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Mr. Caisley:

Ethics within our membership and the solar industry in general is a high priority for our Association. This issue identified herein is even more pressing with your recent filing regarding the retail rate impact of the Renewable Energy Standard. We are concerned that there may have been a number of instances involving US Solar, a solar installer, submitting solar rebate applications that may be questionable. This issue was brought to KCPL's attention in 2012. We request you take immediate action and review the applications that they have filed and verify that they are accurate and properly describe the installed systems. If there are discrepancies, then we support you in taking any and all action necessary to protect the solar rebate program and your customers.

We chose to expel US Solar from our Association on 3/20/13 due to suspected ethics violations and possible unlawful actions. Our concerns include but are not limited to:

- Rebate checks sent directly from KCPL to US Solar and not to the account holder. We are unaware of other installers allowed this special treatment of receiving account holders' rebate checks.
- Inflation of rebate amount using false system ratings on rebate applications.

MOSEIA requests the following:

- KCPL immediately review the US Solar applications and take whatever steps are necessary to protect the solar rebate program and your customers to include if you determine necessary the suspension of US Solar and related entities from participating in the solar rebate program.
- Confirmation that any overpayment of rebates does not count against the retail rate impact.
- KCPL suspends any rebate or interconnection applications submitted by US Solar until a final determination can be made.

We are including a copy of an ethics complaint provided by one of US Solar and KCPL's customers, [REDACTED]. It clearly spells out what happened:

- US Solar provided a 8.46 kw system quote and copy of 8.46 kw rebate application to [REDACTED]
- US Solar submitted an application to KCPL for a 16.45 kw system, or a \$32,100 solar rebate
- US Solar installed a 8.46 kw system
- KCPL sent a check directly to US Solar, not [REDACTED] for \$32,100