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Dear Ms. Lyons:

I am writing to express my 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 Kearns Metro Township, 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, the 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 Kearns Metro Township, making the program accessible to as many households as possible and encouraging broad participation. Expanded participation in the URC program will help us make great strides in meeting the goals of our adopted *Resilience + Infrastructure Plan* and will promote energy resilience across the State.

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

Sincerely,

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