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To the Public Service Commission,

My name is Shaelynn Wood and I am a resident of Clearfield, Utah. I frequently recreate in Ogden and I work in Salt Lake City.

As a lifelong Utah resident, I am highly attuned to the air quality challenges the Salt Lake Valley faces. With past work experience in the energy sector and with low-income community members, I recognize the importance of clean energy in improving the lives of Utahns, addressing air quality issues, and strengthening the state's long-term sustainability.

Utah Renewable Communities (URC) is an incredible next step toward improving the quality of life for all Utahns. I understand the hesitancy around introducing this opportunity to the 19 Utah Renewable Communities, particularly the concern about increasing utility costs for Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) customers, especially those already under financial strain. However, the initial rate impact is expected to add no more than \$3-\$4 to the average household's monthly bill. In addition, the program allows residents to opt out or seek assistance to help cover costs. This ensures that community members can benefit from clean energy with little stress from a monthly bill increase. For these reasons, I urge you to approve the Program as proposed by the 19 Utah Renewable Communities.

Furthermore, I ask that you reconsider RMP's recent changes. RMP is undervaluing clean energy resources, which makes it more difficult to build the new projects needed for URC. New clean energy development this decade is essential for Utah and should be fairly valued by RMP. Additionally, RMP's proposal to require program participants to prepay four years of administrative costs, totaling \$4 million, is excessive and should be renegotiated. Such a requirement could significantly delay URC's goal to achieve net-100% clean electricity by 2030.

Thank you for your time.

Warmly, Shaelynn Wood