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Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: RATE CASE EX-2010-0169

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for all your hard work in putting legs onto Proposition C. Missouri's voters look forward to a future with an increasing mix of clean renewable sources of energy. Your hard work paves the way for that future.

I am a member of MOSEIA and have participated in the drafting of the comments put forth to you by that organization. I am in full agreement with those comments and in particular, I would like to make a couple of points.

- 1) Energy in Missouri is comparatively cheap compared to many other states and we have not adopted conservation methods such as time-of-use metering or tiering adopted elsewhere. With the adoption of these methods, utility customers quickly realize that if they can conserve or offset during peak hours then they and best take advantage of energy offset programs such as solar to reduce their energy costs. In order to begin to move toward achieving our renewable targets in Missouri, incentives will be required. Purchasing electricity at retail rates, providing rebates and tax incentives, and establishing a SREC program which supports development of solar in Missouri remains critical for the development of renewable energy in Missouri and in meeting the hurdles set forth in Proposition C.
- 2) A point about >500 watt systems. We have customers with limited budgets, such as several firemen, that would like to offset their power purchase. Micro inverters coupled directly to solar modules 165w to 215w allow a scalable installation which can be installed then added to over time as these customer have more funds. Even with incentives, the adoption of solar is expensive for many people. Allowing >500 watt systems to be included would support the firemen, police, teachers, and others with limited budgets to participate and grow their participation.

- 3) Our business is in Springfield. We are surrounded by the Empire District. Allowing Empire to not participate in the mandated rules has resulted in lost sales for us and forced us to put our hiring plans on hold. It is not only us that is affected. It is also lost revenue for the business which we use- trucking companies which are very important here, electrical contractors, specialty supply houses such as electric and hardware supply, and equipment rental. All these businesses are hurting. Empire's not participating in the Proposition C's solar carve out not only hurts the solar installer/ dealers, but many others down the chain.

I personally appreciate all the hard work that you do and thank you for your service.

Best regards,

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