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TO: The Public Service Commission of Utah

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FROM: Solar Nation

RE: Public comments, Docket No.09-999-12, Notice of Investigation and Procedural Order in the Matter of an Investigation Regarding Third-Party Arrangements for Renewable Energy Generation

DATE: November 16, 2009

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept the following comments in response to the Notice of Investigation and Procedural Order issued on October 12, 2009 in Docket No.09-999-12. Solar Nation Inc. is an integrator of photovoltaic solar technology. We were founded in part in Utah, and have operations in Utah, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. Accordingly, we have a direct interest in seeing clarification into this matter that is very important to the renewable industry as a whole. We thank you for the time and consideration that you as a commission have spent to understand these issues and for the opportunity that you have granted us for input.

We sell, finance and install solar panel systems, (frequently referred to as solar arrays) in the western United States. As a result of our position within the industry, we see how critical financing is for the end-user and/or consumer. Third party financing through power purchase agreements ("PPA" or "PPA's") has become a critical tool in the renewable energy industry due, in part, to the difficulty in obtaining traditional forms of financing.

We do not wish to offer an opinion into the interpretation of the existing statutes or regulations on point. What we wish to say is that third party financing through PPA's is an excellent way to encourage private investment into systems that generate electricity through renewable sources. This private investment, done in conjunction with an investor owned utility, allows states such as Utah to meet renewable portfolio goals with fewer burdens placed directly on the utility in terms of capital costs.

In conclusion, we suppose any initiative that would allow for PP's to be allowed without the direct involvement of the Public Services Commission.

Solar Nation, Inc.