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My family invested in solar power, why won't Rocky Mountain Power do the same? It impacted our bottom line, too. We had less money to play with, but we know it is an investment for our future and our son's future. We spent over 20% of our yearly income to install solar panels on our home. Why would I now want to support the upgrade of coal fired power plants. I still pay a fee to Rocky Mountain Power to use their grid, so this still impacts my family.

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.

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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