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

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To: psc@utah.gov

It is a pleasure to introduce myself as Audrey Moody. I am a ski racer from Sandy, Utah, where my mom and I are Rocky Mountain Power customers. Looking down the valley during my training reminds me of how the pollution in Utah continues to worsen every year as an alpine ski racer for Snowbird. Furthermore, through my daily sessions training at Snowbird, I'm constantly reminded of how significantly the snowfall is changing due to climate change. Snowbird day-ones will always tell me years like the last season, which are rare nowadays were common for them back before climate change has really taken hits on our global temperature. Many people like to use this argument to claim that since we have had a good snow year, there are no longer climate problems, but I strongly disagree. I and many of my teammates have talked to question whether our sport will survive even with one outlier year that brought a colder, and snowier winter, which has made me and many of them question the future of our sport. Even though clean energy is cheaper and climate change is a prevalent problem, Rocky Mountain Power is still choosing to support coal burning, greenhouse gas emitting energy. I'm concerned because over the past five years, we have had an increasing number of repeating La Nina years, which is showing that we're having warmer and warmer years, despite the fact that clean energy is cheaper. As well, I am concerned about the fact that Rocky Mountain Power is still supporting dirty energy, despite the pollution that is prevalent throughout the whole year throughout the Salt Lake valley. Therefore, I urge you to reconsider Rocky Mountains' proposal and encourage them to change their energy propositions to renewable energy as soon as possible, otherwise, in the future, outdoor sports and passions will disappear. There are many very talented ski racers in the Western and Rocky Mountain Region who do not want to end up skiing on grass with gas masks in the future.



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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

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.

I strongly urge the Commission to consider these shortcomings when making a decision regarding Rocky Mountain Power's IRP. Please remember that it's the Utah ratepayers who will be stuck paying the costs when investments in risky technology like nuclear and carbon capture don't bear fruit. Renewable energy, like wind and solar, are both cost effective and ready to roll out now. Let's take advantage of this moment and the opportunities in legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act to bring real solutions here to Utah. I urge the Utah Commission to not acknowledge the riskiest aspects of Rocky Mountain Power's plan, including continued reliance on coal, despite increasing federal regulatory pressure, and unrealistic optimism that three first-of-their-kind nuclear facilities will materialize on time and on budget.

Sincerely,

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