



# REVISED AGENDA

## PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | 1:15 – 3:45pm | Room 220 Senate Building

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### 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting

### 2. Statutorily Required Report: Energy Balancing Account 1:15 – 1:30PM

[Section 54-7-13.5](#) requires an electrical corporation that has established an energy balancing account to report to the committee by December 1 of even-numbered years. The electrical corporation is required to report on the “continued 100% recovery of the electrical corporation’s prudently incurred costs related to the energy balancing account and any determination by the commission of costs not prudently incurred.”

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

### 3. Status Report: Green River Energy Center 1:30 – 1:45PM

The Green River Energy Center is an 800-megawatt combined solar + storage project in Emery County that broke ground just recently. The project is currently the largest planned solar plus storage facility in Utah and one of the largest facilities in the PacifiCorp system. The committee will hear a status report on the project.

- Theresa Foxley, Chief of Staff, rPlus Energies

### 4. Presentation: W2e Technology 1:45 – 2:00PM

W2e Technology is focused on commercializing a “waste-to-energy” technology capable of vaporizing energy-rich material (plastic, tires, & coal) into hydrogen and food-grade carbon dioxide. The committee will hear a presentation from the company explaining the mission and process of this technology.

- Tony Ferracone, Chief Operating Officer, W2e Technology

### 5. Presentation: Grid Enhancing Technologies 2:00 – 2:15PM

The Energy Modernization Project with the Pew Charitable Trust will present on advanced transmission technologies and possible state policy options to facilitate modernizing the grid to meet growing electricity demands.

- Carter Harms, Officer, Energy Modernization Project, Pew Charitable Trust

### 6. Statutorily Required Report: Grid Resilience Committee 2:15 – 2:30PM

[Section 53-2a-1503](#) requires the Grid Resilience Committee to report to the PUET committee annually, on or before November 30, with recommendations regarding grid resilience and enhancing critical infrastructure.

- Chris Parker, Director, Division of Public Utilities



**7. Statutorily Required Report: Utility Bill Assistance Program 2:30 – 2:45PM**

[Section 54-4-42](#) requires the Division of Public Utilities to report to the PUET committee annually, on or before November 30, on the status of the program.

- Chris Parker, Director, Division of Public Utilities

**8. Statutorily Required Report: Tax Credits 2:45 – 2:50PM**

[Section 79-6-505](#) requires the Office of Energy Development to report to the PUET committee annually on the status of the Alternative Energy Development Tax Credit and [Section 79-6-605](#) requires the Office of Energy development to report to the PUET committee on the status of the High Cost Infrastructure Development Tax Credit.

- Dusty Monks, Interim Director, Office of Energy Development

**9. Statutorily Required: Energy Research Grant 2:50 – 3:00PM**

[Section 79-6-403](#) requires the Office of Energy Development to report to the PUET committee annually on the status of the grant program.

- Dusty Monks, Interim Director, Office of Energy Development

**10. Statutorily Required: Strategic Energy Plan 3:00– 3:15PM**

[Section 79-6-401](#) requires the Office of Energy Development to report to the PUET committee on or before the October interim hearing describing a status update on the plan.

- Dusty Monks, Interim Director, Office of Energy Development

**11. Energy Education Amendments – Key Points 3:15 – 3:20PM**

The committee will hear a presentation regarding key components of Rep. Jack’s Energy Education Amendments bill.

- Rep. Jack

**12. Presentation: HiTech Solutions 3:20 – 3:35PM**

HiTech specializes in eliminating critical gaps to keep nuclear power plants running safely and efficiently. The committee will hear a presentation about the company.

- Chris Hayter, COO, Co-Founder, HiTech Solutions

**13. Recap: Legislator Field Trip to San Rafael Energy Research Center 3:35 – 3:40PM**

Recently, several legislators attended a field trip to the White Mesa Mill. The committee will hear a recap of what the legislators learned during their visit.

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**15. Adjourn**