

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.

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.

A viable, affordable, cost-effective alternative to coal - instead of spending billions to prop up the status quo, why not invest money in cleaner power sources that will not smog up our valley more each winter and are far easier to maintain? What sort of a business sticks its head in the sand and expects to survive?

Enough is enough.

Please reject PacifiCorp's preferred portfolio which tethers Utahn'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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