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Dear PRPA Board Members:

We're writing to express our thoughts on the proposed revision to PRPA's 100% non-carbon energy by 2030 goal that was set back in 2018 and supported with matching resolutions by the City Councils of the owner communities. While we realize that achieving the current 2030 goal is not feasible, not replacing the 100% goal with a reasonable interim target defeats the purpose of setting goals in the first place. Of course, we do have the state mandated 80% by 2030 and 100% by 2050 targets. Given the great progress PRPA has made and continues to make, we should set an interim 2030 goal above the minimum requirements.

With regard to setting an interim goal, PRPA's recent IRP projected 88% non-carbon generation by 2030. This provides a reasonable starting point for an achievable 2030 goal. This projection is also consistent with studies by NREL and the Colorado Energy Office that show generation portfolios up to 90% renewable energy to be the most feasible and cost effective (with the CEO study specifically using 2030 as the target date). For comparison, Xcel Energy has projected 87% renewable energy by 2030. It will also be important to account for mandatory dispatch calls from the RTO West that will be out of PRPA's control.

For the 100% non-carbon goal, we agree that there is too much uncertainty at this time to set a new date as the necessary technologies (e.g. long duration storage, green hydrogen, etc.) have not achieved bankable commercialization. So, it would be appropriate to model the 100% scenario during the next Integrated Resource Plan before setting a new target date.

Creating a new goal for 2030 that is above the state mandated minimum will be consistent with the intent of resolutions passed by the owner communities and with PRPA's projections. It will also be a celebration when PRPA achieves that goal, and likely exceeds it based on the recent progress and projects that will come into operation by 2030. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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