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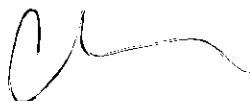
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In 2010, we made a substantive investment in solar PV as an alternative method of energy production at the above residence in an effort to be environmental sustainability as well as easing the high cost of electricity.

As one of the early adaptors to this energy producing system, I have seen the benefits for myself as well as for Belco

After reviewing the three scenarios that Mr. Madeiros had outlined to the Hon. Minister Dr. Gibbons, I have a difficult time understanding how Belco has been given free reign by the R.A. As a customer who fell under scenario 1, I strongly believe that changes in the proposed billing will be a disincentive to households considering cleaner energy sources and it flies in the face of what one would think the R. A should be doing, regulating energy production. To add insult to injury, we the customers are then being charged a "regulatory authority fee" by Belco, despite the company having generated another windfall profit for the fiscal year 2016.

In closing, I feel that RA should require Belco to continue with the full net metering scheme for all current and future customers as an incentive to help produce clean, renewable energy.

Thank you in advance for allowing the opportunity to submit a submission.

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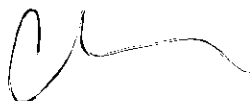
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From: "Gibbons, E. Grant" <eggibbons@gov.bm>
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 4:25 PM
To: Tim Madeiros <tim.madeiros@aes.bm>
Cc: "Rochester, Randy" <rerochester@gov.bm>, "Nikolai, Jeane" <jnikolai@gov.bm>, "Angela Berry (aberry@rab.bm)" <aberry@rab.bm>
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On September 1st you launched an enquiry into BELCO's proposal to adjust the rate and on October 11th 2016 the Energy Commission made its recommendations that:

1. The original net metering scheme is to be terminated on December 31st 2016 and all original (existing) PV producers should be migrated over to the avoided cost program effective January 1st 2017 – **Scenario 3**.
2. And *“traditional solar PV power purchase program should be adopted for both residential and commercial solar producers with the Belco avoided cost proposed rate of 0.1736 per kWh for new solar PV systems going forward”* **This is a Scenario 3 recommendation and actually penalizes solar clients by awarding belco more than they had applied for.**

On October 28th 2016 the new Energy Act came into force and all responsibility for the regulation of electricity transferred from the Energy Commission to the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda and also establishes a framework by which future investments in the production and sale of electricity will be evaluated and regulated

On the 13th February 2017 I received a letter from Belco stating in part:

"As you will be aware, on 28 October 2016, the Electricity Act 2016 (the "Act") became operative, and the Regulatory Authority for Bermuda (the "Authority") began to regulate the electricity sector in place of the former regulator, the Energy Commission (the "EC"). Pursuant to the Act, BELCO's request for approval of its new feed-in-tariff for new solar PV customers (the "Approval Request"), which had been pending before the EC, was transferred to the Authority for consideration. The Authority has only governed the electricity sector for a short time and is currently in transition. It is aware of BELCO's Approval Request, but to date, BELCO has not been granted any necessary approvals in connection with the Approval Request or the Matter and is unable to proceed with any schemes relating to either. We understand that the Authority is required to give due consideration to the Matter and the Approval Request before reaching any related decisions"

On the 3rd March 2017 the RA issued an Emergency General Determination that orders Belco to pay the owners of residential and commercial solar photovoltaic system for electricity any such systems puppy to Belco. The determination has immediate effect. Even though the letter states that full details are available on the RA website, nothing was found on the website until the 16th March. The Consultation document was issued on the 16th March.

During my call with Shelly last night she informed me that the RA had communicated to Belco on the 3rd March instructing Belco to adjust their billing structure to reflect Scenario 2 (ACEEN) but because they have a 30day notice period they could not apply the new rates until April's billing cycle. This allowed Belco time to engage with their vendor to write new scripts and programming to capture the ACEEN billing structure into their billing system. I am told that this adjustment to their billing system cost Belco a lot of time and money.

On Tuesday April 18th 2017 (2 days ago) the RA issued the Clarification Order. This order reflects Scenario 3 and is in direct conflict with the instructions given to Belco on how to bill their clients. This clarification comes 5 weeks after numerous emails from me to the RA asking for

clarification of rates and terminology on behalf of my clients. It was always my feeling that the language of the Emergency General Determination was unclear and ambiguous because the terms as I described above were not being used correctly.

As a result of the instructions that were given to Belco by the RA on how to bill, it has now come to light that Belco has dispensed incorrect information to clients and other members of the public on the actual Scenario that has been applied, therefore, the public and some of my clients who have taken the time to engage with Belco to seek clarity currently find themselves misinformed.

In light of this and in consideration of next steps I will make 2 requests on behalf of my clients.

1. That we may be able to meet with you to gain a better understanding of what scenario is being supported by the Government and why.
2. That additional time be allowed for the consultation period so that the public may accurately put together and informed submission.

Please let me know when you would be able to meet. I have bcc'd my client list onto this message and will forward your response to all.

Kind regards,
Tim

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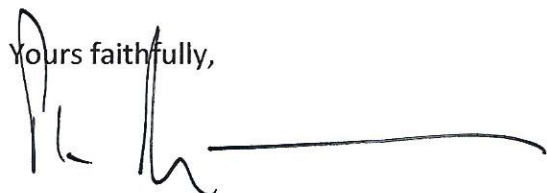
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Subject: FW: Rate Clarification Order - Belco

From: Tim Madeiros [<mailto:tim.madeiros@aes.bm>]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 5:28 PM

To: Tim Madeiros

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All,

Please see below the response from Minister Gibbons, this followed an extensive conversation on the matter. Thank you Minister for talking the time to discuss.

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Personally, I am grateful to everyone for their business and I look forward to rates that encourage further investment in the solar industry.

Thanks for your patience and please let me know if you have any further questions. Otherwise you can submit your responses directly to the RA.

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2. And “*traditional solar PV power purchase program should be adopted for both residential and commercial solar producers with the Belco avoided cost proposed rate of 0.1736 per kWh for new solar PV systems going forward*” **This is a Scenario 3 recommendation and actually penalizes solar clients by awarding belco more than they had applied for.**

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On the 13th February 2017 I received a letter from Belco stating in part:

"As you will be aware, on 28 October 2016, the Electricity Act 2016 (the "Act") became operative, and the Regulatory Authority for Bermuda (the "Authority") began to regulate the electricity sector in place of the former regulator, the Energy Commission (the "EC"). Pursuant to the Act, BELCO's request for approval of its new feed-in-tariff for new solar PV customers (the "Approval Request"), which had been pending before the EC, was transferred to the Authority for consideration.

The Authority has only governed the electricity sector for a short time and is currently in transition. It is aware of BELCO's Approval Request, but to date, BELCO has not been granted any necessary approvals in connection with the Approval Request or the Matter and is unable to proceed with any schemes relating to either. We understand that the Authority is required to give due consideration to the Matter and the Approval Request before reaching any related decisions"

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1. That we may be able to meet with you to gain a better understanding of what scenario is being supported by the Government and why.
2. That additional time be allowed for the consultation period so that the public may accurately put together and informed submission.

Please let me know when you would be able to meet. I have bcc'd my client list onto this message and will forward your response to all.

Kind regards,
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Sincerely,

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By hand

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Kiskadee Grove Home Owners Association
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May 12, 2017

Regulatory Authority of Bermuda
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Dear Sirs,

Consultation re EGD Solar Net Metering

Our development consists of six units with solar net metering in place with BELCO. Please find attached a copy of the detailed response to your consultation request, composed by BESolar. I wish to endorse, support and confirm their response.

Yours sincerely,

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