

Public Utilities, Energy, & Technology Interim Committee

Master List | May 18, 2022

Power Plant Decommissioning. Examine the best way to consider regulating how power plants are decommissioned.

Transmission. Consider the challenges and opportunities related to energy transmission, including how transmission works with new energy sources.

Energy Transparency. Study transparency mechanisms for assessing the cradle-to-grave costs, reliability, dispatchability, environmental impacts, embodied emissions, and supply risks for all forms of energy.

State Energy Policy/Plan. Consider potential updates to the plan and how it effects Utah.

Energy Storage. Review several possible energy storage solutions, including:

- Pumped hydro, salt domes, solar and battery.
- Community Solar. Do we have community solar in Utah? How does it work? Are there barriers to its development and installation? Best practices and what does the future look like.
- Heat Pumps: What are they? How do they work? What are their advantages? Are there government barriers to development and installation?

Critical Minerals and Future Energy Needs. Assess how critical minerals, mining, and extraction influence future energy needs and electric vehicles.

Review of State and Local Government Tax Incentives for Energy. Consider potential areas for local government tax incentives for energy projects.

Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage. Continue the study of carbon geological sequestration and areas for potential improvement in the regulatory framework. Relevant 2022 GS bill: HB 244.

Natural Gas Leakages. Examine whether there are natural gas leakages in the Uintah Basin oil and gas fields.

Grid Resilience. This item would include the following subtopics:

- Issues affecting the economic and operational health of the power plants sector in Utah.
- Federal regulatory actions that may threaten the viability of Utah's thermal generation assets.
- Potential statutory changes which may be necessary to give Public Service Commission/Department of Public Utilities authority to combat policies from other states that might diminish grid resilience in Utah.

U-REDI Application Update. U-REDI stands for the Utah Rural Energy Diversification and Innovation. This item is an update on the status of certain ARPA funds.

Community Renewal Energy Program Update. The Community Renewable Energy Program was made possible by state legislation in 2019 (HB 411) that allows eligible local governments to procure net-100% renewable electricity by 2030 on behalf of their residents and businesses. This item is a report update. Report from Dominion on rural natural gas expansion projects. This item is a report update.

Report from Citizens Utility Board on electric utilities performance. This item is a report update.

Report from the Grid Resilience Committee. This item is a report update.

Report from the Project Entity Oversight committee on the Intermountain Power Project. This item is a report update and relevant 2022 GS bill: HB 215.