



AGENDA

PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 1:15 – 3:45 PM | Room 445 Capitol Building

1. Committee Business 1:15 – 1:30PM

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the 2025 interim meetings
- Committee member introductions
- JR7-1-602 Interim committee chairs' authority to open committee bill files*
(*Per H.J.R. 1, 2026 General Session, an interim committee may open up to five committee bill files.)

2. 2026 General Session Overview 1:30 - 1:40PM

The committee will hear an overview of public utilities, energy, and technology legislation that passed in the 2026 General Session.

- Committee staff

3. Interim Study Item Discussion 1:40 – 1:50PM

- Adoption of the interim study item list

4. Zanskar Introduction 1:50 – 2:10PM

The committee will hear from Zanskar Geothermal & Minerals, a company that uses custom AI tools and geoscience models to pinpoint untapped geothermal hotspots.

- Carl Hoiland, CEO and Co-Founder, Zanskar Geothermal & Minerals
- Ryan McGraw, Chief Development Officer, Zanskar Geothermal & Minerals

5. Update on Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus Request for Information 2:10 – 2:30PM

The committee will hear an update from the Office of Energy Development on Utah's submission to host a Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus.

- Office of Energy Development

6. Sunset Review: Nuclear Energy Consortium 2:30 – 2:40PM

The committee will conduct a sunset review of Utah Code Title 79, Chapter 6, Part 12, Nuclear Energy Consortium, which is set to repeal on July 1, 2027.

- Committee staff
- Nuclear Energy Consortium

7. Large-load Contract Application Process Update 2:40 – 3:00PM

The committee will hear an update on the large-load user contract application process as established under S.B. 132, 2025 General Session, Electric Utility Amendments.

- Thom Carter, Vice President of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power

8. A Performance Audit of Drinking Water Cybersecurity 3:00 – 3:25PM

- Jesse Martinson, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Chris McClelland, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Utah Division of Drinking Water



9. Valar Atomics Update 3:25 – 3:45PM

The committee will hear an update from Valar Atomics on their work building a new small modular nuclear reactor.

- Isaiah Taylor, CEO and Founder, Valar Atomics

10. Adjourn 3:45PM