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To: The Utah Public Service Commission

From: The League of Women Voters of Utah

The League of Women Voters of Utah asks that you tell Rocky Mountain Power to reconsider its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

Our members have studied energy use and production over many decades and are convinced that developing renewable energy technologies is the choice we should be making for the future. The IRP is woefully inadequate in considering renewable energy.

We are aware that reducing the use of coal will be relatively costly, be painful for a portion of the Utah economy, and require a change of attitude in the energy industry. However we also know that renewable energy technologies are creating new economic opportunities. Renewables use new materials, create both high and low tech job opportunities, and stimulate scientific and industrial advancements some of which we cannot yet imagine. That is the way the industrial revolution has always progressed. A new way of thinking creates multiple new industries and opportunities for economic growth.

We live in a region of the globe that has been very dry for eons. Our water supply has always been limited and may become unreliable. The topography of the Inter-mountain West creates traps for bad air. Thus we should be very aware that a warming climate will be disastrous for us and that we need to take strong measures to stop it.

Please ask Rocky Mountain Power to redesign their Integrated Resource Plan. The goal should be to reduce use of coal and develop and build energy sources that do not produce green house gases.

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