

# Utah Renewable Communities Program Update

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# What is the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) Program?

The Utah Renewable Communities program desires to develop new renewable energy resources to serve Utah communities, so that by 2030, the amount of electricity residents use annually will be matched by renewable generation.



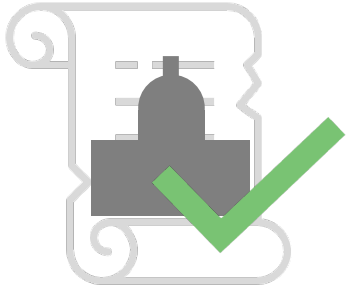
## 18 Participating Communities:

- Alta
- Coalville
- Cottonwood Heights
- Emigration Canyon Township
- Francis
- Grand County Unincorporated
- Holladay
- Kearns
- Millcreek
- Moab
- Oakley
- Ogden
- Park City
- Salt Lake County Unincorporated
- Salt Lake City
- Springdale
- Summit County Unincorporated
- Town of Castle Valley

# Salt Lake County's Roadmap with the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) Program

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**Enabling Legislation and Rules Adopted**



**State legislature and Utah PSC**

Establishes requirements & defines pathway to develop program through passage of HB411 in 2019

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**Community net-100% Resolution Adopted**



**23 communities adopted**

Establishes net-100% goal to ensure eligibility for Program, as required by law

*Salt Lake County adopted in December 2020*

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**Governance Agreement Signed**



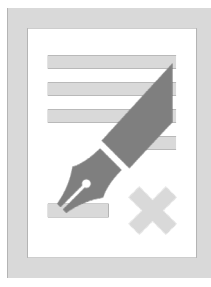
**18 communities signed**

Maintains eligibility for Program, as required by law  
Outline communities' arrangements and governance

*Salt Lake County signed Sept 2021*

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**Utility Agreement**

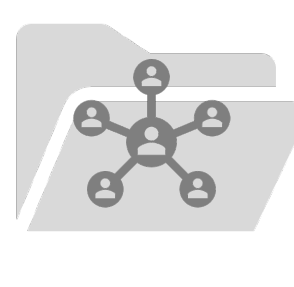


**All communities sign with the utility**

Maintains eligibility for Program, as required by law  
One agreement, approved by the Board and signed by each community

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**Program Application**



**Agency approves and utility submits**

Describes detailed Program information including projected Program rates

*Target submission: by end of 2023*

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**Program Approval**



**Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) Reviews Program Application**

PSC order may approve, change, or deny Program; finalizes initial Program rates

*Potential timeline: 3-6 months*

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**Participation Ordinance**



**Each community adopts**

Communities review approved Program and initial Program rates and decide whether to finalize participation

*90 days from Utah PSC approval*

# What have the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) been up to?

Since launching in July 2021, the Utah Renewable Communities (URC), our three committees, and consultants have met regularly to advance the development of the URC Program. While there is a lot of work remaining before Rocky Mountain Power files the Program Application, significant progress has been made.

*As an Agency we have coordinated with:*

- Rocky Mountain Power
- Key state offices: Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer Services
- Utility assistance program implementers
- Clean energy advocates
- Interested community members
- And many more stakeholders

*Portions of the Program Application have been completed or substantial progress has been made, including:*

- Model Ordinance finalized
- Individual community low-income plans finalized
- Boundary maps created
- Customer counts, load forecasts drafted
- Proposed form of opt-out notices drafted
- Utility Agreement finalized

# The Utility Agreement – Requested Action

- Signing the **Utility Agreement** is a required procedural step for communities that want to participate in the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) Program
- All 18 member communities are now requested to sign the Utility Agreement by **November 17, 2023**

## The Utility Agreement does not:

- *Finalize a community's participation in the program (this can only be done by adopting the Participation Ordinance)*
- *Include projected program rates for participating customers (this will be estimated in the Program Application and finalized by Order of the Public Service Commission)*
- *Require any additional monetary commitment by any community*
  - *Initial noticing costs are binding only if a community also later adopts the Participation Ordinance*
  - *The cost of renewable energy resources acquired for the Program will be paid by Program customers through Program rates*

# Utility Agreement – Content Summary

## Four required elements addressed in the Utility Agreement:

- Communities agree to pay for consultants used by the Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer Services
  - *This cost has already been agreed to (not to exceed \$200k) and funded by the 18 member communities*
- Communities agree to reimburse RMP for costs associated with two required opt-out notices sent to customers before program launch
  - *Each community's cost has been estimated and will not become binding unless and until a community adopts the participation ordinance*
- Description of how unpaid termination fees will be addressed
  - *URC and Rocky Mountain Power agree that any unpaid termination fees – to the extent they represent actual costs – will be covered by monies collected through Program rates in the manner decided by the Utah Public Service Commission*
- Identification of any thermal power plants which will not serve Program customers (“replaced assets”)
  - *URC proposes no replaced assets at this time but may in the future*

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