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Utah public policy leans heavily toward the influence of commercial interests. Public interest nearly always loses to business interests. Please, I implore you, listen to concerns about the future and public health. Climate change is an existential crisis. For too long fossil fuels and other industries have stood in the way of the changes we all desperately need.

Rocky Mountain Power/Pacificorp provides the bulk of electricity to Utah by burning natural gas and (worse) coal. The current and future societal costs of this energy production method are huge. This for-profit enterprise sees only its bottom line, so it is up to government regulatory agencies to rein in those short-sighted decisions. Since RMP has a monopoly, it is up to regulators to ensure that the public interest is served, and not to simply rubber-stamp RMP's business-driven plans.

The usual method of weighing intangibles such as health and global warming is to assign equivalent monetary values, then we can start to create a balanced, reasonable plan.



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PSC needs to review and update its IRP guidelines

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The PSC needs 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, 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.

I want PacifiCorp/RMP to have to disclose and explain how it has been calculating externalities; and justify why so many real-world costs have been ignored or minimized.

Thank you for your attention,
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