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Rocky Mountain Power 20 Year Plan Concerns

1 message

Dylan Stewart <dylanhstewart25@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 21, 2026 at 5:41 PM

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

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dylan Stewart, and I'm a soon to be Utah resident. I recently learned about the plan to expand fossil fuel production, and not increase renewable energy. This is a big concern to me. Utah has incredible solar potential, and it makes no sense for us to dig out heels into the more expensive energy of the past. I also love skiing, and want to enjoy Utah's winters in the future. Plans that increase fossil fuel production threaten that future. Please, plan for increased renewable energy. Thank you.



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On Rocky Mtn Power's Energy Plan

1 message

Spencer Young <spenceryoung513@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 21, 2026 at 8:07 PM

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

Good evening,

It has come to my attention that Rocky Mountain Power recently put forth an updated energy plan that includes designs to double down on coal and other dirty power generation techniques while not properly emphasizing renewable energy over the next few decades. As a resident of Utah, I am very concerned about this. Our air quality is consistently poor, and the impact of additional carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is warming our planet to the point where Utah may be looking at more winters like the one we just had (almost no snow, threatening the whole state with drought while destroying many recreation other and economic opportunities).

I am emailing because I'm aware that you, as members of the Public Service Commission, have the opportunity to reject or request changes to this plan. I implore you, for the future of our state (and our children who will live in it), to push RMP toward greener, more sustainable solutions moving forward.

Thank you very much,

Spencer Young



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Sustainable power

1 message

Audrey Graham <graham4grand@yahoo.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 7:21 AM

We need to see a massive move toward alternate forms of energy asap, not in 20 years! We need true and determined movement toward wind, solar and geothermal energy sources asap. Anything else is unacceptable to Utahans. Please do your job and do not accept Rocky Mountain Power's plan to keep us under polluted skies and absent snow. Thank you, Audrey and Tim Graham, Moab

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



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Reject Rocky Mountain Power's Plan

1 message

Patrick McIntyre <patrickmc202@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 7:39 AM

Dear Utah Public Service Commission,

Please reject Rocky Mountain Power's Integrated Resource Plan. As a citizen and resident of Utah (84101) and a lover of the Great Salt Lake, Winter, snow sports, the Winter Olympics, air quality, and public health, this plan moves backward when we must double-down on clean, renewable energy.

Below is a plain-language summary of the plan. The reasons why it should be rejected are clear. For the future of our kids and our state, please do the right thing.

Patrick McIntyre
Salt Lake City

Executive takeaway

Rocky Mountain Power's latest plan **continues some renewable energy build-out, but meaningfully scales back clean energy investments compared to earlier plans and leans more heavily on fossil fuels—especially natural gas—over the next two decades.** Coal retirements are slower than previously expected, and gas is positioned as the dominant resource for meeting future electricity demand and reliability needs.

Clean and renewable energy investments

Solar

- The original 2025 IRP projected **about 4,765 MW of new utility-scale solar by 2045.**
- The **latest IRP update cuts that nearly in half**, down to **approximately 2,477 MW.**
- This represents one of the largest reductions in planned clean energy resources compared to prior plans. [\[sltrib.com\]](#), [\[kvnutalk.com\]](#)

Wind

- Wind development is **largely flat** in the updated plan.
- Planned new wind generation is reduced by **~80 MW system-wide**, with particularly sharp reductions in the interior West (Utah, Wyoming, Idaho). [\[sltrib.com\]](#), [\[kvnutalk.com\]](#)

Battery storage

- Battery storage—which enables renewables to replace fossil generation during peak hours—has been **cut by roughly 1,800 MW** compared to earlier 2025 IRP projections. [\[sltrib.com\]](#), [\[nationaltoday.com\]](#)

Demand-side management (efficiency & load flexibility)

- The plan continues investments in **energy efficiency and demand-side management**, but these programs **do not grow fast enough** to offset reduced renewable supply, according to external analyses of the IRP. [\[rockymount...npower.net\]](#), [\[sltrib.com\]](#)

Fossil fuel investments

Natural gas (major growth area)

- The updated plan calls for **approximately 2,222 MW of new natural-gas generation** across PacifiCorp's six-state system.
- Gas plants are framed as necessary for **reliability, peak demand, and backup for renewables**, effectively making gas the backbone of the future resource mix. [\[sltrib.com\]](#), [\[nationaltoday.com\]](#)

Coal







- Several coal plants remain online **into the 2030s and 2040s**.
- Previously planned **accelerated retirements of Utah coal plants (e.g., Huntington and Hunter)** are no longer near-term priorities in the latest update.
- The plan keeps open the possibility of **retrofits or extended operation** rather than firm retirement dates. [\[sierraclub.org\]](#), [\[sltrib.com\]](#)

Carbon capture & emerging fossil-adjacent technologies

- PacifiCorp continues to model **carbon capture on coal plants** and **advanced thermal resources** as future options.
- These technologies are **unproven at scale** and increase long-term fossil fuel dependence, according to critics. [\[sierraclub.org\]](#)

Comparative snapshot

Direction of investment (latest IRP update):

Resource type	Trend
Utility-scale solar	 Significant decrease
Wind	 Slight decrease
Battery storage	 Major decrease
Energy efficiency	 Modest, steady
Natural gas	 Major increase
Coal	 Slower phase-out

[\[sltrib.com\]](#), [\[kvnutalk.com\]](#), [\[nationaltoday.com\]](#)

What this means

- The plan **locks in higher exposure to fossil fuel price volatility**, especially natural gas.

- Clean energy growth continues, but **well below what was previously planned** and below levels many analysts say are cost-optimal.
 - The strategy prioritizes **short-term reliability via gas** over **long-term affordability and emissions reductions** achievable through renewables plus storage.
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Sources

- Rocky Mountain Power / PacifiCorp, **2025 Integrated Resource Plan**, Volume I [[rockymount...npower.net](#)]
 - *Salt Lake Tribune / Grist*, "Rocky Mountain Power's latest plan shows more investment in fossil fuels" (April 2026) [[sltrib.com](#)]
 - *KVNU / Cache Valley Daily*, IRP update coverage (April 2026) [[kvnutalk.com](#)]
 - Sierra Club press analysis of the 2025 IRP [[sierraclub.org](#)]
 - Microsoft Co-Pilot
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Rocky Mountain Power's long term plan

1 message

Mel Smith <melrsmith@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 9:24 AM

Reply-To: melrsmith@gmail.com

To: psc@utah.gov

Hi,
I oppose Rocky Mountain Power's current proposal that has little or no alternative energy built into it. Our economy and quality of life, indeed our survival here in Utah depends on the climate producing adequate snow and water. Global warming continues to worsen our options. We should be aggressively moving away from fossil fuels as our main source of energy and moving them to backup status. Our state has great potential for solar, wind, and thermal energy production. Rocky Mountain Power should be required to invest in these and move production to them as quickly as possible.
Mel
Provo, UT



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Comment on RMP energy plan

1 message

Joanne Slotnik <joanne.slotnik@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 9:45 AM

Good morning,

I'm writing to comment on Rocky Mountain Power's updated energy plan. The recent war in Iran simply highlights the wrong-headedness of increasing reliance on fossil fuels in an era when they are so vulnerable and renewables such as wind and solar are becoming increasingly affordable. Adding wind, solar, and storage to the portfolio of fuels makes lots of sense but is nowhere to be found. RMP is heading in the wrong direction for our era. I urge you to NOT approve RMP's current plan.

Thank you,
Joanne Slotnik
Torrey, UT 84775

Rocky Mountain Power just [filed its updated energy plan](#), and it takes us backwards, doubling down on old, polluting fossil fuel energy sources while leaving out new renewable energy ... for the next 20 years. No meaningful additions of wind, solar or storage in Utah, or the jobs those industries create, for two decades. Instead, it leans further into coal and gas



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Clean, Renewable Energy

1 message

Patrick Redding <patrickredding@gmail.com>
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Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 12:50 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Rocky Mountain Power's 20-year plan for increased fossil fuel use is unacceptable. This is going in the wrong direction. They need to be incorporating much more clean, renewables. Please guide them in that direction.

Patrick Redding
Logan, Utah



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Energy plan

1 message

Bob and Jane Barr <bobjanebarrslc@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM

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

I am a resident of Utah since 1960. I have converted two of my properties to solar. I would add more panels if you would let me to those two properties to cover my property at Brighton(which comes on the same bill as my home bill) if you would approve that as well.

And I have many other ideas to increase the amount of solar energy produced in our state. If your current 20 year plan to continue to use coal and fossil fuel and add to climate change is not changed to a more sustainable and less damaging plan I will do whatever is necessary to discontinue supporting your efforts to operate.

And will do whatever is needed to persuade our government entities to do the same.

Bob Barr

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Please oppose Rocky Mountain Power's updated energy plan unless it is substantially revised to emphasize renewable energy sources

1 message

Richard Spotts <raspotts2@gmail.com>
To: psc@utah.gov

April 22, 2026

Dear Utah Public Service Commission members:

As a long time Utah resident, and on this 56th Earth Day anniversary, I wish to express my opposition to the Rocky Mountain Power update

Please carefully review the attached IPCC report and include it in this administrative record. This report provides compelling information on making this transition. There is a growing recognition that investing in more fossil fuels is more risky than shifting to renewables. Utah should

Please consider the excellent Salt Lake Tribune op-ed at the web link and pasted below. I fully concur with these concerns. Winter sports

Above all, please require Rocky Mountain Power to significantly revise its proposed energy plan to put the dominant emphasis on expedient interest. Our collective future is literally at stake.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Spotts
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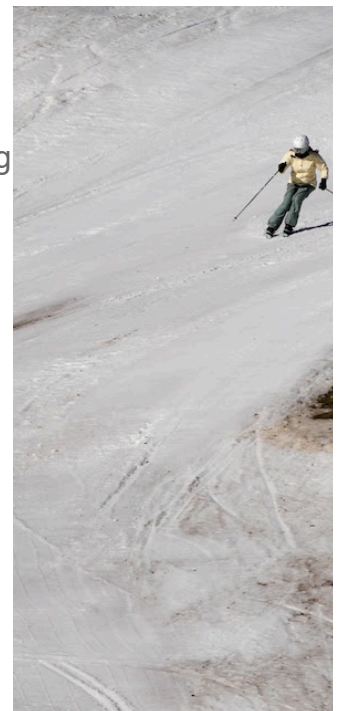
cc: Interested parties

Attachment

<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2026/04/21/voices-utah-cant-wait-20-years/>

Voices: Utah can't wait 20 years for clean energy. If you care about winters in Utah, it's time to speak up.

Clean, renewable energy can't be an afterthought or something we revisit decades from now; it has to be a leading part of the energy mix today.



Like a lot of people who've grown up skiing in Utah, I don't take our winters for granted. This place shaped my career, lately, though, heading to the mountain doesn't look or feel the same — and not in a good way. I know what healthy we know what's driving it. The climate is warming [faster than expected](#). And a big reason is right in front of us: We're Huntington, operated by Rocky Mountain Power.


With renewable energy [often being the cheapest option](#) and with Utah sitting on incredible [solar and geothermal potential](#) So the question becomes: Why are we still heading backward to more coal and gas when we know where we need to go? A lot of it comes down to decisions most people never see. Rocky Mountain Power, owned by PacifiCorp, is the state's most forward-looking energy or stay tied to outdated sources.

Rocky Mountain Power just [filed its updated energy plan](#), and it takes us backwards, doubling down on old, polluting fossil fuels decades. Instead, it leans further into coal and gas, locking in more emissions at a time when we need to be cutting them. Then there's the Utah Public Service Commission, a three-person body that reviews those plans. They're supposed to accept the good news is, this plan isn't a done deal. The Utah Public Service Commission still has the authority to accept it, reject it. Right now, there's an open proceeding on Rocky Mountain Power's long-term plan, and anyone can weigh in by email or speaking up.

This isn't just about energy policy, it's about whether future generations get to experience Utah the way we have. And that's Over the holidays this year, when our mountains should've been coated in white, most of the state got rain. Rain in the not just locals who notice, people who plan trips months in advance, who fuel Utah's winter economy, are asking: "Is this That question matters more than people realize. Snow sports are [a cornerstone of Utah's economy](#), generating about \$1.5 billion strong, that means thriving small businesses, full hotels, bustling resorts and stable jobs. When they're not, the impact There's a bigger picture here, too. Utah is set to host the Winter Olympics [again in 2034](#), but that doesn't guarantee the from Dr. Daniel Scott shows that under high-emissions scenarios more than half of the former winter Olympic host region. From a skier's perspective, and as a dad, that's hard to wrap your head around. My kids are just getting started. If this After one of Utah's warmest and driest winters on record, we're being told to wait 20 years to move forward? That's exactly Clean, renewable energy can't be an afterthought or something we revisit decades from now; it has to be a leading part



(Steven Nyman) Steven Nyman is a former Olympian, alpine skier and father who is part of the Protect Our Winters Athlete Alliance. **Steven Nyman** is a former Olympian, alpine skier and father who is part of the Protect Our Winters Athlete Alliance.

 [Climate Change IPCC 2023 Summary Report.pdf](#)
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Proposed energy plan for Rocky Mountain Power

1 message

Melisse Grey <greyconsulting@msn.com>

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 4:57 PM

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

Dear Utah Public Service Commission Members:

As you consider Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) proposed energy plan, I hope you will recognize how current political pressure on our governor and state legislators from the U.S. President and his cabinet members has pushed RMP away from longer-perspective and already-initiated plans to develop renewable energy sources.

All reasonable people understand we cannot immediately discontinue the use of fossil fuels, and all informed people understand that reducing the use of fossil fuels and the carbon emissions their extraction and use create are accelerating our air pollution and the warming trend in the earth's climate. With solar and wind-generated power and the ability to store it in batteries becoming less expensive and more efficient, it is ill-advised to abandon these low-risk, low-harm approaches in order to make a point that we support companies and people who work in the coal and oil industries. All of us are learning to modify what we do and how we do it to adapt to a world of accelerating change; the fossil fuel industry can do the same if the market asks it to instead of protecting its status quo.

An "all of the above" energy policy may be prudent and realistic, provided the proportional reliance on power sources shifts towards the least harmful sources that have adequate productivity. That currently means wind and solar, and perhaps nuclear, provided it is engineered and regulated by educated experts, not twenty-year-old entrepreneurs without science degrees.

Please take a big-picture, long-term, benefit vs. harm approach to your review of RMP's energy plan and ensure alternative energy sources are in the picture.

Thank you,

Melisse Grey