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To Whom It May Concern:

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (“SITLA”) would like to voice its support for the approval of Docket No. 20-035-37, *“Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval to Enter into Resource Contracts in Excess of Fifteen Years Pursuant to Commission Approved Agreements under Electric Service Schedule Number 34”*, currently before the Utah Public Service Commission (“Commission”). The request to the Commission is to allow Rocky Mountain Power to execute a power purchase agreement (“PPA”) with an independent power producer (Elektron Solar, LLC) in excess of fifteen years, on behalf of a group of its Schedule 34 customers.

Elektron Solar is developing an 80 MWac solar project to be constructed on lands owned by SITLA in Tooele County, UT (the “Project”). The Project has been in development since 2017 and is substantially mature, with full land control, permits and an executed interconnection agreement. The Project land is well-suited to solar given its proximity to PacifiCorp transmission infrastructure, low terrain, and minimal geotechnical issues. The Project represents not only an opportunity to create an additional revenue stream from SITLA’s land resources, but also an investment in new, renewable technology that will power our state in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. This ensures that SITLA can continue to maximize value for Utah’s schoolchildren generations into the future.

The Commission’s approval of the PPA is critical to maintaining the Project’s schedule and viability. Any delays to approval of the PPA could delay financing and construction of the Project. We view the Elektron Project as an important opportunity for municipalities and other large energy customers in Utah to fulfill their promises to contract renewable energy, while also supporting SITLA’s lease interest in this project, which will yield dividends for generations of Utahans.

Please reach out to us with any questions. We look forward to continuing to work with Elektron Solar and the Commission on making this project a reality.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Ure".

David Ure, SITLA Director