

March 2025

Re: Public Comment on Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) Proposed Rate Increases in Public Service Commission Dockets #24-035-04, #24-035-01, and #23-035-40.

Dear Commissioners Chair Jerry Fenn, David Clark and John Harvey Ph.D.,

We, residents of the Greater Avenues community, are concerned about the burden that Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increases will place on us. This includes:

- An 18% general rate increase.
- Increases in the Energy Balancing Account bill line item using an undisclosed formula that is difficult for consumers to predict and budget for.
- Increases of approximately \$62 per customer for excess fire liability insurance for RMP's parent company PacificCorp to cover areas outside of Utah.
- Increases of 5% for a state legislature mandated Utah Fire Fund.

Taken together these rate increases have the potential to nearly double the average Greater Avenues community resident's RMP electricity bill. This increase is made more burdensome by unaccounted for increases in health care costs of diseases caused by the pollution of fossil fuel based energy production and lost wages due to health related missed work days and premature death. The emotional toll that chronic haze and pollution takes on our residents is difficult to monetize but very great indeed.

We understand that providing for the energy needs of the Greater Avenues is a solemn duty that Rocky Mountain Power takes seriously. We are calling on Rocky Mountain Power to expand their commitment to the health and prosperity of Utah's communities by adopting the following:

1. Studies and actions to identify, quantify, and share with their customers the true health, economic, and social costs of continued fossil fuel based energy production.
2. An energy generation plan that reduces expenditures for the continued maintenance and operation of fossil fuel based energy production with eventual decommission of coal burning plants in Utah.
3. Energy utility rate structures that reward customers who conserve energy and produce energy at their homes and businesses.
4. A shared wildfire prevention and mitigation plan that includes reduced dependence on fossil fuel burning energy generation and transmission that causes catastrophic wildfires.

We respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to deny the Rocky Mountain Power proposed rate increase until these concerns have been addressed.

Cc: Rocky Mountain Power,

Sincerely,

Residents of the Greater Avenues community