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To: The Garfield County Board of County Commissioners
From: The Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Date: October 15, 2024
Re: **Garfield Clean Energy update and 2025 budget request**

Thank you for reserving time on your October 21st agenda for an update on the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative (GCE)'s important work in Garfield County.

Garfield County was integral to the formation of Garfield Clean Energy when it began as an advisory committee in 2009 and then was established as a government collaborative in 2012. The County's ongoing participation in the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative is deeply appreciated, and ensures the Collaborative's ongoing success. Working together countywide we are better able to save residents, governments, and businesses money on their energy bills and tap clean energy as an economic diversification strategy in Garfield County.

Programs operated by Garfield Clean Energy have directly benefited the residents and communities of Garfield County in many measurable ways through the years. The countywide collaborative approach has made it possible for our region to secure a variety of grants and provide services to a broad swath of residents.

Here are some of the specific ways these programs have benefited Garfield County residents, communities, and businesses in 2022 and so far in 2023:

- \$255,156 = amount allocated to ReEnergize energy rebates in Garfield County in 2022 and 2023
- \$114,000 = amount allocated to ReEnergize in 2024
- \$11,000 = the amount saved on the City of Rifle's energy bills through a rate change update encouraged by Garfield Clean Energy's coaching services
- \$84,600 annually = saved on energy bills by Garfield County residents through ReEnergize
- \$5.67 million = invested in clean energy projects for Garfield County residents, businesses, and government buildings 2012-2023
- \$2.6 million = saved on energy bills since 2012
- 27.9 megawatts of solar capacity installed in government and institutional buildings, community solar gardens, and residences and businesses

To continue to sustain and grow these successful GCE programs, the GCE Board is requesting GCE members to again include funding in their 2025 budgets. The suggested amount for Garfield County, consistent with 2024 is \$350,000 for 2025.

The Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative looks forward to ongoing partnership with Garfield County. Please reach out to Morgan Hill at mhill@cleanenergyeconomy.net or (970) 704-9200 x101 with any questions.