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**Docket: 25-035-06**

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**Alice Tarnawiecki** <alicetarnawiecki@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Mon, Dec 15, 2025 at 9:51 PM

**Dear Public Service Commission,**

I live in Salt Lake City, Utah, and I am encouraged by the prospect of accessing 100% net-renewable energy for members of our community who choose to remain enrolled in the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) program that has been developed in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP).

I am aware that the energy resources available to customers affect not only individuals, but also families and communities. One impact that is particularly important to me is on our food system, which I see firsthand through my Mom, who lives in Ogden and is an avid home gardener and also a supporter of the URC (and these comments). Being able to rely on consistent climate and weather patterns is often the difference between her getting a successful harvest and having to reseed multiple times. Erratic, climate-driven early warming events followed by seasonal freezes have caused significant damage to her trees, and in some years have resulted in the complete loss of her apricot harvest. These conditions have led to lost time and financial investment in her home garden, and any chance I have of getting my mom's apricot jam.

As global temperatures rise and weather patterns become increasingly unpredictable due to greenhouse gas emissions, her water use also increases. Anyone who grows plants, whether flowers, lawns, or crops, must use more water to maintain healthy growth due to increased evapotranspiration in a warming climate. This results in higher water bills (bills which are now closely linked with which energy resources we choose), and reduced water availability for other needs.

Seeing my Mom feed our family with homegrown food is one of the many reasons I value the opportunity to participate in a renewable energy program, as I know it can have a meaningful, community-level impact. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to:

- **Approve the URC Program as proposed by the 19 participating Utah communities.** I believe these communities have worked collaboratively for many years to implement the intent of H.B. 411 (2019). Based on my experience as a customer, URC's objectives and submitted comments accurately represent my interests in this process, unlike those submitted by the Office of Consumer Services on December 11, 2025. For this reason, I view URC as a more accurate representative of my consumer interests.
- **Refuse the tripling of fees.** Please reject startup costs lasting 3 years, instead of one. One year of \$1 million for start-up costs for the new program seems generous, and reasonable.
- **Limit rate impacts so that the program adds no more than \$2–\$7 to the average household's monthly bill.**
- **Allow customers who assume the financial risk of developing new renewable energy resources to receive the market-based pricing of those resources on their bills.** If these resources become less expensive over time, allow cost savings to be passed on to the customers who assumed the initial risk. Conversely, if costs are higher, those increases may be reflected accordingly. Pricing should be determined by market rates.
- **Set a fair value for new, quickly deployable clean energy resources,** as outlined by URC.

While the fate of my Mom's garden may seem small in isolation, the Commission's decisions regarding consumer choice, program structure, and rate design have broader implications for global food systems, communities, resource management, and long-term sustainability. Thank you for your time, thoughtful questions, and careful consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

Alice Tarnawiecki



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**Docket: 25-035-06 (Support for URC)**

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**Chris Chambers** <threerollhill@gmail.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Mon, Dec 15, 2025 at 10:56 PM

Chris,

Here are the comments you gave me - expanded version.

Hello Public Service Commission,

I live in Ogden, Utah, and I am writing today to express my support of the Utah Renewable Energy (URC) program, as it can bring renewable energy online to a level that both makes a difference in greenhouse gas levels, and much more closely meets the societal level of demand for renewable energy.

By making the renewable energy choice the easiest (opt-in) choice for those communities that have requested this option on behalf of their constituents, the Commission can support consumer choice, which is aligned with community's desires. According to a representative survey, commissioned by the City of Ogden, and designed by social scientists at Weber State University, Ogden, and my city demonstrated that the majority of people, in all areas and all income brackets, want renewable energy, and are willing to pay a bit more for it.

The Utah Renewable Communities program is the best opportunity we have to pursue renewable energy at the community level. Please ensure this option is pursued, so Ogden, and the other communities who have worked for the past five or more years to develop the program are able to move forward with the procurement of renewable energy through Rocky Mountain Power.

Please carefully consider the the following to ensure the program is fair, and accessible for those experiencing low-income:

- Approve the Program as proposed by the 19 Utah Renewable Communities
- Have the initial rate add no more than \$3-\$4 to the average household's monthly bill
- New clean energy this decade is valuable for Utah, please make sure it is fairly valued by Rocky Mountain Power
- Pre-paying five years of admin costs is excessive, keep it to one year or less

I believe that the URC program is an appropriate, long term solution to meet consumer demand for renewable energy, commensurate with the level of interest. Please consider this as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely, Chris Chambers



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**Lynda Boody** <lyndaboody12@yahoo.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 7:39 AM

PSC,

I am an Ogden resident in full support of the Community Renewable Energy Act (HB 411). I believe this program will assist with increasing Utah air quality. In addition, this program will help meet the increasing energy demand in the state. As people move west, the demand for more energy greatly increases. A focus on green energy will provide the energy we need along with clean air.

I am pleased to live in a community where clean air and clean energy are community goals. I believe this program will allow our residents to benefit from these goals at a fairly low cost. I also believe this program can be accomplished with minimal addition to individual energy bills, as outlined in the proposal, \$3-\$4 per household.

I urge you to approve the program as proposed by the URC. Clean energy is valuable for Utah. Let's do this!

Sent from my iPhone

**PublicService Commission** <psc@utah.gov>

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**Richa Wilson** <rubyvonwilson@outlook.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 8:54 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

As a citizen of Utah, I am concerned about improving air quality in the state and having reliable energy in the future. For that reason, I encourage you to approve the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) program. The URC gives us, the Utah citizens, a path toward sustainable energy which is critical, especially given the recent rollbacks against clean energy by national policy makers.

The cost to customers should be kept minimal, despite Rocky Mountain Power's efforts to raise our bills. Everything has become so much more expensive, and a substantial hike is not warranted. I request that the proposed minimal cost of \$3-4 per month be approved as part of the program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richa Wilson

Ogden, Utah



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## Please vote in favor of Utah Renewable Communities

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**Katie Pappas (kpappas56@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message** <kpappas56@p2a.co> Mon, Dec 15, 2025 at 7:49 PM

Reply-To: "Katie Pappas (kpappas56@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message" <kpappas56@yahoo.com>

To: Utah Public Service Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I have spoken out in opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's attempts to drastically increase customer rates and to prolong the use of coal in polluting coal fired power plants. Now we have an opportunity to transition to less polluting, healthier energy sources that actually cost less. Changes requested by RMP to the Utah Renewable Communities program undermine its likelihood for success. Remember, the costs of burning coal have never factored in the external costs such as environmental degradation, impacts to public health and acceleration of climate change.

I am writing in support of Rocky Mountain Power's application, filed in Docket No. 25-035-06, to implement the Community Clean Energy Program.

As a Utah resident and Rocky Mountain Power customer, I see this new clean energy program as a meaningful step toward a healthier, more prosperous future for our state.

However, I am concerned about Rocky Mountain Power's recent proposals that could undermine the program's success. Rocky Mountain Power wants to undervalue solar, wind, and other energy sources — by about 40% — which would make it harder to build the new projects Utah needs. It's also asking program participants to pre-pay for four years of ongoing administration, adding about \$4 million in excessive upfront costs. Approving these changes will result in a smaller and more expensive program, and Utah could miss out on its last best opportunity to add affordable clean energy this decade. The Public Service Commission now faces a critical decision: whether to approve the Utah Renewable Communities program while ensuring it remains truly affordable for the communities it serves. I urge the Commission to reject RMP's proposals that would undervalue clean energy resources and impose excessive administration costs on participating customers. Approving a fair, community-centered version of this program will help keep electricity rates affordable while advancing Utah's clean energy future.

This program offers Utah the opportunity to diversify energy sources, create jobs, improve air quality, and strengthen energy independence. It will also help support Governor Cox's Operation Gigawatt by adding new power plant capacity at a time when Utah's economy needs it.

We ask that you please approve a version of the program that reflects the priorities of the communities it's meant to serve.

Sincerely,

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**Kate McNeel** <katemcneel42@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 10:10 AM

Dear PSC members,

Utah has a chance to be an innovator and leader in a clean energy future. As a resident of Ogden, I hope the PSC will act to approve the Utah Renewable Communities program so that Utah can continue to grow responsibly while protecting citizens and our environment.

As I write this, average daily temperatures in Ogden are 20 degrees above normal. Where we should see snow on our mountains, we see only rock and bare vegetation. It's clear to anyone who's paid attention over the past few decades that our planet is warming and climate is changing.

In order to leave anything for our children to enjoy, we need to support the shift to clean energy. Utah is fortunate to have abundant options for wind, solar, and geothermal. If we don't push for innovation in capturing and delivering energy from these sources, not only will our world be dirtier and hotter, we will have passed the torch of innovation to countries like China, who stand ready to capture the world's trade in manufacturing parts and components for building and delivering a modern, efficient power grid.

I believe that government can and must work for the people it represents. That means putting the interest of people over the interest of corporations, and looking at long term and medium term impacts, rather than on merely short term and immediate impacts.

We need a strategy for the long term growth and health of Utah, the the URC is a key step in making that happen.

Sincerely,

Catherine McNeel  
Ogden, UT



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**Kalen Jones** <kalen@withgaia.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 3:25 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I live in Moab (UT). I am a resident, business owner, and landlord. I value our region's clean air, healthy climate, and low electricity rates. To help maintain those I have electrified where I can, and installed grid-tied photovoltaics on my home and business. It is impractical to add solar to my rentals, and I'm looking forward to participating in the Utah Renewable Communities program. The URC would allow me and my tenants to power our homes and vehicles with renewable energy, with a reasonable predictable cost, and for me without additional capital expense.

Please approve the Program as proposed by the 19 Utah Renewable Communities, including my city and county. Please ensure the initial rate does not add more than \$4 to the average household's monthly bill. Wind and solar are the cheapest new sources of electricity, and the costs of transmission are presumably captured in the base rates. Adding more than \$4 to a bill is unjustifiable, and unfairly devalues these new renewable generation capacity, which will be producing for decades. Please only require administrative costs to be paid on an annual basis. What business or government pre-pays admin for 5 years? That's ridiculous.

Thank you for your consideration, and hopefully helping the URC program to manifest, and thrive!

Kalen Jones



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**Jazmine Lopez** <jsl2684@yahoo.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Hello,

My name is Jazmine Lopez and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in support of the Renewable Energy Program. The state of Utah must continue to make strides toward cleaner energy to support our communities now and in the future. Having multiple sources of energy, including more renewable energy, will ensure Utah can support our growing population. This plan will be a wonderful addition to keep Utah thriving. Thank you.

Jazmine Lopez



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**Jason Ellsworth** <realityeventuallywins@yahoo.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 4:25 PM

Attention:

**Utah Public Service Commission****160 East 300 South**

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

**Re: Concerns Regarding Estimated Cost Comparisons and Termination Risk in the Community Renewable Energy Program**

Commissioners:

I am writing to express **strong concern** regarding how the “estimated comparison” of costs for customers participating in the Community Renewable Energy Program will be developed, presented, and ultimately relied upon by customers when making opt-out decisions.

As structured, the program places **significant informational and financial risk on customers**, while creating a **clear incentive for the project developer to understate costs and potential termination exposure** at the time the estimate is produced. This imbalance raises serious consumer-protection concerns.

**Incentive misalignment in cost estimates**

The statute requires an “estimated comparison” of program costs relative to otherwise applicable utility rates. However, the party responsible for producing or influencing that estimate—the developer or program sponsor—**benefits materially from lower stated costs at the opt-out stage**, regardless of whether those costs are ultimately realized.

If the estimate is understated:

- Customer opt-out rates are reduced;
- Participation is effectively locked in after the opt-out window closes; and
- Customers, not the developer, bear the risk of higher-than-expected costs or termination charges later.

Conversely, if costs are overstated, the developer bears no comparable downside. This asymmetry creates a **systemic bias toward understatement**, even if unintentionally.

**Importance of accuracy for customer decision-making**

The opt-out period is the **only meaningful opportunity** for customers to avoid long-term participation without penalty. Customers will necessarily rely on the estimated comparison when

deciding whether to remain in the program.

For that reason, it is critical that:

- Estimates be **conservative, transparent, and clearly tied to approved cost assumptions**;
- All material cost components—including potential termination charges—be **explicitly disclosed**; and
- Customers not be asked to assume risks that were **not reasonably foreseeable based on the estimate provided**.

An estimate that is later shown to be materially inaccurate undermines both customer confidence and the integrity of the program itself.

## Termination risk should not rest with customers

Most importantly, if actual program costs materially exceed the predicted level reflected in the estimate provided during the opt-out period, **customers should not bear the resulting termination risk**.

Placing that risk on customers:

- Penalizes reasonable reliance on Commission-approved disclosures;
- Effectively converts an estimate into a one-sided commitment; and
- Incentivizes aggressive assumptions at the front end of the program.

If the estimate proves inaccurate, the **developer—not customers—should bear the financial consequences**, including termination or exit costs. This approach:

- Aligns incentives toward accuracy;
- Protects customers from asymmetric risk; and
- Encourages disciplined cost forecasting and disclosure.

## Requested Commission action

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the Commission to:

1. Require that estimated comparisons be developed using **conservative, clearly documented assumptions**;
2. Require **explicit disclosure** of how termination charges could arise, change over time, and under what conditions;
3. Prohibit recovery of termination charges from customers **when actual costs materially exceed the estimate relied upon during the opt-out period**; and
4. Clarify that the **developer bears the risk** of cost overruns or forecasting error beyond the disclosed estimate.

These safeguards are essential to ensure that customer participation is truly informed and that the program operates fairly and transparently.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Ellsworth  
Utah Resident and Rate Payer



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**re Docket No: 25-035-06**

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**Kathleen Lundy** <flowster23c@gmail.com>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 4:36 PM

My name is Kathleen L Lundy, "Kate." I am trying to get to the meeting tonight, 16 Dec 25 @ 1800 to learn about suggestions for reaching our clean energy goals. Hope I can get there.

I don't know what has been suggested or will be, but I might have one or two suggestions for the group, for you.

re Agriculture, Water Use, Electricity Use/Generation.....many large farms and ranches across the country, but esp in the Plains and the Rocky Mtn area, are growing crops under solar panels...it's like lanes of crops....the panels generate energy for drawing water, shade the crops, and the ranchers/farmers have sheep or other animals graze the area....the crops are in huge planters so the critters cannot eat them, too.

Folks in other parts of the world, maybe here, too, are putting solar panels on or adjacent to the big energy buildings that AI and other technologies require... this, then, draws less from towns and saves water.

I urge you to watch "PATTRN," on the Weather Channel and maybe Bloomberg Headlines...I watch both. It has amazing green solutions - often not fancy nor expensive.

If possible try to get farmers to switch from "bales of water," ie alfalfa, to other crops....there are some perennials which some farmers are substituting for wheat...have info at home about them.

Please send me an "After Action Report" about tonight's meeting....

Thank you.

Kathleen L Lundy



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**David Garbett** <david@stewardshiputah.org>  
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 4:45 PM

Public Service Commission,

I write to urge you to approve the Community Renewable Energy Program as proposed by the nineteen participating communities.

It is important that our electricity come from sources that do not contribute air pollution or carbon emissions. I would like a cost-effective option to have my electricity from clean sources. I have previously lived in Salt Lake City and currently reside in South Salt Lake. I hope that my city will soon be able to offer the choice of clean electricity to residents, as well.

Please approve the program as proposed. In addition, given that the power these cities will produce is less expensive than Rocky Mountain Power's standard sources (as measured by the levelized cost of energy) residents should not have their bills increased for introducing that downward cost pressure to the system. I ask that, at the very least, hold rates the same for the clean energy power as for the standard offer.

Thank you,  
David

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**Byron House** <bhouse1x1@outlook.com>  
To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Hi there, my name is Byron House resident at

[2370 Pierce ave Ogden UT 84401](#)

The air quality along the Wasatch front needs improvement, I'm interested in clean air and clean energy initiatives. I would support the URC program even if it raises utility price. The air and quality of life here won't get better unless we take care of it, thanks for working on this issue as it affects all of us here.

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