	135 customers is inadequate, as I have already concluded in the Lee Rebuttal. ⁴⁰ The
263	MacNeil Rebuttal criticism, if correct, would mean my models are conservative, since
264	they use a weighted average of current installations. ⁴¹ According to Mr. Davis's
265	statement in his April 2018 testimony, "Bias may be added to the study due to system
266	degradation because older, grandfathered systems, and newer transition customer systems

³⁹ Id.

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⁴⁰ MacNeil Rebuttal, lines 166-81.

⁴¹ Thus, to the extent that Schedule 137 customers produce and export more electricity, my model is conservative in its estimates. However, I see no reason to speculate as to the exact nature of future installed capacity, and therefore I simply use the currently installed solar for my estimates.

267		will differ in performance." ⁴² In addition, Mr. Peterson in his Direct Testimony in March
268		2018 acknowledges, based on the vintage of the solar units, that older units could
269		experience "some degree of technological obsolescence or other systematic differences
270		from the new sample. ³⁴³
271	Q.	How does Mr. Davis's refusal to account for the differences in the Schedule 135 and
272		Schedule 136 customers impact his analysis?
273	А.	Based on the review of the Davis report, he is unable to produce the Full Requirements
274		estimate for the entire Utah CG customer base because of the lack of production data for
275		the Schedule 136 customers, and then not adjusting the Full Requirement figures in his
276		report to account for their inherent differences.
277	Q.	Do the RMP experts dispute the values your model produces related to this
278		proceeding?
279	А.	No. Both the Davis Rebuttal and the MacNeil Rebuttal acknowledge that my export
280		estimates appear to comport with RMP's data at a high level. ⁴⁴ However, because of the
281		larger sample size used for my model, as well as the various adjustments I used, my
282		figures are highly likely to be more precise. ⁴⁵

⁴² Davis Direct, lines 104-06.

 ⁴³ DPU, Direct Testimony Phase One of Charles E. Peterson, Mar. 22, 2018 ("Peterson Direct"), lines 112-14.
 ⁴⁴ MacNeil Rebuttal, lines 152-56 and Davis Rebuttal, lines 153-54.

⁴⁵ The statistical significance of the regression models indicates that they have higher precision than a simple extrapolation without adjustments. Regarding sample size, all else being equal, the margin of errors is generally inversely proportional to the square root of the sample size. For example, formulations and discussion of sampling error, see Arnold I. Barnett, Applied Statistics: Models and Intuition, 2015, p. 194.

283 IX. CONCLUSION

284	Q.	What are your concluding thoughts when considering the criticisms levied by the
285		MacNeil and Davis reports?
286	А.	My conclusions considering Mr. MacNeil's criticisms are as follows:
287		1. The inclusion of the Schedule 135 customers in the population of interest used in
288		my analyses comports with the initial purpose of the RMP study design by Mr.
289		Elder.
290		2. The correction I used in my models by accounting for different customers allowed
291		me to ensure my models effectively quantified the inherent differences between
292		the Schedule 135 and Schedule 136 customers.
293		3. The further examination I performed on the solar cost recovery analysis for the
294		typical Utah customer provided an additional reason to conclude Mr. MacNeil's
295		export credit rate determination is unreasonable.
296		My conclusions considering Mr. Davis's criticisms are as follows:
297		1. It is a mischaracterization to call the Vote Solar LRS sample a convenience
298		sample because each solar generating customer in Utah had a greater than zero
299		chance to be included.
300		2. Since participation is voluntary, my model-based approach accounts for the
301		differences between the Schedule 135 and Schedule 136 customers and other
302		characteristics.
303		3. Davis used incorrect sampling weights, thus making the export estimates
304		produced by my models have a higher statistical validity.

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305		4. The reliability of the models I produced is evidenced by the R-squared statistics
306		and the number of statistically significant predictors.
307		5. The precision of the export model I produced demonstrates a higher degree of
308		precision than Mr. Davis's estimates produce.
309	Q.	Do the opinions from the Lee Affirmative Testimony and Lee Rebuttal Testimony
310		remain unchanged?
311	A.	Yes.
312	Q.	Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?
313	A.	Yes

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