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SUBJECT TOQUOP POWER PROJECT - NEVADA

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MESSAGE

ATTACHED PLEASE FIND A COPY OF TOWN OF ROCKVILLE RESOLUTION 08-0303-1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DATE, MARCH 3, 2008, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE, UTAH.

WE REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO OUR OPPOSITION AND THE REASONS AS STATED IN OUR RESOLUTION, AND TAKE ACTION TO SEE THAT THE TOQUOP POWER PROJECT IS STOPPED AND THAT ALTERNATIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES BE FOUND TO SUPPLY THE POWER NEEDED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA.

RESOLUTION OP-0303-1**A RESOLUTION OF THE ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOQUOP POWER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is considering giving Sithe Global Inc. permission to construct the Toquop Power Project, a coal-fired power plant on Utah's border directly west of St. George; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is currently accepting public comment regarding the construction of the Toquop Project; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Southern Utah is a tourism based economy that greatly benefits from remarkably good air quality, which allows visitors to the area to view and enjoy our spectacular landscapes, National Parks and State Parks; and

WHEREAS, by using a coal-fired process, the Toquop Power Project will release pollutants into the atmosphere and onto the land, thereby degrading the quality of life of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan of the Town of Rockville commits "to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of Rockville citizens"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Community Goals stated in the Town of Rockville General Plan states "uses which cause excessive air, water, noise, visual or other forms of pollution will not be permitted"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockville, as an entry town to Zion National Park, feels a responsibility to protect the general health of the Park's environment, especially the air quality which allows visitors to enjoy the spectacular landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Study did not adequately analyze the impacts of increased air pollution on the economy of Washington County, the adverse environmental effects of increased air pollution on human health, the adverse effects of mercury in drinking water, or the project's impact on climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Study did not include renewable energy sources as an alternative to coal or natural gas-fired energy production,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Rockville hereby opposes the construction of the coal-fired Toquop Power Project and urges the State of Nevada, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Land Management to deny the proposed coal-fired alternative, and seek other less impacting alternatives to provide for the power needs of Nevada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council urges Utah's Governor Jon Huntsman, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, the Utah Congressional Delegation, the Washington County Commission and the elected officials of the cities and towns in Washington County to be united in the effort to protect Utah's air quality and the quality of life for the residents of Washington County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3RD day of MARCH, 2008.


Dan McGuire, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elaine M. Harris, Town Clerk

