



March 25, 2024

Debbie Lyons
Director, Salt Lake City Sustainability Department
451 S. State Street, Room 418
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Ms. Lyons:

Rocky Mountain Power strongly supports the Salt Lake City Sustainability Department's application for an implementation grant through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) to launch the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) program.

Rocky Mountain Power is the largest electric utility in Utah, serving almost one million Utah customers. We have a diverse portfolio of generating plants including hydroelectric, natural gas, coal, wind, geothermal and solar resources with plans to significantly increase our wind and solar resources in the coming years.

In 2019, we supported the Utah Community Renewable Energy Act which enables communities within our Utah service area to collaborate with us in developing renewable energy initiatives, subject to approval by the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC). Rocky Mountain Power continues to work with the coalition of 18 Utah communities in the URC who have each adopted resolutions leveraging this legislation in support of their goals to achieve net-100% renewable electricity by 2030. The URC program will offer Rocky Mountain Power customers in all participating communities a choice to supplement their current energy mix with additional renewable energy at a minimal cost increase. Under the URC program, Rocky Mountain Power will acquire additional clean energy from new renewable projects on behalf of the URC program, resulting in the development of significant new renewable energy sources on Rocky Mountain Power's system.

With support from an EPA CPRG implementation grant, Salt Lake City can facilitate the start up of the URC program by demonstrating adequate financial strength to develop an initial fleet of program-specific renewable resources while offsetting start-up costs to maximize participation. As the program develops a track record of success, additional resources can be brought online using participation fees which will allow the URC program to meet its net-100% renewable electricity goal by 2030.

We're proud of our collaboration with Salt Lake City and all of the URC participants to create this innovative and unique program. We respectfully request the EPA's thoughtful consideration of the positive impact a CPRG grant would have on all of our customers and communities.

Sincerely,

Craig Eller
Vice President, Business Policy and Development