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Rate increases comments

1 message

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The proposed increase for Rocky Mountain Power should be rejected. RMP continues to burn coal which is the damaging to our environment. This increase in funding will support RMP's plans to burn coal for an additional 20 years. We should be looking at more environmentally friendly options like geothermal. Increases in rates for outdated methods do not provide for a healthy Utah.

Thanks,
Don Buhler
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Docket No. 24-035-04: Please Reject Rocky Mountain Power's 30% rate increase

1 message

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Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

As a customer and Utahn, I ask that you please limit Rocky Mountain Power?s rate hike on customers.

The requested rate increase is driven primarily by increased net power costs and increased wildfire liability insurance premiums. These costs are directly tied to Rocky Mountain Power's heavy reliance on coal and gas, which have notoriously volatile fuel costs.

Utah is home to abundant low-cost clean-energy resources, including solar and geothermal. In fact, Rocky Mountain Power canceled its purchase of new, cheaper clean-energy resources, even though those renewable resources could have helped reduce reliance not only on costly coal and gas plants but also more expensive purchases from the energy market.

The result of Rocky Mountain Power's lack of foresight is energy costs are only going to increase unless the Public Service Commission steps in to protect the public. The Commission must make clear that the utility's decision-making must prioritize its customers, not its shareholders. The Commission should reduce Rocky Mountain Power's requested cost reimbursements in recognition of its poor decision-making, requiring RMP management to take responsibility for its decisions.

Additionally, the Commission should make clear that to avoid rate hikes in the future, Rocky Mountain Power's resource planning must prioritize reliable, low-cost resources, especially solar, wind, geothermal, and energy storage.

Sincerely,

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