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## Comment on RMP IRP, Docket # 23-035-10

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**Evan Sugden (easugden@seanet.com) Sent You a Personal Message**Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at  
8:28 PM

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Reply-To: Evan Sugden &lt;easugden@seanet.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

When I returned to my home state (UT) to live, I did not intend to leave clean energy behind in my former state (WA). Utah is not a sacrifice zone! It's all the same planet and your inflated bottom line is NOT more important!

I am deeply concerned about Rocky Mountain Power's recently submitted 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which does little to reliably commit to reducing our state's greenhouse gas emissions in a cost-effective manner. Instead, this plan maintains our reliance on fossil fuels by continuing to rely on some coal plants well past 2030 while converting others to natural gas, which is infamous for volatile price swings. The plan also relies heavily on new nuclear power, which the company is stating will be "crucial" for its transition off of fossil fuels. Nuclear hasn't been a viable solution for our nation's energy needs in decades, and it faces significant hurdles before it can even be considered an option, not least of anticipated costs. Unlike the proposed Natrium plant in Wyoming, the proposed nuclear plants in Utah do not have a cost-share arrangement with the federal government.

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Sincerely,

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**Jeremy Rishe (jer270@nyu.edu) Sent You a Personal Message**Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at  
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Reply-To: Jeremy Rishe &lt;jer270@nyu.edu&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

My Name Jeremy Rishe. I was born and raised in East Mill Creek. My parents still live in the house I grew up in, and about 10 years ago they had solar panels put on that very same roof. I deeply value the natural beauty of Utah. It is a place truly full of wonder and wonderful people. But the place I grew up in has changed. The air quality of this home has greatly deteriorated over the decades. Air pollution, and smoke from wildfires, continually poisons the Salt Lake Valley. I ask the IRP to insist that Rocky Mountain Power serve the public interest and retire coal power plants from our grid; make the switch to renewable wind and solar by 2030. The live-ability clock on the one planet we call home is ticking down fast, making life harder and harder for our fellow brothers and sisters through flooding, drought and fire. A heating planet will not sustain us indefinitely. Let's be the generation that stopped the ticking time bomb of burning fossil fuels, and switched to 100% clean energy. Thank you!

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**Harvey Rishe (risheutah@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at  
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Reply-To: Harvey Rishe &lt;risheutah@gmail.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please stop using coal for power plants. I plead with you to only use clean energy that doesn't contribute to warming this planet any longer. We are reaching a point of irreversible damage to humanity in all living creatures on this earth. We live in East Mill Creek and I have been using solar energy for the last several years Ours is a pittance of a contribution needed by energy companies such as yours. Please take a responsible decision to stop using coal now or ASAP.

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