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Dear Ms. Lyons:

I am 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 the Town of Alta, 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. In order to participate in the URC program, Alta established the goal of obtaining net 100 percent renewable electricity for electric utility customers by 2030, and the URC program is our best chance to meeting that goal.

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 Alta, making the program accessible to as many households as possible and encouraging broad participation.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Cawley  
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Board Member, Utah Renewable Communities