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## IRP Public Comment, Docket #23-035-10

1 message

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**Robbie Heath** <rheathjr@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 9:39 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Please withhold your approval of PacifiCorp's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan and require the corporation to make changes that serve the best interests of Rocky Mountain Power customers and Utah taxpayers.

I have worked in the electric power industry for 14 years, and I am quite certain that the current IRP does not meet the needs of Utahns, and frankly, Rocky Mountain Power can hold itself to a MUCH HIGHER STANDARD than the current plan.

Not only are cleaner energy resources better for the local and global environment, the proper combination of wind, solar, geothermal, nuclear, and energy storage resources can create a grid that is more reliable, equitable, and lower cost. On top of this, the state of Utah stands to gain in jobs, tax revenues, and technological innovation.

Utah is an energy state, and Utah has a ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY to lead the energy transition. The current IRP inhibits, rather than enables, Utah to lead in the energy sector.

The tax benefits in the Inflation Reduction Act have also created an immediate short term opportunity to lower the cost of implementing a new IRP that relies on new clean technologies by significantly reducing the costs. Utah and RMP need take take advantage NOW before these incentives eventually step down and before investments concentrate elsewhere.

Utah has already lost the opportunity to be awarded a Hydrogen Hub, and we cannot lose another opportunity. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS BEFORE APPROVING.

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Please require the corporation to take the following IRP-related actions:

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- ~ Reactivate the suspended RFP process for procuring solar, wind, and storage resources.
- ~ Prepare a supplemental IRP document that includes the newly incorporated information and actions requested here, and that reevaluates the corporation's preferred energy resource portfolio.

Thank you,

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**Monica Hilding** <mohilding@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 12:38 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I hope that you will responsibly fulfill your roles as commissioners in public service for Utah and its citizens. The most serious challenge facing the world is the Climate Crisis. Scientists have been sounding the alarm for years now. Yet Rocky Mountain Power has been putting profits before people. After refusing to put the most effective emitter controls on their coal powered plants, they now want the state to help them fight the federal government for not complying with federal regulations. Now they're saying they can't shut down their coal fired plants until 2040. 27 years ago I was just graduating from college and heading to the Ivory Coast, West Africa with the U.S. Peace Corps. So I ask you, where were you 27 years ago. Did you have a computer? How about a cell phone?

RMP has worked hard for over the last 20 years to slow down the installation of solar panels on people's homes in Utah, one of the sunniest places in the world. Can you imagine if just 10 years ago in St. George, building codes required solar panels on unshaded roofs? But RMP-PacifiCorp wanted to cover acres of land with solar panels and then run transmission cables and towers to ensure future customers. And then, on top of that, RMP utility officials recently decided to suspend purchases that include wind, solar, and storage resources.

As I looked at the public comment page on the technical conference scheduled for October 24th, I hope that the questions submitted by Utah Clean Energy, Fervo Energy Company, Western Resource Advocates, Division of Public Utilities, Vote Solar, Sierra Club, Utah Citizens Advocating Clean Energy and others will be answered.

Please withhold your approval of PacifiCorp's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan and require the corporation to make the changes that UCARE demands that serve the best interests of Rocky Mountain Power customers and Utah taxpayers.

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Environmental Caucus Chair



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**Rob Kain** <robkain@gmail.com>  
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Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 7:41 AM

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**Ken Jameson** <kpjameson@gmail.com>  
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Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 8:31 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I understand that RMP has withdrawn the RFP for the purchase of renewable energy and storage. This is very unfortunate and seems a reversal of the stance taken in the proposed IRP that, for the first time, seemed to take seriously a move away from reliance on fossil fuel generation. This reversal should lead you to reject PacifiCorp's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan and to require that the company restore this modest step toward limiting its contributions to climate change.

In related matters, RMP is asking rate payers to bear the burden of the Oregon lawsuit costs, the wildfire mitigation costs, and the increased cost of RMP's insurance. All of these costs result from the negative externalities of burning fossil fuels and should be borne by the shareholders of PacificCorp who control the company's strategy. You, and RMP, have been adamant in rejecting consideration of the positive externalities that rooftop solar provides, thus protecting the narrow interest of shareholders. If RMP's ratepayers are not allowed the benefit of their positive externalities, they should certainly not be saddled with paying for the negative externalities of RMP's continued reliance on fossil fuel generation.

I urge you to consolidate the three proposed dockets into the docket of the IRP, #23-035-10. This will allow a comprehensive consideration of the RMP planning process. I trust that it will also show the inconsistency between RMP's retreat from renewable procurement and its wish to pass on to the ratepayers the costs of RMP's continued reliance on fossil fuels.

Thank you.

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## Climate Change Costs of RMP's Inaction

1 message

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Ian Wade <ianwade@adventuresafety.org>  
To: PSC@utah.gov

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 4:55 PM

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Sincerely,

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