



Community Renewable Energy Program

June 1st, 2021

Background

- Originated from legislation passed during the 2019 Utah Legislative Session (HB 411)
- Creates a way for communities to achieve net-100% renewable energy via partnership with Rocky Mountain Power
- Most recent step: passing a renewable electricity resolution by the end of 2019
- Next step: signing the Governance Agreement.



Sign
Governance
Agreement

Sign
Technical
Agreement

Submit
Application to
RMP

Public Service
Commission
Reviews

Pass
Ordinances

Send Opt-Out
Notices

Program
Begins!

This timeline is simplified and estimated only.

The Governance Agreement

Purpose	Single agreement that addresses cost-sharing, voting, initialization of ratemaking study, and other administrative elements
Process	Staff and legal representatives from the eligible communities collaborated to write the Governance Agreement, which is now being distributed for signatures
Participation	For continued participation in the Community Renewable Energy Program, communities should plan to sign the Governance Agreement by July 31st, 2021.

Costs

- This program is the first of its kind, so there are several initial costs associated with the program set up.
- These costs must be covered by those communities participating, so that costs are not shifted to other Rocky Mountain Power customers.
- Program costs can be broken into two categories: **Non-Noticing Costs** and **Noticing Cost**

Non-Noticing Costs

1. Community Expert

Legal and technical consultant(s) who perform analysis and negotiate program details with Rocky Mountain Power on behalf of the communities.

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2. Rocky Mountain Power Application Fee

The cost of Rocky Mountain Power's time to negotiate program details and engage with the Utah Public Service Commission during program review.

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3. OCS-DPU Expert

Individual(s) contracted by the Office of Consumer Services and/or Department of Public Utilities to review the program details

Estimated Non-Noticing Total: \$700,000.00

Noticing Cost

- This is the individual cost for each community to mail two opt-out notices to each Rocky Mountain Power customer within their jurisdiction.*

Estimated Noticing Total: Unique to Each Community

Total Costs for Cottonwood Heights

Non-Noticing Costs: \$21,884.21

Noticing Cost: \$11,497.77

Total: \$33,381.98

**If needed, the non-noticing total can be split over two fiscal years. For example, \$10,942.11 would be due July 31st, 2021, and an additional \$10,942.11 would be due July 31st, 2022.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- What will happen to costs if some communities decide to stop participating?
- What will the rate for participating customers be?
- What is the opt-out process?
- Can customers opt back in after opting out?
- Will customer rates increase if participants opt-out?

Decisions to Contemplate

Does Cottonwood Heights wish to continue participating in the Community Renewable Energy Program? If so, next steps include:

Sign Governance Agreement

Budget for Costs
(Line Item Currently
Included)

Determine a Board Member
and Alternate



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