Roadmap to Clean Energy: The role of Efficiency, Solar, Building Electrification, and EVs in the Clean Energy Transition

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Question 1:
What is your role/position?
AIR QUALITY & BUILDINGS

By 2024, homes and businesses will become the largest contributors of Utah air pollution.
CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY

Reducing air emissions throughout Utah benefits both air quality and changing climate issues. Some emissions-reduction strategies, such as those in the center of the diagram, directly address this connection, improving air quality and the climate.

Courtesy: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah, The Utah Roadmap, Positive Solutions on Climate and Air Quality (2020)
https://gardner.utah.edu/utahroadmap/
Charting a Path for Reliable, Resilient and Affordable Clean Energy

A Roadmap for Three Communities in Utah
Question 2:
What % of greenhouse gas emissions in Utah come from electricity generation?

a. 15%
b. 25%
c. 40% ✓
d. 50%
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The strategies outlined in this Roadmap have been developed through collaborative discussions with project partners, but may not represent the opinions of or positions of all partner organizations and parties involved in the "Renewable Energy Impacts and Solutions in Utah" project. Rather, the strategies outlined in this Roadmap represent a suite of tools and actions that Salt Lake City, Park City, and the City of Moab can consider as each city works towards their community renewable electricity goals.
COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT

- 23 communities
- 850,000+ Utahns
- ~25-30% of RMP’s electricity load in Utah

Next steps in 2020:
- 23 communities enter into an interlocal agreement
- Negotiate and enter into an agreement with RMP
- Submit a filing with UT PSC to approve the program in 2021
Advancing Urban Efficiency to Improve Utah’s Air Quality
Utah Greenhouse Gas Emissions By Sector

- Electric Power: 40%
- Transportation: 26%
- Buildings: 20%
- Residential: 6%
- Commercial: 8%
- Industrial: 5%
- Agriculture: 4%
- Other: 11%

Utah Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Electric Power, Natural Gas, and Gasoline MMBtu

- Residential: 4%
- Commercial: 11%
- Industrial: 26%
- Transportation: 40%
- Electric Power: 4%

Utah’s Electricity

- 9th most affordable
- 6th most carbon intensive

“Other” includes industrial, Mineral and Chemical Processes, Waste, Petroleum Extraction and Refining

Data includes all emissions from power generation within Utah, including emissions from power generated locally that is then exported for use in another state.

Emissions due to non-combustion sources are derived from the EPA Facility-Level Information on Greenhouse Gases Tool (2017) and USDA (2013) reports on non-combustion sources.

Emissions due to combustion sources are derived from U.S. Energy Information Administration (2016) reports on combustion sources.
Energy efficiency and distributed solar have the potential to provide 3,877 – 9,084 gigawatt-hours of clean energy annually in Utah by 2030.

At the same time, the growth of electric vehicles and residential beneficial electrification has the potential to add 451 – 1,798 gigawatt-hours of energy usage annually in Utah by 2030.

Note: Business as usual load forecast is based on pre-DSM forecasted annual load growth and includes generation from the base case rooftop solar forecast, as described in slide 38.
PacifiCorp projected system renewable energy additions through 2030:

- **Wind** + 3,040 MW
- **Solar** + 3,200 MW
ENERGY OPTIMIZATION

Solar PV
Solar PV energy may be self-consumed, delivered to the grid, or stored in a battery.

Smart AC
AC unit can be configured to pre-cool the home with solar output, then allow the home temperature to “drift” up to a set maximum temperature before drawing from the grid.

Battery
Solar energy may be stored in an electrical battery for later use.

Smart domestic water heater
Water heater can be set to pre-heat water with solar output and store hot water for later use.

Electric vehicle
Excess solar output can be delivered to an electric vehicle and used for transportation or stored for home use.

Distributed energy resources can be deployed to shift energy usage to times when low-cost renewable energy resources are available.

*Figure 1: Impact of demand flexibility on residential load profile*
Energy Efficiency Works!

### Utah Top 10 Improvements

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* Pays back in less than 5 years for most households

Net Zero Energy Building

“An energy-efficient building where, on a source energy basis, the actual annual delivered energy is less than or equal to the on-site renewable exported energy.”

Potential for energy efficiency to reduce electricity demand

1. **Business As Usual**: Level of energy efficiency in Rocky Mountain Power’s 2017 20-year plan.

2. **Medium**: All homes and businesses adopt the most energy efficient and **cost-effective** commercially available measures.

3. **Ambitious**: The technical potential of energy efficiency if all homes and businesses adopted the most energy efficient commercially available technologies and measure, **regardless of cost**.

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**Energy Efficiency Potential Savings in 2030**

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- **Business As Usual**
- **Medium**
- **Ambitious**
Low Emission Buildings

High Efficiency + Low Emission Heating + Clean Energy = Low Emission Building

Efficient natural gas furnace
Low Emission Buildings

- High Efficiency
- Low Emission Heating
- Clean Energy

= Low Emission Building

Efficient natural gas furnace

Zero Emission Buildings

- High Efficiency
- Zero Emission Heating
- Clean Energy

= Zero Emission Building

Efficient air source heat pumps
Air source heat pumps: an energy-efficient alternative to both furnaces and air conditioners, resulting in fewer greenhouse gas emissions when powered by renewable energy.

Controllable electric water heaters: shift energy use to times when low-cost renewable energy resources are available without impacting customer comfort.

Geothermal heat pumps: transfer energy to or from the ground to heat or cool a home.

Controllable EV charging: align EV charging with times of day when energy costs are low.
Has the potential to **use 190 – 927 more** gigawatt-hours of energy annually in Utah by 2030 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **65,583 – 215,138** metric tons.

Scenarios were considered:

1. **Business As Usual**: Negligible adoption of beneficial electrification technologies for residential space and water heating.
2. **Medium**: The economic potential of beneficial electrification of existing single-family homes, including all available technology options that meet cost-effectiveness criteria.
3. **Ambitious**: The technical potential of beneficial electrification of existing single-family homes using available technology regardless of cost.
Priority Strategies

• **Lead by example**: All city-owned and city-funded facilities built to zero emission standards – 3rd party verified

• **Master Plans**: acknowledge role of zero emission buildings in protecting general welfare and conserving resources – 3rd party verified

• **Affordable housing**: include low- and moderate-income action plan for zero emissions buildings in master plan
  - **Energy retrofits**: work with utilities and other partners to provide “deep energy retrofits” in low- to moderate-income housing

• **Adopt Zero Emission Building Zoning District** to encourage zero emission standards
  - **Waive permit fees** to incentivize zero emission buildings
  - **Allow variances** for density, height, etc.

• **Educate developers** about energy efficient & zero emission building standards heat pump electric heating

• **Target homes with electric resistance heat** for beneficial electrification retrofits
Questions and feedback?

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Question: What other key actions come to mind that planners can take to support zero emission buildings?
Utah Homes & Businesses with Rooftop Solar:

235 MW

- Net Metering (Residential)
- Net Metering (Commercial)
- Solar Export (Residential)
- Solar Export (Commercial)

* Through March 2019

Utility-Scale Solar:

1,700 MWdc
Distributed solar has the potential to provide $963 - 1,741$ gigawatt-hours of clean energy annually in Utah by 2030.

Three distributed solar scenarios were considered:

1. **Business As Usual**
   
   The base case for distributed generation as forecasted for use in Rocky Mountain Power’s 2017 Integrated Resource Plan.

2. **Medium**
   
   The high case for distributed generation as forecasted for Rocky Mountain Power’s 2017 Integrated Resource Plan.

3. **Ambitious**
   
   A forecast for the growth of distributed solar based on the reference case scenario from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory’s 2018 Standard Scenarios Report.

Distributed Solar Potential Generation, 2030


Priority Strategies:

• **Lead by example**: install rooftop solar at municipally-owned or city-funded facilities.

• **Resiliency**: Explore the use of solar + battery storage to improve resiliency and provide emergency backup power at critical facilities.

• **Financing**: Opt-in to Utah’s Commercial Property Assessed Energy (C-PACE) financing district.

• **Zoning & ordinances**: Support solar- and storage-ready construction through zoning, ordinances, or voluntary codes.

• **Permitting & interconnection**: Streamline permitting requirements for rooftop solar.

• **Battery storage**: Monitor codes & interconnection rules for customer-sited battery storage.
Energy storage will play a critical role to facilitate the transition to renewable energy, including utility-scale energy storage and customer-sited batteries.

USES:
- Discharge energy to meet peak load
- Provide ramping to integrate renewable energy resources
- Emergency backup power

Lithium-ion Battery Pack Price Forecast

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance. Note: ESS is stationary energy storage applications.
Soleil Lofts, a 600 unit apartment building complex in Herriman, Utah is equipped with solar and battery storage that can be operated by the utility, allowing the apartments to serve as a “virtual power plant.”
Electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles have reduced or zero tailpipe emissions, and result in overall reductions in greenhouse gas emissions when powered with renewable energy.

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Energy Information Administration 2016.
The growth of light-duty electric vehicles will provide significant air quality benefits and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but will increase overall electricity usage and could impact peak energy usage.

1. **Business As Usual**: This scenario assumes electric vehicles reach 7% of all light-duty vehicles on the road in Utah 2030.¹

2. **Medium**: This scenario assumes electric vehicles reach 10% of all light-duty vehicles on the road in Utah in 2030.²

3. **Ambitious**: This scenario assumes electric vehicles reach 20% of all light-duty vehicles on the road in Utah in 2030.²

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Electric transit buses on the road in Park City and Salt Lake City pave the way

Photo: Visit Park City

Photos: uncrate.com, nikolamotor.com
Priority Strategies:

• **Lead by example**: convert city fleets to electric vehicles. [FuelEconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov) can help compare costs and pollution totals for different vehicle types, and Utah Clean Cities can help make smart decisions for a cleaner fleet.

• **Transportation Plans**: Evaluate EV infrastructure needs through comprehensive transportation plans.

• **Utility Engagement**: Work with electric utility to optimize EV electricity load and save money on utility costs.

• **Charging infrastructure**: Identify priority locations with access to electricity and install charging stations in convenient and strategic locations, including underrepresented neighborhoods.

• **Parking and transportation incentives**: Local governments can encourage EV ownership by offering priority parking spaces, free metered parking and other incentives for cleaner vehicles.

• **Codes**: Utilize codes, ordinances, or voluntary codes to support EV charging or EV-ready construction and EV charging, especially for multi-family housing.

• **Charging incentives**: RMP and DEQ offer incentives for EV charging equipment costs, plus grants for custom projects. Use incentives to support building out your public charging network and encourage organizations in your community to apply as well.

• **Public transit**: Prioritize electric transit buses for use in city and state transit services.

• **Implement the strategies** outlined in [Salt Lake City’s Electrified Transportation Roadmap](#).
Questions and feedback!

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**Question:** What other key actions come to mind that planners can take to support **distributed energy resources & vehicle electrification**?
Thank you!

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