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Dear Commission,

I'd like to speak against the construction of another coal fired power plant in Utah. I understand that this option is a less monetarily expensive option, but in terms of the social good, I believe it is far more expensive than we realize and we need to incorporate these other "costs" into the evaluation of this option. I am willing to pay more for renewable energy and efficiency programs today as I see these as actually costing us less in the long run.

Options I'd like to see: I would like the state of Utah to offer, at minimum, the kind of tax credits we see in California for individuals to add solar power to their homes (these same arguments hold for solar thermal heating). I believe if every home in Utah that has a good southern exposure had solar panels, we could more than produce enough electricity to match another power plant. In my future vision, I see powerplants and utility companies as mainly coordinators and distributors of power but not the main producer.

I like the concept of distributed power supply. There is less exposure to threats like terrorism and catastrophic failure. There is less risk as everyone contributes a small non-dangerous amount, as compared to one single facility that concentrates large and dangerous amounts. This solution also does not contribute carbon emissions, or air/water pollution, makes us independent of outside influence and gives individuals a way to contribute to the solution.

Thank you for considering my comments,



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