

Utah Energy Generation and Transmission Planning

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions establishing requirements for Public Service Commission participation in regional transmission organizations and independent system operators.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the commission to participate in regional transmission organizations and independent system operators where Utah utilities are members;
- authorizes the commission to contract for independent analysis of market data;
- requires annual reporting to the Legislature on impacts to Utah customers; and
- requires notification to the Legislature if the commission is denied access or participation.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**ENACTS:****54-27-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953**54-27-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953**54-27-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953**54-27-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953**54-27-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **54-27-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 27. Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System

Operators

54-27-101 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the same as that term is defined in Section 54-2-1.
- (2) "Electrical corporation" means the same as that term is defined in Section 54-2-1.
- (3) "Independent system operator" means a regional transmission organization recognized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that administers electric transmission and markets.
- (4) "Regional transmission organization" means an entity approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that coordinates, controls, or monitors electricity transmission on a regional basis.
- (5) "Transmission provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 54-26-101.

Section 2. Section **54-27-102** is enacted to read:

54-27-102 . Commission participation in a regional transmission organization or independent system operator.

- (1) The commission shall actively participate in a regional transmission organization or independent system operator in which a transmission provider or electrical corporation serving Utah customers is a member or market participant.
- (2) Participation under Subsection (1) includes engagement in:
 - (a) stakeholder processes;
 - (b) governance committees;
 - (c) technical forums; or
 - (d) market-related proceedings.

Section 3. Section **54-27-103** is enacted to read:

54-27-103 . Commission data access and analysis.

- (1) The commission shall obtain operational, market, and reliability data from a regional transmission organization or independent system operator.
- (2) The commission may enter into a data-sharing agreement or confidentiality agreement to obtain the data described in Subsection (1).
- (3) Data obtained under this section may include:
 - (a) resource sufficiency and adequacy results;
 - (b) transmission constraint modeling;
 - (c) congestion revenue rights, congestion offsets, and related settlement data;

- (d) unit commitment or dispatch information;
- (e) outage coordination data;
- (f) tariff test results;
- (g) monthly master file data;
- (h) Western Energy Imbalance Market neutrality charges;
- (i) out-of-market payments, including reliability run cost data;
- (j) resource adequacy data; or
- (k) deliverability, adequacy, or system impact studies.

- (4) The commission may contract with an independent expert or market monitor to review and verify modeling, analyses, or cost allocations affecting a Utah generation facility or transmission facility.

Section 4. Section **54-27-104** is enacted to read:

54-27-104 . Transparency, accountability, and reporting.

- (1) On or before November 30 of each year, the commission shall report to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee regarding:
- (a) whether Utah customers are paying congestion costs associated with constraints primarily outside Utah;
 - (b) whether a regional transmission organization or independent system operator test or sufficiency measure imposes disproportionate burdens on electrical corporations or transmission providers serving Utah customers;
 - (c) the extent to which another state or region relies on a Utah generation facility or transmission facility to satisfy a regional transmission organization or independent system operator sufficiency requirement, adequacy requirement, or deliverability requirement;
 - (d) whether the commission is afforded parity of access and participation with other state regulators in regional transmission organization or independent system operator governance, processes, and data availability; and
 - (e) a recommended statutory change or regulatory change necessary to maintain parity of access and participation and ensure continued protection of Utah customers.
- (2) The commission shall include in the report described in Subsection (1) a finding on how Utah's participation in a regional transmission organization or independent system operator may have a positive impact or negative impact on Utah customers.

Section 5. Section **54-27-105** is enacted to read:

54-27-105 . Notification of lack of access or participation.

- 97 (1) If the commission is denied access to data, a process, or participation available to
98 another state regulatory body, or is otherwise unable to obtain information necessary to
99 fulfill the commission's duties under this chapter, the commission shall, within 30 days
100 after the day on which the commission is denied access or is unable to obtain the
101 information, notify:
102 (a) the Legislative Management Committee; and
103 (b) the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee.
104 (2) The commission's notice described in Subsection (1) shall identify the data, process, or
105 participation that was denied or unavailable and may include a recommendation for
106 remedying the deficiency.

107 Section 6. **Effective Date.**

108 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.