

HB 411: Community Renewable Energy Act Guidelines

The Community Renewable Act allows Utah communities served by Rocky Mountain Power to create a Community Renewable Energy Program ("Program") that will help each participating community meet their goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030. This document provides guidance for communities interested in participating in this program.

What is the Community Renewable Energy Act (HB 411)?

HB 411 authorizes a path for Utah municipalities and counties to achieve a net-100% renewable energy portfolio by 2030. Communities will initially "opt-in" all Rocky Mountain Power electricity customers through a local ordinance, and each customer in that jurisdiction will have the opportunity to "opt-out" of the Program. Rocky Mountain Power will create a new service agreement (tariff) for the customers participating in the Program that will be approved by the Utah Public Service Commission.

Utah Public Service Commission

Rulemaking

The Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible for developing the rules for the creation and administration of the Program. These rules will address issues like customer termination fees, factors and considerations for electricity rates, and the process for procuring renewable energy resources for the Program. This rulemaking process (Docket 19-R314-01) is expected to continue through 2019.

Acquiring New Renewable Energy

Resources

Rocky Mountain Power will manage the process for developing the renewable energy or demand-side resources required to meet the needs of the communities participating in the Program. RMP has the option to own any new resources developed as a result, as long as the procurement process complies with rules for new energy resources established by the PSC.

Key Terms

- **Community:** All customers residing in a municipality or unincorporated area of a county served by Rocky Mountain Power.
- **Net 100% Renewable Energy:** The total electricity needs of the community over the course of the year are met by a comparable amount of total renewable energy generation (in megawatt-hours).
- **Renewable Energy Resources:** Solar, wind, geothermal, hydro-electric power, and demand management, such as energy efficiency or energy storage technologies. Solar customers who have a net metering agreement with Rocky Mountain Power under "Schedule 135" are not eligible to participate in the program.



Additional Resources

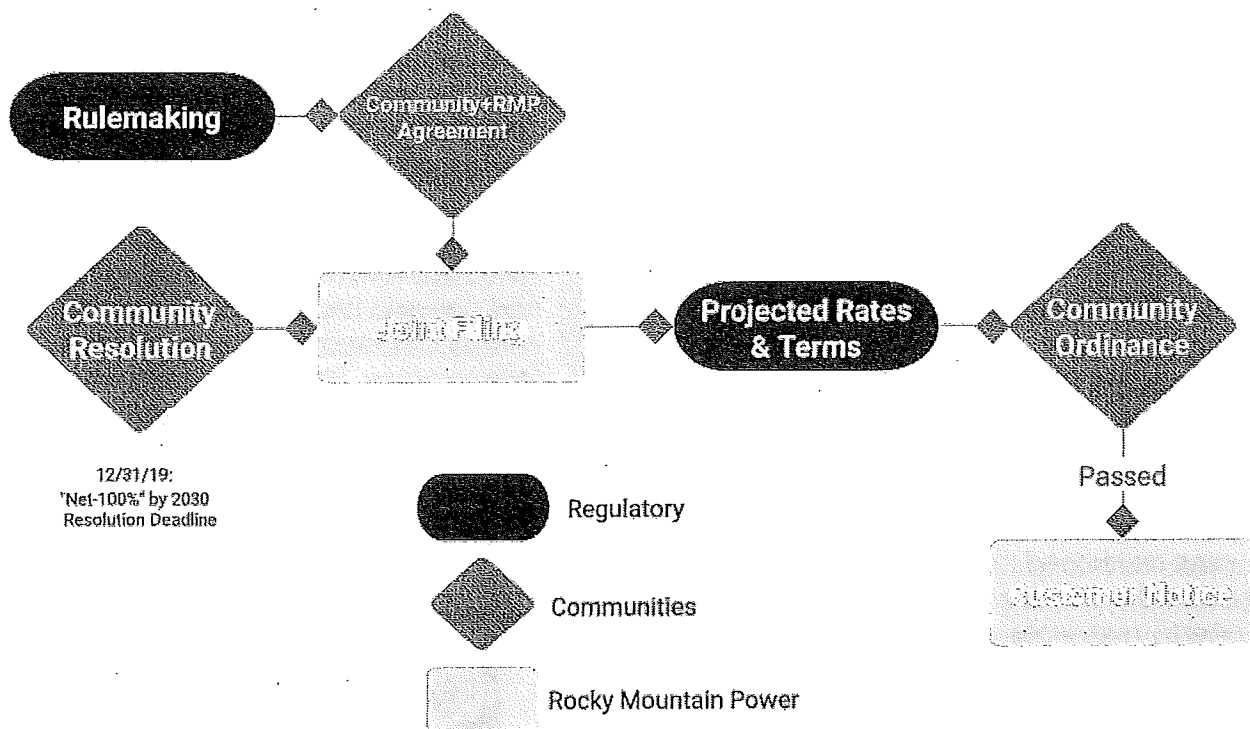
For additional information on HB 411, visit slc.gov/sustainability/100-renewable-energy-community-goal/

What Do Communities Need to Do to Participate in the Community Renewable Energy Program?

Municipalities or counties interested in achieving net-100% net-renewable energy by the year 2030 must undertake the following steps to participate in the Community Renewable Energy Program:

1. **Adopt a resolution no later than December 31st, 2019**, stating that the community will acquire renewable energy in an amount equal to 100% of the community's annual energy use by 2030.
2. **Enter into an agreement with Rocky Mountain Power** which addresses key costs associated with the Program.
3. **Assist in filing an application with the Utah Public Service Commission** to create the Program, including support for consulting services by state regulators.
4. **Adopt a local ordinance** within 90 days after the Utah Public Service Commission issues an order approving the Community Renewable Energy Program that:
 - i. Establishes local participation in the program
 - ii. Is consistent with the agreement entered with Rocky Mountain Power
 - iii. Complies with the terms and conditions required by the Utah Public Service Commission

Illustration of Process for Community Renewable Energy Act Participation



Questions or Concerns?

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