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

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**Holly Stuart (hollybstuart@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at  
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Reply-To: Holly Stuart &lt;hollybstuart@gmail.com&gt;

To: psc@utah.gov

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**RMP plan- Please reject**

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**PATTY BECNEL** <jbecnel\_PATTY@msn.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Sat, Jun 10, 2023 at 9:20 AM

Dear Sirs-

Thank you so much for the work you do to protect the public and make sure we have the most efficient, cost effective, and environmentally conscious electricity sources. I live in Ogden and my children live in Salt Lake. All of us rely on Rocky Mountain Power for our electrical needs. My son is a recent PhD student who developed small air monitors for home and business use. We have one and it is frightening some days to see the air pollution in our area. Some days I feel we should all stay inside with an air filter on. I worry most for my three-year-old granddaughter. Luckily, she is healthy, but she would rather be outside exploring and looking at bugs with a magnifying glass than anything. I worry that the air is so poor many days, that she will develop health issues related to the pollution.

Because of our concerns, my husband and I invested in solar panels connected to RMP. Luckily, we were able to be grandfathered in so we can actually earn credit if we create more power than we use. Solar panels have been ideal. Though the initial expense was high, our electric bill is negligible, and our service has been constant and unaffected.

I wish Utah would move in this direction rather than RMP's plan to keep Hunter and Huntington plants open far past the dates they should be retired. Jobs could be provided for green energy in those areas, and the air would be much cleaner as well as the haze that affects some of our national parks. Because you are vested to help assure safe and cost effective choices, I hope you will prioritize clean energy, and close the coal plants that are not cost effective and major contributors of pollution. We really need to protect rate payers and our health. I am also concerned about the plan for nuclear. Until there is a safe and effective way to dispose of the waste from these reactors, and the supplier for uranium is a much friendlier partner, I think we should wait.

The energy issue is a top priority. I hope my granddaughter is able to continue playing outside, exploring and remaining in good health. Please reject the risky aspects of RMP's plan, and strive to have energy efficient, environmentally friendly options. If it can be done in California and Washington, it can surely be done in Utah.

Thank you so much for your concern and work.

Patty Becnel

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To: psc@utah.gov

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Hi PSC members-

I am a resident of Saratoga Springs who uses Rocky Mountain Power. The latest IRP is discouraging because RMP continues to postpone shutting down coal power plants. If we give them an option to wait until 2040 to close down a coal plant, they will use it. Even if they say they are trying very hard to close it earlier, unless it is required, then they will not do it.

Why can't RMP be required to have so many solar or wind farms? Or why can't RMP be required to create new hydroelectric dams or use geothermal energy? I feel we pay more than enough on our combined power bills that RMP should have ample of funds to invest in clean or renewable energy. I am sure the shareholders at Berkshire will be unhappy for some years, but I think that is the hard price RMP needs to pay so we are no longer burning coal. We already have some of the worst air in the country, especially during an inversion. Why can't we require more from RMP?

Thank you for your public service.

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Every time I turn on a light at my home I am burning coal! For the sake of our planet this must stop.

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**Louise Sedlevicius (gjsandlcs@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message**Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at  
8:04 AM

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**Ken Jameson** <kpjameson@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 10:31 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

I was born in Utah and moved back here thirty-four years ago. We now have our two sons and their families with six children living in the Salt Lake area. So for us, the issues surrounding electricity generation and the environment, especially the Great Salt Lake, are quite central.

In this regard, we applaud Rocky Mountain Power's belated openness to increasing the share of alternative and renewable sources of energy in the IRP that is under consideration. This seems to be a notable movement beyond its perennial defense of its coal assets.

However, the strength of that commitment seems suspect when looked at more closely. Despite the current reality that solar and wind, augmented by storage facilities, is cheaper than coal burning, the actual reduction in coal generation relies heavily on other mechanisms. On the one hand, gas will substitute for coal in some cases, despite its unstable cost history and environmental impact. In other cases, speculative nuclear power plants will be relied on to reduce the coal activity, despite the recurrent and current failures of such technologies.

So I urge you to require RMP to make binding reductions in their coal generation activity in a fashion that will reduce their emissions and will not rely on speculative technical innovations. There are clear paths forward that they should be required to follow.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Jameson  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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**Ian Wade** <ianwade@adventuresafety.org>  
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Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 2:20 PM

Commissioners

I'm a 30-year resident of Utah and recently retired from a career in risk management. This perspective makes the latest Rocky Mountain Power IRP particularly disturbing. The reliance on unproven nuclear technology is a very bad economic choice. Nuclear power has a long history of substantial cost overruns. Also, the main fuel source is Russia. Problematic supply chain these days! As commissioners, you should not expose us Utah ratepayers to uncertain financial risk.

The other risk of course is climate change and there is a national commitment to net zero by 2050. The IRP never gets to net zero even in the optimistic scenario that nuclear works.

It is now well established that renewables like wind and solar with storage is a cheaper option than continuing to use coal generation. Pacific Power, another unit of Berkshire Hathaway, does have an IRP that eliminates coal and gas plants and gets to net zero well before 2050. Utah rate payers should have the same plan and not be stuck with paying higher prices for inefficient technology left over from the 1970's.

It's commendable that the Rocky Mountain Power IRP does include some new solar and wind. As a rate payer I'd like to see a rapid move towards 100% use of these renewables. For the sake of all our children and grandchildren we need to take climate change seriously and do our part to reduce unnecessary carbon emissions. As commissioners you have the unique power and opportunity to do the right thing for the planet, get lower rates for Utah residents and reduce the risk of adding another risky technology to our electricity generating infrastructure.

Thanks for your consideration,

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