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Opposition to Opt-Out Rocky Mountain Power Surcharge

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Mayor Gettel, Members of the Midvale City Council, et al.,

I am writing to express my strong dissatisfaction with the new \$4 Rocky Mountain Power surcharge — and especially with the decision to implement it as an **opt-out** fee rather than an opt-in choice.

An opt-out structure assumes consent from residents who may not even know this charge exists. It places the burden on citizens to discover the fee, understand it, and take action to remove it. Many Midvale residents will end up paying this surcharge simply because they weren't informed or didn't realize they had to opt out. That is not transparent governance, and it does not reflect a community-focused approach.

At a time when utility costs, housing expenses, and basic necessities are already rising, quietly adding a mandatory fee by default is both unfair and regressive. This surcharge may seem small on paper, but for many families it's yet another monthly increase they cannot control — and it hits lower-income residents the hardest.

If the city truly believes this fee is necessary, then residents should be asked to **opt in**, not automatically enrolled without their explicit consent. I urge the Council to reconsider this decision and explore alternatives that do not rely on increasing utility bills or placing additional financial strain on Midvale households.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will prioritize transparency and the financial well-being of the community you serve.

Sincerely, Robin