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Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, Fourth Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Docket 25-035-06 Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Community Clean Energy Program Authorized by the Community Clean Energy Act

Mr. Commissioners,

The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration ("TLA") supports the above-captioned docket currently before the Utah Public Service Commission ("Commission"). In part, the request would allow the Community Renewable Energy Agency ("Agency") to run a solicitation for clean energy resources under Utah's Community Clean Energy Act.

TLA is an independent state agency that manages lands granted in trust to the State of Utah by the United States for the financial support of enumerated beneficiaries, primarily Utah's K-12 public education system. TLA manages approximately 3.3 million acres of state trust lands, together with an additional million acres of severed mineral estate. TLA generates revenue on trust lands by leasing lands for energy and mineral exploration and production, and TLA supports an "all-of-the-above" approach to energy development.

One area of activity that has grown significantly in the last several years is renewable energy leasing. TLA currently has 76 leases covering over 100,000 acres of trust lands for wind, solar, geothermal, and energy storage projects. While leasing is an important first step, the most impactful revenue generation occurs when these projects move from the leasing and development stage into commercial operations.

For this reason, we are excited that the 19 communities who comprise the Agency have proposed to run and pay for a solicitation for clean energy resources that might select a project that is located on trust lands. A project that goes into commercial operations on trust lands is a "win-win" in that it increases capital investment in local communities and generates important revenue for the trust beneficiaries.

We view the proposed solicitation as an important opportunity for these communities to make progress toward their clean energy goals while also potentially helping generate additional revenue for Utah's schoolchildren and other beneficiaries.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Rachel Boyack at 801-538-5157 or by email at rmboyack@utah.gov

Sincerely,

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