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 Dear Commissioners Boyer, Allen, and Campbell and Public Service  
 Commission Staff,

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On behalf of Utah Clean Energy, we'd like to commend you for your vision and leadership demonstrated in your recent ruling on Docket No. 08-035-78 -In the Matter of the Consideration of Changes to Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule No. 135 - Net Metering Service, issued February 12, 2009.

We greatly appreciate your time, effort, and careful consideration of a number of complex issues on this critically important matter.

This truly historic ruling removes some serious barriers to distributed renewable energy and will undoubtedly serve to encourage more citizens and businesses to consider installing clean, renewable energy systems. Additionally, your ruling sends a strong message that Utah is "open for business" for clean energy development, inviting jobs, industries, and new economic growth in a time when we need it most. What's more, as a result of your decision, Utah went from being behind the curve on distributed generation to "setting a new high bar for other states to follow", in the words of one national clean energy advocate.

To give you an idea of how important and appreciated your ruling is, I will share with you a few comments we have received as feedback as we have spread the word about the exciting net metering ruling:

"What a historic ruling. We will do our part to make sure the rest of the nation recognizes and emulates Utah's leadership."

- Thomas P. Kimbis, Director, Solar America Cities, Solar Program, U.S. Department of Energy

"Such a milestone. Your hard work and diligence leads the way in Utah and throughout the country!"

- Margie Bates, Project Officer, U.S. Department of Energy

"Thank you for helping to set a new high bar for surrounding states."

- Kevin Fox, Interstate Renewable Energy Council

"Congrats for this significant achievement"

- Jeff Edwards, CEO, EDC Utah

"Congratulations! This is a hard-won victory!"

- Mayor Dana Williams, Park City and Diane Foster, Sustainability Coordinator, Park City

"I was so excited last week that I did a short blog post on it

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- Gwen Rose, Vote Solar Initiative

As you can see, the kudos on this effort are echoing throughout the country and the state.

A recent Deseret News Article by Jasen Lee highlights the changes to Utah's Net Metering:

PSC order may jolt solar power usage

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705285019,00.html>

<<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705285019,00.html>> , and we plan to submit a media release in the coming days to garner additional public attention around this outstanding ruling.

Thank you again. We appreciate your service to Utah.

Sincerely,

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