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Colorado Public Utilities Commission  
1560 Broadway, Suite 250  
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Re: Disclosure Letter, Docket No. 08I-420ED

iCAST (International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology) submits this disclosure letter in Docket No. 08I-420ED pursuant to Commission Decision No. C08-0903, paragraph 21. This disclosure is being filed within two business days following a permitted ex parte communication with Commissioner Matt Baker. This letter states the time date and place of the meeting, lists those in attendance and summarizes the topics discussed. A 3 page document entitled, "Policy Drivers for A Green Economy", was provided by iCAST at the meeting.

On December 9, 2008, Ravi Malhotra, the Founder and Executive Director of iCAST, and Tony Munoz, Rate Analyst, met with Commissioner Matt Baker from 10am to 11am at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission Offices.

iCAST called this meeting to present ideas which will help the commission support Colorado Senate Bill 07-22, which has been passed, providing special consideration for low-income families. One option discussed is allowing third party ownership for solar systems under 10kW (the size of a typical household system). With this barrier removed there are several investors poised to invest in Colorado's economy and help make the installation, equipment and maintenance affordable for the majority of Coloradans. iCAST also encouraged the elimination of the utilities' demand charges. We need to provide low-income housing authorities and non-profits (such as homeless shelters), the ability to change their rate structure from a demand charge based rate (where 60% of their bill is tied to a demand charge that does not reduce even if they generate all of their electricity from solar) to a general rate (which is typically higher per Kwh), so that the energy savings through solar PV can help reduce the utility bills. Rural Electric Associations (REAs) will allow their customers to change to a rate structure that is most beneficial to their customer, but the state of Colorado does not allow the investor owned utilities, like Xcel Energy, to allow its customers to change their rate structure.

iCAST is open to discussing the topic further, and hopes that the commission and organizations involved come to a decision that benefits our society, environment and economy.

Regards,

Ravi Malhotra  
Founder and Executive Director