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Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 11:57 PM

Distinguished PSC Commissioners:

As a concerned Utah citizen and clean energy professional, I strongly urge you to review and update the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) guidelines.

:Not only are clean energy solutions such as solar, wind, geothermal, and energy storage safer for workers and safer for the community, these technologies contain a number of benefits including:

- these technologies, when combined in the right way, form the most economic portfolio of generation assets when compared to thermal generation. That is even before considering the costs of environmental, health, and safety externalities of thermal power plants.
- the tax credits contained in the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act create even more economic incentives for clean technologies that result in a clear lower cost per MWh which is important to combat the rising costs of living in Utah
- these technologies are happening everywhere, so we might as well take advantage of this amazing growth sector and allow Utah to be a hub for innovation, new technology, and job creation in the clean energy sector

I work in this business every day, and I have seen the clear trends that clean energy is the future from both a cost and environmental sustainability perspective.

As a Utah citizen with concern about the local environment for my friends, family, neighbors, community, and my 2 young children, please consider the following:

- ~ all environmental and societal externality costs are specifically identified and assessed by a neutral third party, not PacifiCorp;
- ~ all IRP resource models and portfolios acknowledge the full range of monetized externality costs; and,
- ~ every biennial IRP process will include a technical review of the latest externalities research.
- Require PacifiCorp/RMP to disclose and explain how it has been calculating externalities; and justify why any real-world costs have been ignored or minimized.

Thank you,
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Dear PSC,

I urge you to revisit the IRP guideline [#4.k.] for dealing with externalities. As currently constituted it gives PacifiCorp the responsibility for identifying the externalities to be considered in its own IRP. This does not make much sense and relies much too heavily on PacifiCorp not putting their corporate interest ahead of the broader Utah community.

Rather I urge the PSC to review and update its IRP guidelines so that all environmental and societal externality costs are specifically identified and assessed by a neutral third party, that all IRP resource models and portfolios acknowledge the full range of monetized externality costs, and every biennial IRP process include a technical review of the latest externalities research.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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