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Utah Public Service Commission  
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Attention: Julie Orchard  
RE: Docket 06-999-03 – Net Metering

Consistent with the provisions contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Utah Public Service Commission is required to consider five new federal standards relative to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) issued a memorandum to the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) dated February 26, 2007 regarding the Net Metering standard. The Division recommended, “*that the PSC find that Utah Code, Title 54-15 is equivalent and satisfies the “grandfathered” provision of the PURPA law regarding consideration of a standard. Therefore, Utah meets the obligation regarding the Net Metering Standard under PURPA.*” The Utah Rural Electric Association and its Members participated in the development of Title 54-15 and concurs with this recommendation of the Division.

During technical conferences for Docket 06-999-03 it was noted that Rocky Mountain Power is the only electric utility over which the Utah Public Service Commission has ratemaking authority. Under Utah law the locally elected board of directors at each cooperative determines the level of rates and charges to cooperative members. Each cooperative serving in the state of Utah, is required to hold public meetings, receive approval from the board of directors and any applicable federal regulator, and file its tariffs with the Commission.

Wells Rural Electric Company will continue to work with and educate their members in those applications where Net Metering is an appropriate and desirable option.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Clay Fitch  
CEO