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## Comments on Docket 15-035-04

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I'm writing to express my concern that PacifiCorp's latest resource plan would continue investments in aging coal plants, putting ratepayers on the hook for as much as 1.3 billion dollars over the next decade to prolong the lives of over a dozen coal plants.

The company has had decades since the passage of environmental clean air and water laws in the 70s to plan, finance and execute a switch to clean-burning and then renewable sources energy fleet, but it has failed to do so.

In addition, public health epidemiologists have determined that there is a causal link, not just with environmental degradation with far-reaching impacts on farmers, ranchers, sportsmen, and tourism, but also the development of fatal human diseases stemming from particulate pollution and volatile vapor compounds. As one of those affected, with family and friends who are also affected by the company's localized pollution, I appeal to you, who are also affected I am sure.

There is widespread public support for investing in wind and solar. Wind is the cheapest form of electricity generation and utility scale solar projects are competitive with fossil fuels and becoming steadily cheaper each year.

Please reject PacifiCorp's preferred portfolio which tethers Utah's to coal for the next two decades and locks ratepayers into a billion dollars in coal costs. Instead, please demand that PacifiCorp come up with a new plan that takes advantage of our state's bountiful renewable resources and decreases our reliance on risky coal.

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