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To: Mayor Kudron and the Grand Lake Board of Trustees
From: John Crone, Town Manager
Re: Middle Park Electric Letter of Support
Date: September 11, 2023

Background

Mountain Parks Electric is the electrical provider for the Grand Lake Area. The Town has a long-standing, strong relationship with MPE. MPE is in the process of changing their power supplier to a new supplier. Going with the new supplier will enable MPE to transition to 100% renewable energy sources and will provide for a more stable pricing structure in the future.

MPE is applying for grant money that will help with the transition to the new supplier. They have requested that the Town provide a letter of support for their efforts. This letter will place no obligations on the Town.

Proposed Motion

If the Board wishes support MPE's efforts to transition it should approve the following motion:

I move to instruct the Mayor and the Town Manager to sign the attached letter of support for Mountain Parks Electric.

Town of Grand Lake, Colorado
Town Manager John Crone
Mayor Steve Kudron
P.O. Box 99
Grand Lake, CO 80447

September 8, 2023

Andrew Berke, Administrator
Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Stop 1510, Room 4121 -S
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20250-1510

Dear Mr. Berke:

On behalf of the Town of Grand Lake, we would like to extend our complete support for Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. (MPE) and the cooperative's proposed projects for the Empowering Rural America New ERA Program.

Our historic town, "The Soul of the Rockies," is situated on the shores of the largest natural lake in Colorado, is surrounded by mountain peaks, and is the Western Gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. Our townspeople are resilient and determined to maintain the character loved by our locals and countless visitors each year. We also have an eye on the future, which includes increased electrification and reliability and resilience. We are proud of our four EV charging station ports and will continue to add more. As we continue to develop our community, we focus on undergrounding powerlines and utilizing solar and other energy efficient technologies.

We are excited about MPE's prospects with their New ERA funding. MPE is seeking to enter into a new power purchase agreement that will take our rural electric cooperative to being able to meet all its members' electricity needs with 100% renewable energy. MPE is currently only able to provide a third of its electricity from renewable sources under its current PPA. MPE's New ERA projects and transition to renewable energy will also contribute to spurring on the economy and our workforce. Our residents will benefit from improved electric rate stability and approximately \$24 million in cost savings over the life of this new PPA.

MPE's New ERA projects and transition to renewable energy will not only provide a major impact on the environment, but also on the lives of our Grand Lake residents. Thank you for considering MPE's letter of interest and funding application.

Sincerely,

John Crone
Town Manager

Steve Kudron
Mayor