

June 16, 2008

Tom Plant
Executive Director, Governor's Energy Office
1580 Logan Street, Suite 100
Denver, CO 80203

Re: April 11, 2008 Letter to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Dear Mr. Plant:

I am writing in reference to the above mentioned letter to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission of which your office was mailed a copy. To summarize the letter briefly, a small group of individuals and businesses in the San Luis Valley have installed or are in the process of building a total of 13 10KW solar photo voltaic systems which are tied in with the electrical grid network maintained by Xcel Energy. Nearly all of these systems are connecting to Xcel's grid through SG commercial electric meters. The rate structure on the SG meters is such that an annual savings of only approximately \$627 per solar site can be generated compared to a savings of \$2500 to \$3000 that was promoted by Xcel Energy and other entities last year. This shortfall has created an economic hardship on our group whereby those who have already signed 20 year contracts with Xcel Energy will be out a substantial sum of money to keep the systems operational over the life of the contract while those who have not signed, will have a loss on individual capital invested in their respective projects to date.

As a group, we have already contacted Kathy Worthington and Mark Schwartz with the Colorado Xcel offices and Pam Newell with the Xcel corporate office with no results in correcting this economic shortfall for our 10KW solar photo voltaic systems. We would like to ask for your help in setting up a meeting with Xcel Energy executives to properly address this issue and obtain a workable resolution to the problem. As a possible remedy, we would like to ask Xcel Energy to classify our group of 13 10KW solar systems as a pilot project and to waive the demand portion of our SG electric meter tariff over the twenty year contract period required for connection to Xcel's energy grid. It was unfortunate that the Xcel Solar Rewards Program was promoted to our detriment but it is still possible to make this a Win-Win situation and realize the environmental benefits of our 13 systems producing a combined total of 273,000 KWh of "green energy" per year multiplied by a 20 year plus life expectancy of our solar sites.

Thank you,

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