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

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Hunter Warren (hthistory@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at
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Reply-To: Hunter Warren <hthistory@gmail.com>

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a resident of the Wasatch Front, I see the effects of air pollution on a near daily basis. Some of this is due to wildfires caused by climate change or dust from our drought-stricken valley. So much of it, however, is due to our dirty energy sources, primarily the coal plants in Hunter and Huntington. We have tremendous opportunities for solar power here in Utah; it's time to invest in our local communities' long-term health by making that transition.

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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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I am concerned that Rocky Mountain Power refuses to align with the EPA rules and clean p its coal power plants. Our air quality is suffering due to these dirty power plants. I urge the Commission to NOT accept the riskiest aspects of this Plan:

- Continued reliance on coal, despite increasing federal regulatory pressure
- Increasing reliance on gas, despite volatile price swings
- Unrealistic reliance on nuclear, despite the un-likelihood that that three first-of-their-kind nuclear facilities will materialize on time and on budget

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