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Docket No. 25-035-06 - Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Community Clean Energy Program Authorized by the Community Clean Energy Act

1 message

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Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 6:06 PM

Good evening Dear Chair Fenn and Commissioners Clark and Harvey,

My name is Carmen Valdez and I am writing on behalf of HEAL Utah, the Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah. We are a local nonprofit that has been championing community led environmental and public health initiatives for over 25 years. We represent around 21,000 supporters from across the state, many of whom are in the Utah Renewable Communities ("URC") program.

We are writing today in support of **Docket No. 25-035-06 Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Community Clean Energy Program Authorized by the Community Clean Energy Act ("the Application")** in an effort to bring reliable, affordable, and clean energy to the program's ratepayers. We believe that this program is a step in the right direction with Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP") and the communities as a way to reach Utah's aspirational goals under Operation Gigawatt.

Expanding Energy Choice and Local Leadership

This program empowers Utah's participating communities and ratepayers to take an active role in shaping their energy future. By offering a pathway to cleaner energy choices, the Community Clean Energy Program allows local governments and residents to align their electricity use with their economic and sustainability goals. Utah has the opportunity to lead the nation with a first-of-its-kind program that demonstrates how utility and community collaboration can deliver real, measurable progress toward decarbonization.

Supporting Economic Growth and Investment

Clean energy development brings economic benefits to communities across Utah. The program will drive investment in renewable infrastructure, create high-quality local jobs, and attract new businesses that prioritize sustainability. By enabling utilities and communities to work together toward shared energy goals, this program strengthens Utah's energy independence and promotes long-term economic stability through diversification of the energy portfolio.

Advancing Utah's Statewide Energy Goals

By implementing the Community Clean Energy Program, Utah positions itself as a national leader in innovative, community-driven energy planning. This initiative directly supports Governor Cox's Operation Gigawatt objectives by accelerating renewable energy deployment, reducing emissions, and ensuring a reliable grid. The program demonstrates Utah's commitment to forward-looking energy solutions that balance economic growth, environmental responsibility, and reliability for all ratepayers.

In conclusion, we urge your support of **Docket No. 25-035-06, the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to implement the Community Clean Energy Program authorized by the Community Clean Energy Act**. This program advances Utah Renewable Communities' choice in energy consumption, supports local and statewide economic development, and delivers tangible benefits to all Utahns.

Thank you for your time and all you do for our state,
Gracias!



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[Contact us with tips on concerns in your community!](#)

Residing on the stolen lands of the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes.

Currently reading [You Are a Downwinder by Eddie 'Mac' Jones](#)

To the Public Service Commission,

My name is Caroline Gleich. I'm a Summit County resident, and for more than fifteen years I've been involved in Utah energy policy. Earlier in my career, I worked for Ted Wilson when he served as Governor Herbert's environmental advisor.

In 2016, I spoke at the Park City Council meeting that passed a resolution to move toward 100% renewable energy by 2030. The Utah Renewable Communities Program is how communities like mine begin to implement those commitments.

Cities and counties did not stumble into this program. They passed ordinances, did the analysis, and came to the Commission because they are confident their residents, like myself, want to participate.

My concern is that the current filing places too much emphasis on hypothetical opt-out risk, while shifting real, upfront risk onto communities that have already demonstrated commitment. Sharp reductions in the value of new clean energy, front-loaded administrative costs, and a constrained program scale all make participation less viable, even when demand exists.

At a more fundamental level, this case is about trusting local governments to make informed decisions for their residents. This is a voluntary program. When communities say they want to participate, and have taken formal action to do so, regulation should enable that choice, not unintentionally stand in the way.

I respectfully ask the Commission to approve a version of the URC program that is affordable for ratepayers, viable for communities to participate in, aligned with its original intent, and structured to succeed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Caroline Gleich

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Rachel Chamberlain <rachelchamberlain2@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 8:00 PM

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the Docket. My name is Rachel Chamberlain, I would like to provide comments as an individual and resident of Salt Lake City. I would like to express my strong support for the Utah Renewable Community Program (URC).

I would like to point out that last month the Division of Air Quality released the Comprehensive Beehive Emissions Reduction Plan which is a detailed, data-driven long range plan for reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality statewide. The Division was selected by Governor Cox to complete this plan and it is available on the division's website today.

The plan's analysis demonstrated that increasing renewable electricity within the Utah Renewable Communities Program reduces the emissions that contribute to air pollution which impact health and quality of life for families across Utah. Additionally, the URC program reduces the greenhouse gas emissions that the Division has identified as critical to avoid an increase in the frequency and severity of natural disasters, like wildfires, heat waves, and changes in snowpack. The analysis finds that through the implementation of URC; Utah's greenhouse gas emissions could decline by approximately 37% by 2030 relative to 2005 levels and have the potential to decline by 58% by 2050. This is one of the largest currently available mechanisms to reduce emissions in the state.

Just as importantly, the plan received very broad stakeholder support—from hundreds of businesses, cities, counties, elected officials, industry stakeholders, many state agencies and residents from Logan to Price to San Juan County—who all emphasized the need for more tools that allow communities to voluntarily transition to cleaner energy and identified Utah Renewable Communities as an important mechanism to meet the state's emissions reduction goals.

Utah thrives when we combine innovation with local control. The URC Program does just that. It respects customer choice while strengthening our energy system, preparing our communities for the future, and supporting the economic development advantages Utah is known for.

I urge the Commission to approve the Utah Renewable Community Program and allow communities who want clean energy to move forward. This program reflects years of analysis, broad stakeholder collaboration, and consistent public interest that is further supported by the continued work at the state level which has identified it as an important strategy to pursue. It is a smart next step for Utah's energy future and a meaningful investment in the air we all share.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Rachel Chamberlain



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1 message

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Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 8:19 PM

Dear Public Service Commission:

What follows are the comments I made verbally at the PSC public witness hearing on the evening of December 16. These comments are in addition to the ones I previously submitted in writing.

My name is Jeanne Evenden, and I've been a resident of Ogden for over 25 years. I had a 35-year career in natural resources, and between that and the outdoor-focused upbringing I enjoyed with a field ecologist parent – I have very strong values in living a life with a reasonably light impact on the environment.

The potential this program offers for improving air quality – and thus public health – have driven my interest in this program. In addition, the need for an “all of the above approach” to meet the increasing demand for energy development in Utah is also a factor driving my interest in this program. . .and is highly consistent with Governor Cox's Operation Gigawatt initiative.

Given the significant diminishment of renewable goals as evidenced between Rocky Mountain Power's Integrated Resource Plan in 2019 when the bill was enacted and today, I believe it's fair to say that the development of a renewable energy program in Utah on this scale would not be taking place otherwise.

Communications about the opt out provision of the program, and effects on the low-income communities were major concerns expressed by the Ogden City Council *very early on in this process*. Based on the diligence and depth of planning undertaken by the URC Low-Income and Communications Subcommittees that has occurred in the meantime, I am convinced that all participating communities will have a very robust template for success in these areas. For this program to succeed, however, it's critically important for the cost structure to be easily understood, and that community members are not significantly impacted by bill increases.

I couldn't be more excited about being involved in this unprecedented opportunity for clean, reliable and locally-sourced energy. Please approve a program that reflects the priorities of those of us it's meant to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

December 16, 2025

Good evening, Commission Chair Fenn, Commissioner Clark, and Commissioner Harvey:

My name is Kevin Emerson, and I am making comments tonight as a resident of the City of Millcreek. I'll keep my comments short. As a lifelong Utahn and a resident of Millcreek, I am enthusiastically supportive of the Community Clean Energy program.

There are a few reasons that I support the program:

- 1) First, this program empowers community choice by giving utility customers a new option for how our electricity is generated. This is especially relevant to me and my family given that we rent our home. This program would give my family an option to use electricity that comes from clean, renewable energy, when other options such as installing rooftop solar isn't a viable option for us.
- 2) Second, like many Utahns, I would like to see our utility bring more clean energy online from the abundant wind, solar, and geothermal resources that we are lucky to have in Utah and the region. These energy pollution free energy resources make wise use of our state and region's natural resources. I am a father and this program is an investment in our kids' future.
- 3) Third, I understand that a great deal of attention has been given to prioritizing community education and structuring the program to avoid negative impacts on low-income community members, which I support.

I appreciate and applaud the effort that has gone into the planning for this proposed program, from the communities involved, from Rocky Mountain Power, and from other stakeholders.

And I greatly appreciate the time and effort of the Commission staff and Commissioners in considering this program. I hope you will approve the program.

Thank you and happy holidays,

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Margiemccloy <margiemccloy@gmail.com>
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Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 5:01 PM

I am fully in support of Salt Lake City's inclusion in the Utah Renewable Communities Program. I believe strongly in renewable energy and our obligation to combat climat change and to protect our environment.

Than you,

Margie



PublicService Commission <psc@utah.gov>

Re: re Docket No: 25-035-06

1 message

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

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 5:16 PM

This is Kathleen Lundy again....I am again jumping in with comments that might not be pertinent to what you are discussing tonight at the meeting. Will add another 2 cents worth and either send you or folks at the Sustainability Project some info I don't have at hand like the contact info for one of my friends, a man I knew in Vietnam in the 60s who has worked with the Dpt of Energy and is on a Presidential Commision which deals with these things...he's a good contact as is another friend or two.

So, here's what I have to offer , to suggest....please have the same type of anaerobic digester-energy maker that we have in SLC in other cities/areas...the woman who used to head the URA, Utah Recycling Alliance, was connected to it, the energy producer...Ericka.....I remember when it started...such a good idea....most towns should have a similar operation.

Do Utah cities really require recycling in their or of their businesses??? This includes hospitals. Plastics,Plastics,Plastics are the problem. www.beyondplastics.org is a website you should check out...it's run by a woman who was with the EPA as a Regional Director...she lives in upstate NY, I believe.

Have a good meeting....look forward to receiving an "After Action Report."

KLL

On Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 4:36 PM Kathleen Lundy <flowster23c@gmail.com> wrote:

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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1 message

Jason Ellsworth <realityeventuallywins@yahoo.com>
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Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 5:20 PM

Dear Commission Members,

I may not be able to make it to the meeting so it is my hope to provide you with my statement as a Utah resident and rate payer in advance in case I don't make it.

Commissioners:

I want to express serious concern regarding the cost impacts of the Community Renewable Energy Program and the manner in which estimated customer costs are being developed and presented during the opt-out process.

As discussed in prior comments, customers are asked to rely on an estimated comparison of program costs at the only point when they may exit without penalty. However, the structure of the program creates a clear incentive for cost estimates to understate, rather than overstate, actual program costs and potential termination exposure. If costs ultimately exceed those estimates, customers—not developers—bear the financial risk. This misalignment raises significant consumer-protection concerns, particularly for residential and fixed-income customers who have limited ability to absorb higher electricity costs.

These concerns are heightened when considered alongside the scale of the program's emissions impact. Utah's electric power sector emits approximately **20.6 million metric tons of CO₂ annually**. By comparison, publicly available international data show that **China adds new coal-fired generating capacity at a pace sufficient to produce equivalent annual emissions in approximately two to four weeks**, and fossil generating capacity comparable in size to Utah's fleet in roughly one to two months. As a result, even if the program were to receive 100% adoption statewide and fully displace Utah's power-sector emissions, the net effect would, at best, delay a comparable amount of ongoing carbon emissions for only a matter of weeks. However, any misrepresented or unexpected rise in costs, even if unintentional, may have a direct and lasting impact on Utah families and businesses.

Against this backdrop, the Commission should carefully weigh how imposing higher and uncertain electricity costs on Utah families should be implemented and managed over time as Electricity costs have a direct and immediate impact on household affordability, while the emissions reductions associated with this program are unlikely to materially affect global outcomes in any material form despite our best hopes and intentions. It is critical that customer cost estimates be conservative, transparent, and accurate, and that customers not be required to bear termination or overrun risk if actual costs exceed the estimates relied upon during the opt-out period. The onus of accuracy must be on the developer and not on the back of the rate payer, and a "will not exceed" rate should be provided to customers to which it should be held accountable and not be given an unlimited ability to increase rates and termination fees without risk to itself. The desire to improve our air quality admirable, but unfortunately the realistic impact of this bill will be much greater financially than environmentally and protecting Utah families from avoidable cost harm should remain a central consideration in the Commission's review.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Commission for the work they do as well as all of the members of the community who took the time to become involved in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
JR Ellsworth



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1 message

William Ingalls <wvingalls@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 7:02 PM

To: "psc@utah.gov" <psc@utah.gov>

Hello, this is William Ingalls in Vernal Utah. I'm writing today in support of the Utah renewable communities (URC) plans aimed at helping Utah communities reach 100% net renewable electricity by 2030.

Clean energy would mean clean air in a region that has struggled with air quality compliance, along with ensuing respiratory health issues for many a year. I have had to send my young grandchildren back to their home after a morning of bad air at my home on the south edge of Vernal.

Please approve this program of affordable and reliable renewable energy. It's an equitable, accessible and sustainable energy program for the future.

Thank you for listening,

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1 message

Taylor Walls <taylorabewalls@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 9:11 PM

Hello,

I am a constituent of Salt Lake City, zip code 84104. I urge you to approve the program proposed by 19 Utah Renewable Communities. Clean energy is the only way forward. The Salt Lake Valley already is battling horrendous air quality year round, moving forward with cleaner energy options is the only possible future. I often meet people from different parts of the country, and one of the things they mention about Utah and Salt Lake City is our horrible air quality. We need to invest in cleaner energy and cleaner solutions. I believe many citizens care, and want cleaner options. Please support this.

Thank you for your time,

Taylor Walls



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1 message

Tim Brown <timb@tracyaviary.org>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Dec 17, 2025 at 9:11 AM

Dear Public Service Commission - thank you for the generous time and energy you dedicate serving on this commission. In my role as President/CEO at Tracy Aviary, at times I am asked to speak on behalf of birds and the wide variety of habitats they use in our state. With that in mind, I am writing to ask the commission to support and approve the Community Renewable Energy Program.

Birds are biological indicators - canaries in the coal mine if you will. As bird enthusiasts, we pay close attention to patterns associated with bird presence and absence. Based on this information, it appears that climate change is among the factors impacting bird populations negatively.

No one day nor single season can be used to establish a pattern. But years of record breaking temperatures does establish a pattern. Warmer temperatures impact birds and their habitats in numerous ways.

With that in mind, we are advocates for reducing carbon emissions, and therefore we urge you to approve the Program as proposed by the 19 Utah Renewable Communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tim

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TRACY AVIARY, Nature Center at Pia Okwai
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Tracy Aviary and the Nature Center at Pia Okwai are located in Soonkahni (Salt Lake Valley), and along Pia Okwai (The Jordan River), in the state of Utah which is named after the Yuta-Shoshone peoples and occupies the Newe (Shoshone and Goshute), Núchíu (Ute), Nuwuví (Paiute), and Diné (Navajo) territories.



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Please vote in favor of Utah Renewable Communities

1 message

Kris Brunty (kduerden@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal MessageTue, Dec 16, 2025 at
5:51 PM

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Reply-To: "Kris Brunty (kduerden@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message" <kduerden@comcast.net>

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

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I moved to Utah from California in 1988. The great state of Utah has been a beautiful home for me and my children and now, my grandchildren. In order to keep Utah beautiful Clean Renewable Energy is a MUST!

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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