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# **Community Clean Energy Program**

## **Ordinance 9.50: Community Clean Energy Program**

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*The 19 communities involved in this effort adopted “Utah Renewable Communities” (URC) as an informal name for this work. It should be noted that the formal name of the program is the Community Clean Energy Program. We are moving toward using “URC” for the agency and not the program.*

# About the program



- The Community Clean Energy Program is a brand new program giving Rocky Mountain Power customers in eligible communities the ability to choose clean, reliable, affordable energy
- The Community Clean Energy Program has been thoughtfully designed since 2019 through a partnership between RMP and the URC -- of which Salt Lake City is a member
- The program was approved by the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) on March 4, 2026
- If we adopt the program by enacting the ordinance, all eligible RMP customers in SLC will have a new option for choosing clean energy through their power bill and will be automatically enrolled in 2027 with the choice to exit at any time.

# Why develop this new clean energy option?



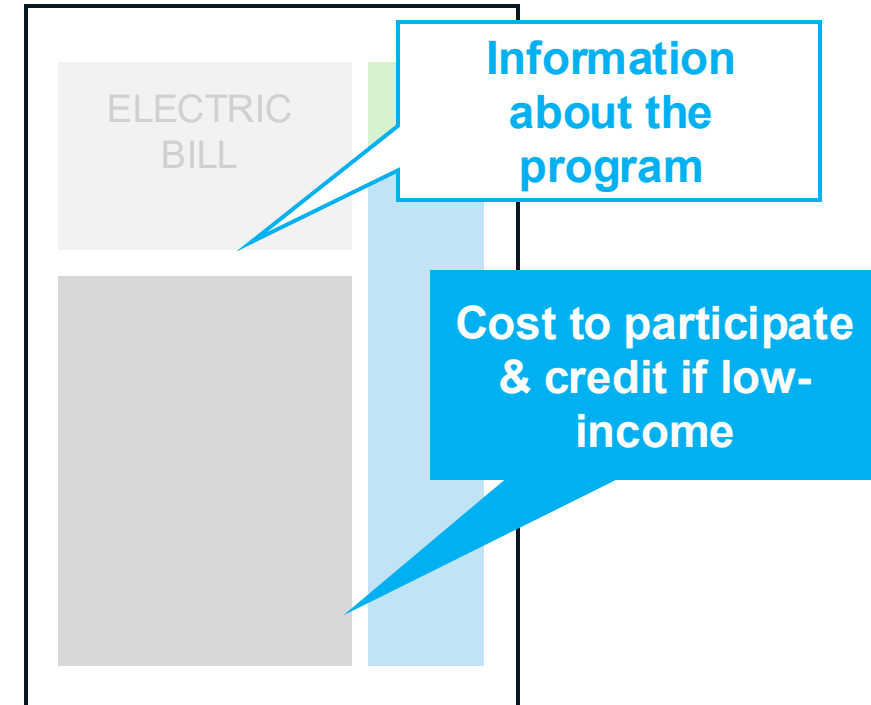
- **Solutions:** By investing in clean energy, the program will help meet Utah's growing energy needs while keeping power reliable and the air cleaner
- **Scale:** we have a unique opportunity to drive investment in new clean energy at scale since URC communities represent about **25% of RMP's electricity sales** in Utah
- **Choice:** the program offers homes and businesses in our communities a **new option** for 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 will the proposed program look like for customers?



- Program customers remain RMP customers receiving **reliable power**
- Program customers will receive notices in late 2026 and will be **automatically enrolled** in the program in early 2027 with the **choice to opt out**
- There will be **no cost to opt out initially**, after that, there will be a fee to terminate participation
- New clean energy line item (“**Schedule 100**”) on bills



# PSC order



- On March 4th, the PSC [issued an order](#) approving the Community Clean Energy Program
- The order addressed key details like the initial program rate and customer opt out details, while leaving other items for a follow-up ruling
- What does this mean?
  - The order allows the Community Clean Energy Program to move forward!
  - **The 90-day clock for communities to consider the ordinance has begun (until June 2)**
  - While the program is readied for launch, the URC board and support staff and RMP will continue collaborating with the other Parties\* in the docket to propose solutions to remaining items
  - At the same time, URC and RMP will conduct negotiations with clean energy developers towards executing a contract for the first URC program resource(s)

\*Other Parties: Division of Public Utilities, Office of Consumer Services, Sierra Club, and Western Resource Advocates

# Initial program rate: residential flat fee



**Eligible residential customers:  
\$4 per month**

\$3.88 monthly program participation fee +  
\$0.12 monthly surcharge for low-income program  
= \$4.00 per month

**Qualifying low-income residential  
customers: \$0 per month**

\$3.88 monthly program participation fee -  
\$3.88 monthly enhanced bill credit  
= \$0.00 per month



## Eligibility

All residential customers in participating communities are eligible to participate *except those on Schedule 135*. Residential customers in participating communities with rooftop solar on Schedule 136 or 137 are eligible to participate.

# What are the low-income offerings?

Qualifying low-income customer provisions:

- Ongoing **outreach and engagement**
- **Participate for free** (Monthly bill credit to cover cost of participation)
- Like all customers, **can always choose to opt-out at any time.**
- **Waived termination fee** (if they decide to opt-out later in the program)

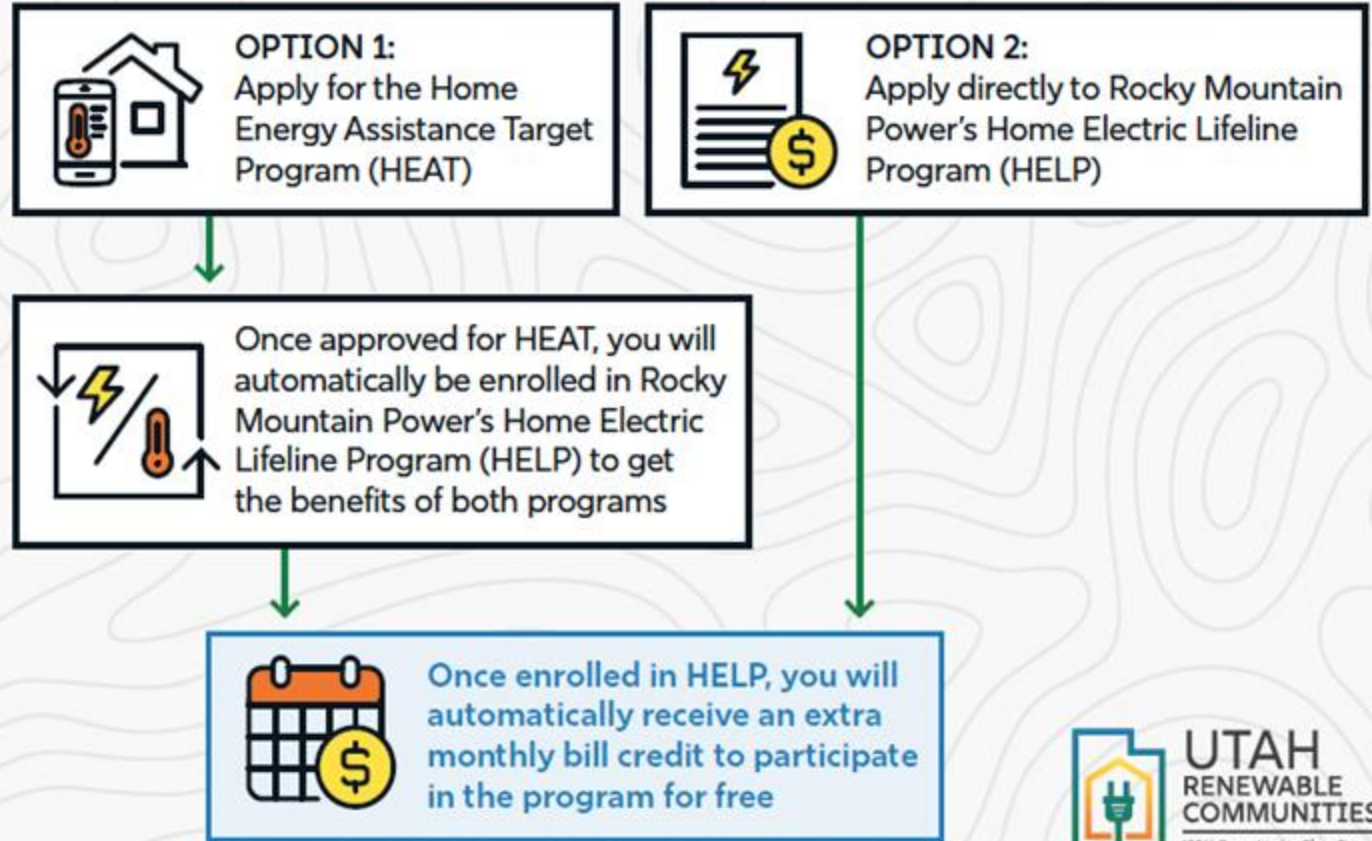
# How do customers qualify for the low-income offerings?

## Who qualifies? Those who...

- ✓ have a Rocky Mountain Power bill
- ✓ live in a community participating in the program
- ✓ have a household income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level



## Here's how:



# Initial program rate: non-residential volumetric rate



**Non-residential** customers: **\$0.00609 per kWh** used per month + **\$0.12 monthly surcharge** for low-income program per month.

The total monthly cost depends on the amount of electricity used.

Example scenario: a medium office building used 6,880 kWh in May  
Without the program, their total RMP bill is \$847.39 for the month  
With the program, the bill is an additional \$42.02 for a total of \$889.41, a ~5% increase



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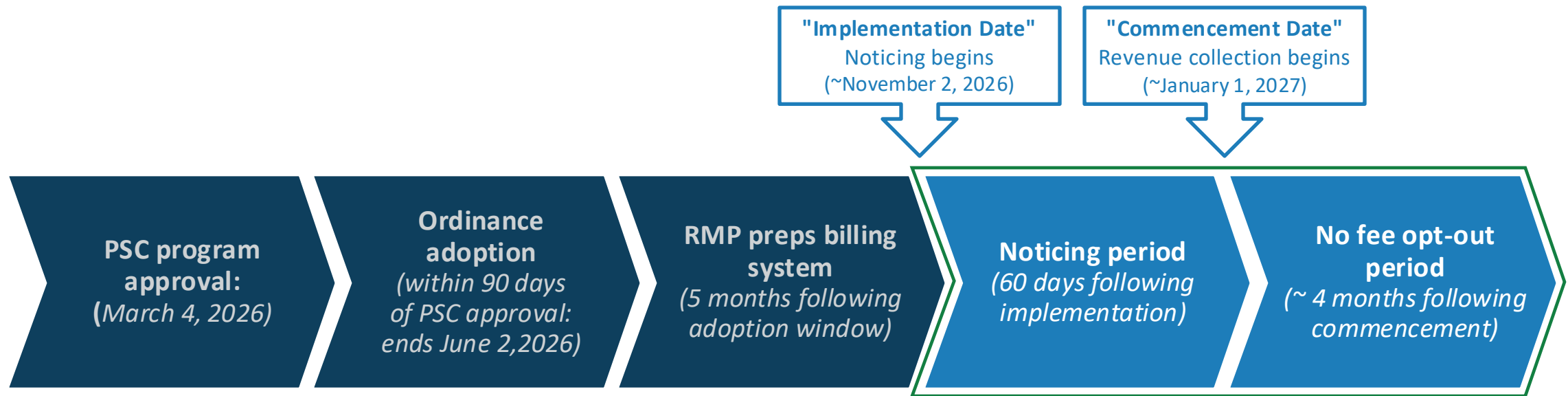
All non-residential customers in participating communities are eligible to participate *except those with rooftop solar on Schedule 135*. Non-residential customers in participating communities with rooftop solar on Schedule 136 or 137 are eligible to participate.

# Program rates: long term

- Like all utility rates, the rates for the Community Clean Energy Program will be periodically adjusted and communicated accordingly
- Adjustments will occur no more than annually per the statute
- The [PSC order](#) says the following:

"While future Program rates may diverge from those under RMP's proposal contingent on later determinations regarding Resource Valuation and changes to other underlying variables, **no evidence in the record suggests that Program rates are likely to meaningfully increase from the initial rates approved in this order. Instead, under RMP's proposal, they would decrease rather significantly after the first two years.** At the Program's inception, customers will be deciding whether to opt-out with reference to rates that are likely to be higher than rates charged later, after the reserve balances are sufficiently established."

# Customer opt-out



- Customers can opt out at any time
  - If during the 6-month "Cancellation Period" there is no fee to exit
  - After the Cancellation Period, a \$30 termination fee for residential customers
  - The termination fee varies depending on rate Schedule for non-residential customers
- Customers moving into or annexed into a participating community will also be provided with a noticing and cancellation period and can exit the program any time



# Comparison to other renewable programs



- **Blue Sky** allows participants to voluntarily contribute \$1.95 per 100 kWh “block” or 1.95 cents per kWh to support renewable energy by:
  - Supporting grants to help organizations offset the cost of rooftop solar and
  - Fund the purchase of renewable energy certificates (RECs) nationwide
- **Subscriber Solar** offers shares in an existing 20 MW solar farm in Southern Utah. Participation is capped and RMP has not indicated they plan to build more projects for this program
- Customers with the resources that own their home or business can install **rooftop solar**. Doing so supports renewable energy growth and can directly lower monthly bills by producing at least a portion of the electricity used by the home or business

By supporting the development of **large-scale, new, and regionally based** clean energy projects, the Community Clean Energy Program can create impact that is unique to other clean energy options.



# Ordinance requirement



- Per Community Clean Energy Act and Utah Code § 54-17-903(3) governing the program: **“an eligible community identified in the application must pass an ordinance...in order to become a participating community”** and **“the local ordinance...shall be adopted by the municipality or county within 90 days after the date of the commission order approving the community clean energy program”**
- Therefore, Salt Lake City and the other 18 URC members have until June 2 to adopt the ordinance if we want to enact the approved program within our boundaries

# Startup Cost Agreement



There is a lot of conservatism built into the overall program and renewable energy acquisition. All program costs will be paid for by participants, including ongoing administrative costs.

However, one outstanding issue: Administrative startup costs necessary to collect program revenue . . . incurred by RMP before program begins collecting revenue.

Will be reimbursed through program revenues in 1-2 months, but a contractual backstop is required.

The Sustainability Department is making a budget request in Budget Amendment 5 to “hold” these funds of ~\$900,000 to enable SLC to sign a Startup Cost Agreement with RMP which is necessary for the program to launch.

Other URC communities are also being asked to consider signing separate agreements with Salt Lake City to assist in covering Startup Costs if sufficient revenue isn't collected.

Very low risk if a reasonable number of communities adopt program ordinance

Program revenues should be large, and Startup Cost reimbursement is first in order of payment

# Summary



- As part of RMP’s service territory, Salt Lake City’s options for supporting clean energy through the utility are limited. The Community Clean Energy Program has been designed to provide a new choice for all homes and businesses to choose clean energy through RMP by supporting clean energy development at scale.
- Working to support clean energy aligns with Salt Lake City’s mission of promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the community at large.
- Ordinance 9.50 is available for the Salt Lake City Council to discuss and consider adopting
  - If the City adopts the ordinance, we will officially bring the Community Clean Energy Program to our community, and we will continue to be part of the URC board, collaborating with RMP to launch and operate the program
  - If we do not adopt the ordinance, the Community Clean Energy Program will not be an option for our community, and we will no longer be part of the URC board



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# Program development process

