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Docket No. 25-035-22: Please reject PacifiCorp and Rocky Mountain Power IRP

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

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

I as a Rocky Mountain power customer demand that PacifiCorp adopt more energy saving and sustainable sources of power, namely: solar, wind, other alternative fuels. The inversion that occurs every winter in the wasatch basin is unacceptable considering the options for renewable and cleaner energy. I refuse to carry the burden of Rocky Mountain Power's inefficiency in adopting more affordable energy options. Dr. Thomas M. Benhard

I am writing to express my concerns about Rocky Mountain Power's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan. This plan prioritizes costly, harmful technologies while reversing plans to invest in clean, affordable energy, leaving Utah ratepayers to bear the financial and health burdens.

RMP's continued reliance on outdated coal plants and expensive carbon-capture technology is a risk-laden plan that threatens to drive up energy costs.

More than 80% of RMP's requested rate increases in the last two years were due to high coal and gas costs. Meanwhile, Utah stands to gain millions in tax revenue and thousands of jobs by expanding renewable energy, according to a Sierra Club analysis conducted by Current Energy.. Yet PacifiCorp's plan moves in the opposite direction.

I urge the PSC to reject costly, high-risk continued reliance on fossil fuels and instead push Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp to prioritize affordable, reliable clean energy that benefits Utah families and businesses. When RMP's pursuit of carbon capture and small-scale nuclear fail to materialize, it will be RMP's customers who pay the price. RMP should be investing in clean energy today, when it is cheapest, not waiting until the 2030s to commit. Utahns shouldn't have to pay more for decisions that benefit corporate shareholders and hurt our communities.

Please advocate for an energy plan that protects ratepayers, public health, and our economic future by rejecting PacifiCorp's current Integrated Resource Plan.

Sincerely,

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