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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.

Coal is yesterday's technology and is encumbered with a plethora of negative externalities, including mercury and other pollution, coal ash, and mining risks. Coal power should not be a priority for a state that already suffers from harmful air pollution.

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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