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Dear Ms. Coleman,

Please accept my comments on MEAN's 2022 draft IRP.

I have been a Gunnison County resident for twelve years. Although I reside in Almont, the City of Gunnison is where I often work and purchase the bulk of my amenities. My clients and my stores are ratepayers of MEAN which makes me very interested in where their source of electricity comes from. As ALL the towns in Gunnison County pass plans to address climate change and we begin building more local green energy solutions, the City of Gunnison is being expected by its citizens to join countywide efforts to transition to clean electricity.

Should MEAN want to remain a provider of electricity for the future in the City of Gunnison it needs to get serious about ratepayer sentiment and transparency. MEAN must prove it can transition it's energy sources from polluting sources to clean sources at competitive prices to continue to find support by citizens to continue purchasing electricity from MEAN.

We all are experiencing the impacts of drought, floods, heat domes, derechos (linear high speed wind events, yes Nebraska has had some), and increase hazardous weather variability. Citizens of Gunnison County are demanding all energy sources be in a state of transition in the immediate future, away from coal and polluting energy sources towards cleaner more affordable energy and storage, with clear dates for achieving clean energy percentages. The City of Gunnison must ensure their electricity source follows those expectations.

The City of Gunnison just passed a Climate Action and Sustainability plan which lays out a 100% renewable electric grid by 2024. MEAN's inability to quickly pivot to renewable energy put the City's energy goals into question.

I hope that you will expand your review process and ensure that all critical comments are received. I also hope that you will clearly define your goals and set metrics that tell ratepayers how you intend to achieve those goals for cleaner energy.

Thank you,

Darcie Perkins

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