# Utah Renewable Communities Fall 2025 Update



## **Outline**

- What is the Utah Renewable Communities (URC)?
- How did our community get involved?
- What will the URC program mean for RMP customers in our community?
- Detailed look at URC development, structure, and status
- Upcoming milestones and estimated program launch sequence
- Next steps for our community and upcoming decision points

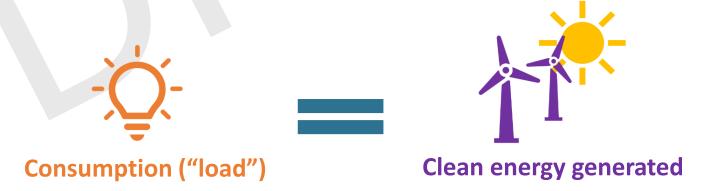
#### Key takeaways:

- Virtual or in-person attendance encouraged at URC hearing at the Public Service Commission: December 16th
- PSC approval could come as early as January 2026
- We will have 90 days following approval to decide whether to adopt the approved program via Ordinance



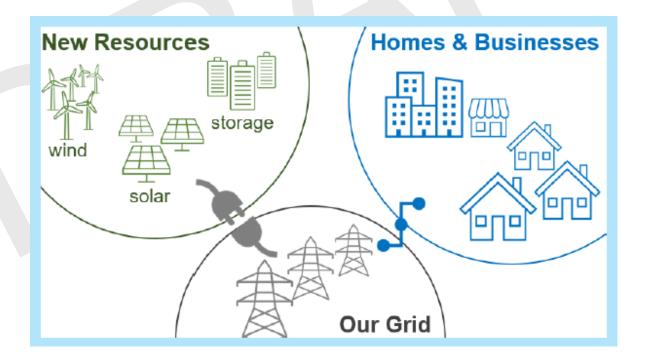
# What is the Utah Renewable Communities (URC)?

- URC is a coalition of 19 cities and counties pioneering a new option for clean energy for homes and businesses in our communities
- The primary goal is to make net-100% clean electricity available to homes and businesses in participating communities by 2030
- This goal will be accomplished by acquiring clean energy to match 100% of annual energy consumed on an annual basis – this makes it a "net-100%" goal
- Development of the URC program is possible thanks to the Utah Community Clean Energy Act passed in 2019



## How would this work?

- The clean energy counting towards the URC program is proposed to come from both existing clean energy on the grid plus new clean energy projects built to serve URC customers
- These resources are and will be part of the PacifiCorp grid. PacifiCorp is RMP's parent company whose grid serves 6 states, including Utah
- The URC program is in collaboration with RMP and all URC participants remain RMP customers

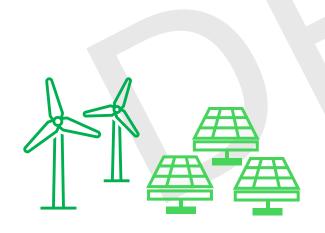


## Our involvement in URC

- We joined the Community Renewable Energy Agency (aka the URC board) and subsequently made our financial contributions to the Agency's budget, which was proportion to our community's population and energy load
- We have signed the Utility Agreement along with all the other participating communities in time to be included in the initial Program Application filing in January 2025
- After the PSC approves the program (possibly as early as January 2026)
  we will have a final decision whether to adopt the Program Ordinance

## Why develop this new clean energy option?

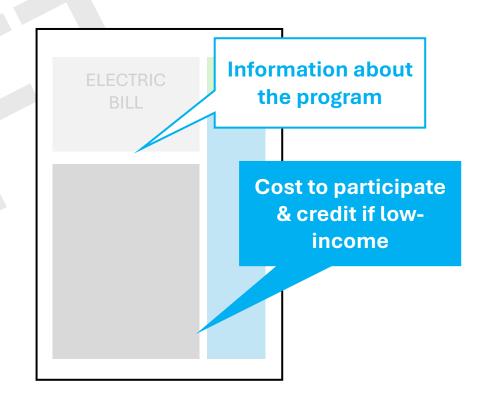
- Scale: we have a unique opportunity to drive investment in new clean energy at scale: as a collective, URC represents about 25% of RMP's electricity sales in Utah
- Choice: the URC program offers homes and businesses in our community a new option of where their electricity comes from through RMP
- Investment: clean energy investment supports jobs and economies, often in rural areas
- Health and environment: clean energy helps to avoid pollution from other energy sources





## What URC is anticipated to look like for customers

- Upon program launch, customers will be automatically enrolled with the choice to opt-out
  - A customer's desire to support and use clean energy and the estimated impact on their bill will likely be factors influencing their decision
- There will be no cost to opt-out initially, after that, there will be a fee to terminate participation
- The URC board's position is that the program increase the average household's electric bill by no more than \$3-4/month
- Low-income customer\* provisions:
  - Ongoing outreach and engagement
  - Monthly bill credit to cover the monthly increase
  - Waived termination fee (if they decide to opt-out later in the program)
  - Like all customers, can always choose to opt-out



<sup>\*</sup>These provisions will apply to customers enrolled in RMP Schedule 3 Home Electric Lifeline Plan (HELP)

### URC program development process



**Enabling Legislation and Rules Adopted** 



**Utah legislature** and PSC

**Established** requirements & defined pathway to develop program

2019

Net-100% Resolution Adopted



23 communities adopted

Established net-100% goal for initial Program eligibility. No longer required

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Governance Agreement Signed



19 communities signed

Maintains eligibility and outlines URC interlocal cooperative arrangement and governance structure

Utility **Agreement** Signed



All communities sign & RMP to sign

Outlines roles and responsibilities to take effect upon program approval and launch

**Program Application Submitted** 



Filed by RMP with significant URC involvement

Details how URC program will work, including projected rates to participate

**Program Approval** 



**Participation Ordinance** 



**Utah PSC reviews** and rules on URC Program

Program approved, changed, or denied and initial rates finalized



**Each community** adopts Program

Within 90 days of PSC approval, decide whether to adopt approve program

Mar-Dec 2019

2021 - 2024

2023 - 2024

Nov 2024; Jan and Jun 2025 As soon as Jan. 2026

Within 90 days of approval

## **URC** structure

#### **URC**

- 19 member interlocal cooperative
- Outside counsel: Phil Russell
- Technical consultants: Energy Strategies
- Monthly board meetings
- Officers:
  - Chair: Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City
  - Vice-Chair: Angela Choberka, Ogden
  - Secretary: Emily Quinton, Summit County
  - Treasurer & anchor location for meetings: Millcreek
- Budget funded through:
  - Member contributions upon joining
  - Bid fees
  - Donation from Stewardship Utah
  - Other grant funding

#### **Program Design Committee**

Springdale, Ogden, Summit County, Park City, Millcreek, Holladay, Salt Lake City

- Has coordinated and negotiated with RMP and other state
  Agencies on details in the Program Application
- Overseeing RFP for program resources with consultants

#### **Low-Income Plan Committee**

Ogden, Cottonwood Heights, Park City, Kearns, Summit County, Salt Lake City, Castle Valley

- Has assisted board and member communities in planning for how to support lower income participating customers
- Will support outreach upon program launch

#### **Communications Committee**

Alta, Moab, Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake City, Midvale

- Manages and publishes website, newsletters, press releases, and social media posts
- Offers outreach resources for member communities to use

# Status of URC program development

Years of negotiation led to RMP filing two "dockets" with the Public Service Commission, (1) regarding solicitation of program resources in November 2024 and (2) the remaining full Program Application in January and June 2025

#### (1) RFP

- Solicitation process approved by PSC in May 2025
- Launched RFP with bids due July
  10; received 14 qualifying bids
- Following several rounds of scoring and evaluation, the Program Design Committee forwarded top 6 bids (the "Initial Short List") to PacifiCorp for the next stage of evaluation in September 2025

#### (1) Program Application

- URC filed its testimony into the docket in July 2025 and testimony from other parties, including the Office of Consumer Services and Division of Public Utilities, was filed by October 10
- Rounds of rebuttal and surrebuttal through early December
- PSC hearing scheduled for December 16





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URC Closes the Call for Clean Energy Resources & the Response Was...

On May 22nd, Utah Renewable Communities opened our request for proposals (RFP) to market, inviting...

# Deep dive: upcoming milestones

Item	Docket/Process	Date	Our role
RMP begins system benefit modeling of top bids ("Initial short list") selected by URC	RFP	9/29/25	Monitor and support through participation in Agency activities
Direct testimony of other parties due to PSC	Program Application	10/10/25	
Deadline for entities to become intervening parties in the docket	Program Application	10/24/25	
Rebuttal testimony due	Program Application	11/13/25	
RMP system benefit modeling due	RFP	~12/6/25	
Surrebuttal testimony due	Program Application	12/11/25	
PSC hearing	Program Application	12/16/25	Virtual or in-person attendance encouraged
System benefit and indicative costs discussion	RFP	TBD	Monitor and support through participation in Agency activities
"Final short list" selected by URC	RFP	TBD	
PSC approves, modifies, or rejects program	Program Application	~Jan 2026	
Councils vote to adopt ordinances	Implementation	Within 90 days of PSC approval	Consider, schedule, and hold vote on Program Ordinance
Execute PPAs	RFP into Implementation	~Winter/spring 2026	Supporting outreach to supplement notices that will be sent by RMP
Program launch	Implementation	~Late 2026	

# Key takeaways & action items

#### **Upcoming**

- PSC hearing: beginning at 9am on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025
  - Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City
  - Virtual or in-person attendance is encouraged

#### On the horizon

- Possible PSC approval: as early as January 2026
- 90-day window to consider Program Ordinance following PSC approval
- Approving the Ordinance would:
  - Adopt the Program for our community
  - Obligate us to reimburse RMP for sending out two rounds of notices to customers
  - Encourage us to coordinate with the other participating communities to help spread the word about the program

