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Please refer to Exhibit A “2018 Subscriber Solar Summary Report”. Generation Status indicates a cost for generation purchased of \$5,209,167.60 and generation sold at \$4,811,260.92 leaving \$397,926.67 of generation purchased but not sold to program participants. Please identify the source of funding (Payment) for the \$397,926.67 portion of the generation purchased but not sold to program participants.

Response to OCS Data Request 1.3

Under the terms of the Public Service Commission of Utah’s order issued October 21, 2015 in Docket 15-035-61, the amended settlement stipulation states the solar facility resource will be included as a Utah-situs resource in net power costs (NPC). The generation costs of the solar resource are compared to the generation charges paid by solar subscriber customers and the difference is either recovered from, or credited back, to Utah customers through the Energy Balancing Account (EBA).

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Cost of generation on the dashboard spreadsheet is \$5,206,267.59 vs generation purchased amount of \$5,209,167.60 on the Summary Report. Please explain the discrepancy.

Response to OCS Data Request 1.4

This is due to rounding. The figure on the dashboard spreadsheet (\$5,206,267.59) is the correct amount from all invoices paid. The amount shown on the summary worksheet is derived through a calculation of the average cost of kWh based on the contracted price of the power purchase agreement (PPA). A corrected copy of the dashboard is included as Attachment OCS 1.4 with updated cells highlighted.

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Please refer to the Subscriber Solar Credit – Excess Energy Valuation. The chart indicates that calculations to determine the value of excess energy “uses volumetric winter and summer energy prices for on-peak and off-peak hours for non-levelized base load facilities”. 2018 Winter (Oct-May) Advice No. 17-08 and 2018 Summer (Jun-Sep) Docket 17-035-T07

The Schedule 37 energy prices do not match the base load non-levelized prices from Docket 17-035-T07. (Note that Advice No. 17-08 is in Docket No. 07-035-T07). It appears that the calculations were made using Schedule 37 Tracking Solar Facility, Effective: July 1, 2018 from the Company’s website.

Please reconcile and explain these differences and if appropriate provide a replacement Subscriber Solar Credit – Excess Energy Valuation page.

Response to OCS Data Request 2.1

The calculations were made using the effective rate at the time of the donation. The docket references and description shown in the Solar Credit Excess Energy Valuation were inadvertently left from a previous non-related filing and should be replaced with “Prices effective January 2019.” The reference to base load facilities has also been updated with ‘non-levelized tracking solar facilities.’ An updated copy of the dashboard was provided with the Company’s response to OCS Data Request 1.4, specifically Attachment OCS 1.4 with updated cells highlighted.