

Rocky Mountain Power
Docket No. 16-035-36
Witness: K. Ian Andrews

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF UTAH

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Direct Testimony of K. Ian Andrews in Support of the Clean Coal Technology
Program

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1 **Q. Please state your name, business address and present position with Rocky**
2 **Mountain Power (“the Company”), a division of PacifiCorp.**

3 A. My name is K. Ian Andrews. My business address is 1407 West North Temple,
4 Suite 310, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. I am the Director of Resource Development
5 in the Resource Development and Construction department.

6 **QUALIFICATIONS**

7 **Q. Briefly describe your educational and professional background.**

8 A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University
9 of Utah and a Masters degree in Business Administration from Brigham Young
10 University. Since joining the Company in September 1978, I have had multiple
11 responsibilities including power plant training, project management, customer
12 technical services, resource planning, managing due diligence of resource
13 acquisitions, power plant performance improvement, emissions controls strategy
14 development and implementation, electric power generation resource
15 development and most recently, director of the resource development group since
16 October 2013. I am a registered professional engineer in the state of Utah. I also
17 represent the Company on a number of issues related to energy.

18 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Director of Resource Development?**

19 A. My primary responsibilities include developing Company-owned generation
20 resource options that the Company could potentially implement, if those resources
21 are determined to be least cost on a risk-adjusted basis. The group is responsible
22 for developing and providing performance and cost information related to future
23 resource options used in the Company’s integrated resource planning process and

24 maintains data on existing resource capacities and performance. The resource
25 development group also provides cost and performance information on current
26 and emerging environmental regulations that may affect the operation of the
27 Company's thermal generating assets.

28 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

29 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

30 A. My testimony supports the Company's proposed Clean Coal Technology Program
31 described in the Application, and included as Exhibit B thereto. The Company's
32 filing respectfully requests the Commission approve the Clean Coal Technology
33 Program projects pursuant to U.C.A. § 54-20-104; these proposed projects have
34 been selected to meet the objectives of the Sustainable Transportation and Energy
35 Plan Act ("STEP") "to investigate, analyze, and research clean coal technology"
36 (U.C.A. § Section 54-20-104).

37 **CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

38 **Q. Please describe the Company's proposed Clean Coal Technology Program.**

39 A. Pursuant to the STEP legislation, the Company is requesting authorization to
40 spend up to \$5.0 million in STEP funding over the five-year pilot period to
41 investigate, analyze, and research clean coal technology. The program consists of
42 the following proposed projects:

- 43 1) A co-firing test of processed woody-waste (biomass) materials at the
44 Company's Hunter Unit 3.
- 45 2) Co-funding of a long term availability test of Sustainable Energy Solutions'
46 Cryogenic Carbon CaptureTM technology on one of the units at either the

- 47 Hunter or Huntington Plants.
- 48 3) Co-funding of the University of Utah Phase 1 effort to perform a pre-
- 49 feasibility study for commercial carbon dioxide (“CO₂”) sequestration sites
- 50 with co-funding by the United States Department of Energy.
- 51 4) A study to evaluate the potential for using CO₂ to be used for regional
- 52 enhanced coal bed methane recovery with sequestration.
- 53 5) A study to evaluate the performance and cost effectiveness of integrating solar
- 54 thermal capture technologies at Hunter 3.
- 55 6) The application of an advanced neural network control system at Huntington
- 56 Unit 2 for the reduction of nitrogen oxides (“NO_x”) emissions.
- 57 7) Implementation of a utility scale demonstration of one or more alternative
- 58 technologies that may result in decreases in NO_x emissions without the use of
- 59 Selective Catalytic Reduction (“SCR”).

60 A full description of the program is provided in the Clean Coal Technology

61 Program document included as Exhibit B to the Application.

62 For implementation of this program, the Company has assembled a Clean

63 Coal Research team to guide selection and implementation of the initiatives. In

64 addition to Company personnel, the team includes professors from the chemical

65 engineering and mechanical engineering departments at the University of Utah,

66 Brigham Young University, and Utah State University, and personnel from the

67 Utah Office of Energy Development, the University of Utah Geosciences

68 Institute, the Utah Science and Technology Research Initiative, Reaction

69 Engineering, and Sustainable Energy Solutions.

70 **Q. What kind of benefits will the program provide?**

71 A. The respective components of the Clean Coal Technology program will provide
72 the following benefits:

73 1) Opportunity to assess the feasibility of potential periodic removal of Utah's
74 woody waste that will help the Utah forest health and potentially decrease
75 wild fires and their associated particulate emissions. This testing would be
76 performed on woody waste materials that have processed using technologies
77 developed by two Utah based companies, Amaron Energy and AEG
78 Coalswitch.

79 2) Provide for a long term availability test of Sustainable Energy Solutions'
80 Cryogenic Carbon CaptureTM technology on one of the units at the Hunter or
81 Huntington Plants. This test is viewed as a next step to facilitate United States
82 Department of Energy ("USDOE") funding to design, construct, install and
83 test pilot scale (5-10 MWe) facility. This technology is considered to be an
84 emerging technology with lower costs and auxiliary loads than currently
85 available commercial carbon capture technologies. Sustainable Energy
86 Solutions is a Utah-based company.

87 3) Opportunity to conduct a pre-feasibility study for a commercial scale CO₂
88 geological storage complex in Emery County while leveraging \$1.2m of
89 USDOE funding. Other participants include a number of Utah state agencies
90 including Utah Science Technology and Research initiative, Utah Division of
91 Environmental Quality, the Office of Energy Development, the Utah Division
92 of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Utah Geological Survey and the State Institutional

93 Land Administration.

94 4) Investigate the potential ability to use captured CO₂ from Emery County coal-
95 fueled power plants for use in enhanced coal bed methane recovery.

96 5) Evaluate the potential to install solar thermal augmentation to produce steam
97 or hot water at a Utah coal plant location thereby reducing emissions
98 associated with coal fueled power generation.

99 6) Facilitate the implementation of a neural net software application using the
100 direct involvement of a Utah university to reduce NO_x emissions at
101 Huntington Unit 2.

102 7) Facilitate future potential targeted NO_x emissions reductions solutions that
103 may be more economical than installing selective catalytic reduction system.

104 **CONCLUSION**

105 **Q. Please summarize the proposal for Clean Coal Technology Program**
106 **contained in this Application.**

107 A. The Company has identified seven clean coal research studies and projects with
108 associated budgets. These projects and studies were reviewed and prioritized by
109 the Clean Coal Research team during the development and research identification
110 phase. These selected projects meet the definition of Clean Coal technology in
111 STEP and its objective “to investigate, analyze, and research clean coal
112 technology” (U.C.A. § Section 54-20-104). The benefits of each project are
113 identified in the individual project descriptions in Exhibit B, Clean Coal
114 Technology Program. The selected projects are intended to meet multiple
115 objectives, and include:

- 116 1) Demonstration projects that will result in measurable reduced emissions,
117 2) Investment in promising technologies and applications that may advance
118 technologies that when fully developed and applied in utility scale that
119 will allow for coal-fired generation resources to operate with reduced
120 carbon emissions,
121 3) Providing opportunities for industry-targeted areas of research that can be
122 performed by Utah's universities, and
123 4) Promotion of Utah's clean energy technology companies.

124 **Q. In your opinion, is the Company's proposal consistent with STEP and in the**
125 **interest of Rocky Mountain Power's customers?**

126 A. Yes.

127 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

128 A. Yes.