



Dear Ms. Lyons:

We are delighted to send you this letter of support for Salt Lake City's application for an implementation grant under the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) competition to support the launch of the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) program.

The URC program is a community choice clean electricity program that Summit County, Salt Lake City, and 16 other local governments across the state have been designing in partnership with Rocky Mountain Power under the Community Renewable Energy Act, adopted by the Utah state legislature in 2019.

By law, our program cannot shift costs to non-participating customers or to Rocky Mountain Power; that means the program tariff paid by participating customers must cover the excess cost of new clean energy resources acquired to meet the URC's clean energy target and the administration costs incurred by Rocky Mountain Power to administer the program.

A CPRG implementation grant would primarily be used to cover the estimated excess cost of roughly half of the program's new clean energy target and the first five years of program administration costs. In this way, it will directly reduce the program rate paid by participating customers in unincorporated Summit County, making the program accessible to as many households as possible and encouraging broad participation.

As you know, the collaboration between our two communities to support renewable energy is longstanding and deep. Our communities worked together to support Utah's landmark Community Renewable Energy Act (Act) in 2019 to enable the URC program and partnered together on an 80-Megawatt utility-scale solar project that should come online later this year to support our respective municipal operations.

Summit County was also a founding member of and served as a financial anchor for the URC (formally known as the Community Renewable Energy Agency) when it was established in 2021 to design, launch, and procure renewable energy resources for the program. Additionally, Summit County serves on the Program Design and Low-Income Plan committees of the URC Board.

Thank you for preparing this grant application to support the launch of the URC program.

Sincerely,

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