	ENERGY RESOURCE AND CARBON EMISSION
	REDUCTION INITIATIVE
	2008 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
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	LONG TITLE
	General Description:
	This bill provides that an electrical corporation or municipal electric utility maintain a
	percentage of electricity sold in the form of renewable energy resources.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	 addresses the application of Title 54, Chapter 17, Energy Resource Procurement Act
t	o certain renewable energy resources;
	defines terms;
	 provides that 20% of an electrical corporation's or municipal electric utility's
	adjusted retail electric sales beginning in the year 2025 come from qualifying
E	electricity, including renewable energy resources, if cost effective;
	 provides for the issuance and recognition of a renewable energy certificate for
(certain electrical generation and actions by an energy user;
	 requires plans and reports concerning an electrical corporation's or municipal
•	electric utility's progress in acquiring qualifying electricity;
	 addresses cost recovery for certain energy resources;
	 requires certain state agencies to make rules concerning carbon capture and
	geological storage of captured carbon emissions; and
	makes technical changes.



28	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
29	None
30	Other Special Clauses:
31	This bill provides an immediate effective date.
32	Utah Code Sections Affected:
33	AMENDS:
34	54-17-201 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 289
35	54-17-302 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 289
36	54-17-303 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 11
37	ENACTS:
38	10-19-101 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
39	10-19-102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
40	10-19-201 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
41	10-19-202 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
42	10-19-301 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
43	10-19-302 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
44	54-17-502 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
45	54-17-601 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
46	54-17-602 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
47	54-17-603 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
48	54-17-604 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
49	54-17-605 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
50	54-17-606 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
51	54-17-607 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
52 52	54-17-701 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
53 54	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
55	Section 1. Section 10-19-101 is enacted to read:
56	CHAPTER 19. MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY CARBON
57	EMISSION REDUCTION ACT
58	Part 1. General Provisions

59	<u>10-19-101.</u> Title.
60	This chapter is known as the "Municipal Electric Utility Carbon Emission Reduction
61	Act."
62	Section 2. Section 10-19-102 is enacted to read:
63	<u>10-19-102.</u> Definitions.
64	As used in this chapter:
65	(1) "Adjusted retail electric sales" means the total kilowatt-hours of retail electric sales
66	of a municipal electric utility to customers in this state in a calendar year, reduced by:
67	(a) the amount of those kilowatt-hours attributable to electricity generated or purchased
68	in that calendar year from qualifying zero carbon emissions generation and qualifying carbon
69	sequestration generation;
70	(b) the amount of those kilowatt-hours attributable to electricity generated or purchased
71	in that calendar year from generation located within the geographic boundary of the Western
72	Electricity Coordinating Council that derives its energy from one or more of the following but
73	that does not satisfy the definition of a renewable energy source or that otherwise has not been
74	used to satisfy Subsection 10-19-201(1):
75	(i) wind energy;
76	(ii) solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy;
77	(iii) wave, tidal, and ocean thermal energy;
78	(iv) except for combustion of wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives
79	such as creosote, pentachlorophenol or chromated copper arsenate, biomass and biomass
80	byproducts, including:
81	(A) organic waste;
82	(B) forest or rangeland woody debris from harvesting or thinning conducted to improve
83	forest or rangeland ecological health and to reduce wildfire risk;
84	(C) agricultural residues;
85	(D) dedicated energy crops; and
86	(E) landfill gas or biogas produced from organic matter, wastewater, anaerobic
87	digesters, or municipal solid waste;
88	(v) geothermal energy;
89	(vi) hydro-electric energy; or

90	(vii) waste gas and waste heat capture or recovery; and
91	(c) the number of kilowatt-hours attributable to reductions in retail sales in that
92	calendar year from activities or programs promoting electric energy efficiency or conservation
93	or more efficient management of electric energy load.
94	(2) "Amount of kilowatt-hours attributable to electricity generated or purchased in that
95	calendar year from qualifying carbon sequestration generation," for qualifying carbon
96	sequestration generation, means the kilowatt-hours supplied by a facility during the calendar
97	year multiplied by the ratio of the amount of carbon dioxide captured from the facility and
98	sequestered to the sum of the amount of carbon dioxide captured from the facility and
99	sequestered plus the amount of carbon dioxide emitted from the facility during the same
100	calendar year.
101	(3) "Banked renewable energy certificate" means a bundled or unbundled renewable
102	energy certificate that is:
103	(a) not used in a calendar year to comply with this part or with a renewable energy
104	program in another state; and
105	(b) carried forward into a subsequent year.
106	(4) "Bundled renewable energy certificate" means a renewable energy certificate for
107	qualifying electricity that is acquired:
108	(a) by a municipal electric utility by a trade, purchase, or other transfer of electricity
109	that includes the renewable energy attributes of, or certificate that is issued for, the electricity;
110	<u>or</u>
111	(b) by a municipal electric utility by generating the electricity for which the renewable
112	energy certificate is issued.
113	(5) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.
114	(6) "Municipal electric utility" means any municipality that owns, operates, controls, or
115	manages a facility that provides electric power for a retail customer, whether domestic,
116	commercial, industrial, or otherwise.
117	(7) "Qualifying carbon sequestration generation" means a fossil-fueled generating
118	facility located within the geographic boundary of the Western Electricity Coordinating
119	Council that:
120	(a) becomes operational or is retrofitted on or after January 1, 2008; and

121	(b) reduces carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere through permanent
122	geological sequestration or through other verifiably permanent reductions in carbon dioxide
123	emissions through the use of technology.
124	(8) "Qualifying electricity" means electricity generated on or after January 1, 1995
125	from a renewable energy source if:
126	(a) (i) the renewable energy source is located within the geographic boundary of the
127	Western Electricity Coordinating Council; or
128	(ii) the qualifying electricity is delivered to the transmission system of a municipal
129	electric utility or a delivery point designated by the municipal electric utility for the purpose of
130	subsequent delivery to the municipal electric utility; and
131	(b) the renewable energy attributes of the electricity are not traded, sold, transferred, or
132	otherwise used to satisfy another state's renewable energy program.
133	(9) "Qualifying zero carbon emissions generation":
134	(a) means a generation facility located within the geographic boundary of the Western
135	Electricity Coordinating Council that:
136	(i) becomes operational on or after January 1, 2008; and
137	(ii) does not produce carbon as a byproduct of the generation process;
138	(b) includes generation powered by nuclear fuel; and
139	(c) does not include renewable energy sources used to satisfy a target established under
140	Section 10-19-201.
141	(10) "Renewable energy certificate" means a certificate issued in accordance with the
142	requirements of Sections 10-19-202 and 54-17-603.
143	(11) "Renewable energy source" means:
144	(a) an electric generation facility or generation capability or upgrade that becomes
145	operational on or after January 1, 1995 that derives its energy from one or more of the
146	following:
147	(i) wind energy;
148	(ii) solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy;
149	(iii) wave, tidal, and ocean thermal energy;
150	(iv) except for combustion of wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives
151	such as creosote, pentachlorophenol or chromated copper arsenate, biomass and biomass

152	byproducts, including:
153	(A) organic waste;
154	(B) forest or rangeland woody debris from harvesting or thinning conducted to improve
155	forest or rangeland ecological health and to reduce wildfire risk;
156	(C) agricultural residues;
157	(D) dedicated energy crops; and
158	(E) landfill gas or biogas produced from organic matter, wastewater, anaerobic
159	digesters, or municipal solid waste;
160	(v) geothermal energy located outside the state;
161	(vi) waste gas and waste heat capture or recovery; or
162	(vii) efficiency upgrades to a hydroelectric facility, without regard to the date upon
163	which the facility became operational, if the upgrades become operational on or after January
164	<u>1, 1995;</u>
165	(b) any of the following:
166	(i) up to 50 average megawatts of electricity per year per municipal electric utility from
167	a certified low-impact hydroelectric facility, without regard to the date upon which the facility
168	becomes operational, if the facility is certified as a low-impact hydroelectric facility on or after
169	January 1, 1995, by a national certification organization;
170	(ii) geothermal energy if located within the state, without regard to the date upon which
171	the facility becomes operational; and
172	(iii) hydroelectric energy if located within the state, without regard to the date upon
173	which the facility becomes operational;
174	(c) hydrogen gas derived from any source of energy described in Subsection (11)(a) or
175	<u>(b);</u>
176	(d) if an electric generation facility employs multiple energy sources, that portion of the
177	electricity generated that is attributable to energy sources described in Subsections (11)(a)
178	through (c); and
179	(e) any of the following located in the state and owned by a user of energy:
180	(i) a demand side management measure, as defined by Subsection 54-7-12.8(1) with
181	the quantity of renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the
182	equivalent energy saved by the measure;

183	(ii) a solar thermal system that reduces the consumption of fossil fuels, with the
184	quantity of renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the
185	equivalent kilowatt-hours saved, except to the extent the commission determines otherwise
186	with respect to net-metered energy;
187	(iii) a solar photovoltaic system that reduces the consumption of fossil fuels with the
188	quantity of renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the total
189	production of the system, except to the extent the commission determines otherwise with
190	respect to net-metered energy;
191	(iv) a hydroelectric or geothermal facility, with the quantity of renewable energy
192	certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the total production of the facility,
193	except to the extent the commission determines otherwise with respect to net-metered energy;
194	(v) a waste gas or waste heat capture or recovery system other than from a combined
195	cycle combustion turbine that does not use waste gas or waste heat, with the quantity of
196	renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the total production of
197	the system, except to the extent the commission determines otherwise with respect to
198	net-metered energy; and
199	(vi) the station use of solar thermal energy, solar photovoltaic energy, hydroelectric
200	energy, geothermal energy, waste gas, or waste heat capture and recovery.
201	(12) "Unbundled renewable energy certificate" means a renewable energy certificate
202	associated with:
203	(a) qualifying electricity that is acquired by a municipal electric utility or other person
204	by trade, purchase, or other transfer without acquiring the electricity for which the certificate
205	was issued; or
206	(b) activities listed in Subsection (11)(e).
207	Section 3. Section 10-19-201 is enacted to read:
208	Part 2. Renewable Energy Provisions
209	10-19-201. Target amount of qualifying electricity Renewable energy certificate
210	Cost-effectiveness.
211	(1) (a) To the extent that it is cost-effective to do so, beginning in 2025 the annual
212	retail electric sales in this state of each municipal electric utility shall consist of qualifying
213	electricity or renewable energy certificates in an amount equal to at least 20% of adjusted retail

214	electric sales.
215	(b) The amount under Subsection (1)(a) is computed based upon adjusted retail sales
216	for the calendar year commencing 36 months before the first day of the year for which the
217	target calculated under Subsection (1)(a) applies.
218	(c) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) and (b) an increase in the annual target from
219	one year to the next is limited to the greater of:
220	(i) 17,500 megawatt-hours; or
221	(ii) 20% of the prior year's amount under Subsections (1)(a) and (b).
222	(2) Cost-effectiveness under Subsection (1) is determined using any criteria applicable
223	to the municipal electric utility's acquisition of a significant energy resource established by the
224	municipality's legislative body.
225	(3) This section does not require a municipal electric utility to:
226	(a) substitute qualifying electricity for electricity from a generation source owned or
227	contractually committed, or from a contractual commitment for a power purchase;
228	(b) enter into any additional electric sales commitment or any other arrangement for the
229	sale or other disposition of electricity that is not already, or would not be, entered into by the
230	municipal electric utility; or
231	(c) acquire qualifying electricity in excess of its adjusted retail electric sales.
232	(4) A municipal electrical corporation may combine the following to meet Subsection
233	<u>(1):</u>
234	(a) qualifying electricity from a renewable energy source owned by the municipal
235	electric utility;
236	(b) qualifying electricity acquired by the municipal electric utility through trade, power
237	purchase, or other transfer; and
238	(c) a bundled or unbundled renewable energy certificate, including a banked renewable
239	energy certificate.
240	(5) To meet Subsection (1), a municipal electric utility may also count:
241	(a) qualifying electricity generated or acquired or renewable energy certificates
242	acquired for a program permitting the municipal electric utility's customers to voluntarily
243	contribute to a renewable energy source; and
244	(b) electricity allocated to this state that is produced by a hydroelectric facility

245	becoming operational after December 31, 2007 if the hydroelectric facility is located in any
246	state in which the municipal electric utility, or the interlocal entity with which the municipal
247	electric utility has a contract, provides electric service.
248	Section 4. Section 10-19-202 is enacted to read:
249	10-19-202. Renewable energy certificate Use to satisfy other requirements.
250	(1) A municipal electric utility may buy, sell, trade, or otherwise transfer a renewable
251	energy certificate issued or recognized under Section 54-17-603.
252	(2) For the purpose of satisfying Subsection 10-19-201(1) and the issuance of a
253	renewable energy certificate under Section 54-17-603:
254	(a) a renewable energy source located in this state that derives its energy from solar
255	photovoltaic and solar thermal energy shall be credited for 2.4 kilowatt-hours of qualifying
256	electricity for each 1.0 kilowatt-hour generated; and
257	(b) if two or more municipal electric utilities jointly own a renewable energy resource,
258	each municipal electric utility shall be credited with 1.0 kilowatt-hour of qualifying electricity
259	for 1.0 kilowatt-hour of the renewable energy resource allocated to the municipal electric utility
260	by contract, unless the contract otherwise provides.
261	(3) A renewable energy certificate:
262	(a) may be used only once to satisfy Subsection 10-19-201(1);
263	(b) may be used to satisfy Subsection 10-19-201(1) and the qualifying electricity on
264	which the renewable energy certificate is based may be used to satisfy any federal renewable
265	energy requirement; and
266	(c) may not be used if it has been used to satisfy any other state's renewable energy
267	requirement.
268	Section 5. Section 10-19-301 is enacted to read:
269	Part 3. Administrative Provisions
270	<u>10-19-301.</u> Plans and reports.
271	(1) A municipal electric utility shall develop and maintain a plan for implementing
272	Subsection 10-19-201(1).
273	(2) A progress report concerning a plan under Subsection (1) shall be filed with the
274	municipality's legislative body by January 1 of each of the years 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2024.
275	(3) The progress report under Subsection (2) shall contain:

276	(a) the actual and projected amount of qualifying electricity through 2025;
277	(b) the source of qualifying electricity;
278	(c) an estimate of the cost of achieving the target;
279	(d) a discussion of conditions impacting the renewable energy source and qualifying
280	electricity markets; and
281	(e) any recommendation for a suggested legislative or program change.
282	(4) The plan and progress report required by Subsections (1) and (2) may include
283	procedures that will be used by the municipal electric utility to identify and select any
284	cost-effective renewable energy resource and qualifying electricity.
285	(5) By July 1, 2026, the municipal electric utility shall file a final progress report
286	demonstrating:
287	(a) how Subsection 10-19-201(1) is satisfied for the year 2025; or
288	(b) the reason why Subsection 10-19-201(1) is not satisfied for the year 2025, if it is
289	not satisfied.
290	(6) The plan and any progress report filed under this section shall be publicly available
291	at the municipal legislative body's office.
292	Section 6. Section 10-19-302 is enacted to read:
293	10-19-302. Municipal authority Commission authority.
294	(1) The municipal legislative body may adopt procedures necessary to implement this
295	chapter.
296	(2) Nothing in this chapter authorizes the commission to exercise any power over a
297	municipal electric utility's electrical generation, demand-side management program, or other
298	operation.
299	Section 7. Section 54-17-201 is amended to read:
300	54-17-201. Solicitation process required Exception.
301	(1) (a) An affected electrical utility shall comply with this chapter to acquire or
302	construct a significant energy resource after February 25, 2005.
303	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), this chapter does not apply to a significant
304	energy resource for which the affected electrical utility has issued a solicitation before February
305	25, 2005.
306	(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), to acquire or construct a significant

307	energy resource, an affected electrical utility shall conduct a solicitation process that is
308	approved by the commission.
309	(b) To obtain the approval of the commission of a solicitation process, the affected
310	electrical utility shall file with the commission a request for approval that includes:
311	(i) a description of the solicitation process the affected electrical utility will use;
312	(ii) a complete proposed solicitation; and
313	(iii) any other information the commission requires by rule made in accordance with
314	Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
315	(c) In ruling on the request for approval of a solicitation process, the commission shall
316	determine whether the solicitation process:
317	(i) complies with this chapter and rules made in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a
318	Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
319	(ii) is in the public interest taking into consideration:
320	(A) whether it will most likely result in the acquisition, production, and delivery of
321	electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to the retail customers of an affected electrical utility
322	located in this state;
323	(B) long-term and short-term impacts;
324	(C) risk;
325	(D) reliability;
326	(E) financial impacts on the affected electrical utility; and
327	(F) other factors determined by the commission to be relevant.
328	(d) Before approving a solicitation process under this section the commission:
329	(i) may hold a public hearing; and
330	(ii) shall provide an opportunity for public comment.
331	(e) As part of its review of a solicitation process, the commission may provide the
332	affected electrical utility guidance on any additions or changes to its proposed solicitation
333	process.
334	(f) Unless the commission determines that additional time to analyze a solicitation
335	process is warranted and is in the public interest, within [90] 60 days of the day on which the
336	affected electrical utility files a request for approval of the solicitation process, the commission
337	shall:

338	(i) approve a proposed solicitation process;
339	(ii) suggest modifications to a proposed solicitation process; or
340	(iii) reject a proposed solicitation process.
341	(3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), an affected electrical utility may acquire or
342	construct a significant energy resource without conducting a solicitation process if it obtains a
343	waiver of the solicitation requirement in accordance with Section 54-17-501.
344	(4) In accordance with the commission's authority under Subsection 54-12-2(2), the
345	commission shall determine:
346	(a) whether this chapter or another competitive bidding procedure shall apply to a
347	purchase of a significant energy resource by an affected electrical utility from a small power
348	producer or cogenerator; and
349	(b) if this chapter applies as provided in Subsection (4)(a), the manner in which this
350	chapter applies to a purchase of a significant energy resource by an affected electrical utility
351	from a small power producer or cogenerator.
352	Section 8. Section 54-17-302 is amended to read:
353	54-17-302. Approval of a significant energy resource decision required.
354	(1) If pursuant to Part 2, Solicitation Process, an affected electrical utility is required to
355	conduct a solicitation for a significant energy resource or obtains a waiver of the requirement to
356	conduct a solicitation under Section 54-17-501, but does not obtain a waiver of the requirement
357	to obtain approval of the significant energy resource decision under Section 54-17-501, the
358	affected electrical utility shall obtain approval of its significant energy resource decision:
359	(a) after the completion of the solicitation process, if the affected electrical utility is
360	required to conduct a solicitation; and
361	(b) before an affected electrical utility may construct or enter into a binding agreement
362	to acquire the significant energy resource.
363	(2) (a) To obtain the approval required by Subsection (1), the affected electrical utility
364	shall file a request for approval with the commission.
365	(b) The request for approval required by this section shall include any information
366	required by the commission by rule made in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah
367	Administrative Rulemaking Act

(3) In ruling on a request for approval of a significant energy resource decision, the

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369	commission shall determine whether the significant energy resource decision:
370	(a) is reached in compliance with this chapter and rules made in accordance with Title
371	63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
372	(b) (i) is reached in compliance with the solicitation process approved by the
373	commission in accordance with Part 2, Solicitation Process; or
374	(ii) is reached after the waiver of the solicitation process as provided in Subsection
375	54-17-201(3); and
376	(c) is in the public interest, taking into consideration:
377	(i) whether it will most likely result in the acquisition, production, and delivery of
378	electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to the retail customers of an affected electrical utility
379	located in this state;
380	(ii) long-term and short-term impacts;
381	(iii) risk;
382	(iv) reliability;
383	(v) financial impacts on the affected electrical utility; and
384	(vi) other factors determined by the commission to be relevant.
385	(4) The commission may not approve a significant energy resource decision under this
386	section before holding a public hearing.
387	(5) Unless the commission determines that additional time to analyze a significant
388	energy resource decision is warranted and is in the public interest, within [180] 120 days of the
389	day on which the affected electrical utility files a request for approval, the commission shall:
390	(a) approve the significant energy resource decision;
391	(b) approve the significant energy resource decision subject to conditions imposed by
392	the commission; or
393	(c) disapprove the significant energy resource decision.
394	(6) The commission shall include in its order under this section:
395	(a) findings as to the total projected costs for construction or acquisition of an
396	approved significant energy resource; and
397	(b) the basis upon which the findings described in Subsection (6)(a) are made.
398	(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, an affected electrical utility may

acquire a significant energy resource without obtaining approval pursuant to this section if it

obtains a waiver of the requirement for approval in accordance with Section 54-17-501.

(8) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules regarding the process for approval of a significant energy resource decision under this section.

Section 9. Section **54-17-303** is amended to read:

54-17-303. Cost recovery.

- (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if the commission approves a significant energy resource decision under Section 54-17-302, the commission shall, in a general rate case or other appropriate commission proceeding, include in the affected electrical utility's retail electric rates the state's share of costs:
 - (i) relevant to the proceeding;
- (ii) incurred by the affected electrical utility in constructing or acquiring the approved significant energy resource; and
- (iii) up to the projected costs specified in the commission's order issued under Section 54-17-302.
 - (b) (i) The commission shall, in a general rate case or other appropriate commission proceeding, include in the affected electrical utility's retail electric rates the state's share of the incremental cost relevant to the proceeding that were prudently incurred by the affected electrical utility to identify, evaluate, and submit a reasonable benchmark option, whether or not the benchmark option is selected or becomes operational.
 - (ii) A recoverable cost under Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall be included in the affected electrical utility's project costs for the purpose of evaluating the project's cost-effectiveness.
 - (iii) A recoverable cost under Subsection (1)(b)(i) may not be added to the cost or otherwise considered in the evaluation of a project proposed by any person other than the affected electrical utility for the purpose of evaluating that person's proposal.
 - [(b)] (c) Except to the extent that the commission enters an order under Section 54-17-304, an increase from the projected costs specified in the commission's order issued under Section 54-17-302 shall be subject to review by the commission as part of a rate hearing under Section 54-7-12.
- (2) (a) Subsequent to the commission issuing an order described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii), the commission may disallow some or all costs incurred in connection with an

431	approved significant energy resource decision if the commission finds that an affected
432	electrical utility's actions in implementing an approved significant energy resource decision are
433	not prudent because of new information or changed circumstances that occur after:
434	(i) the commission's approval of the significant energy resource decisions under
435	Section 54-17-302; or
436	(ii) a commission order to proceed under Section 54-17-304.
437	(b) In making a determination of prudence under Subsection (2)(a), the commission
438	shall use the standards identified in Section 54-4-4.
439	(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the commission may disallow
440	some or all of the costs incurred by an affected electrical utility in connection with an approved
441	significant energy resource decision upon a finding by the commission that the affected
442	electrical utility is responsible for a material misrepresentation or concealment in connection
443	with an approval process under this chapter.
444	Section 10. Section 54-17-502 is enacted to read:
445	54-17-502. Renewable energy source Solicitation Consultant.
446	(1) Sections 54-17-102 through 54-17-404 do not apply to a significant energy resource
447	that is a renewable energy source as defined in Section 54-17-601 if the nameplate capacity of
448	the renewable energy source does not exceed 300 megawatts or, if applicable, the quantity of
449	capacity that is the subject of a contract for the purchase of electricity from a renewable energy
450	source does not exceed 300 megawatts.
451	(2) (a) (i) An affected electrical utility shall issue a public solicitation of bids for a
452	renewable energy source up to 300 megawatts in size by January 31 of each year in which it
453	reasonably anticipates that it will need to acquire or commence construction of a renewable
454	energy resource.
455	(ii) A solicitation for a renewable energy source issued by January 31, 2008 for up to
456	99 megawatts satisfies the requirement of this Subsection (2) for the year 2008 if:
457	(A) within 30 days after the day on which this section takes effect, the affected
458	electrical utility amends the solicitation to seek bids for projects up to 300 megawatts in size;
459	<u>and</u>
460	(B) within 60 days after the day on which this section takes effect and as soon as
461	practicable, the commission retains a consultant in accordance with Subsection (3).

462	(b) A consultant hired under Subsection (2)(a)(ii)(B) shall perform the consultant's
463	duties under Subsection (3) in relation to the status of the solicitation process at the time the
464	consultant is retained and may not unreasonably delay the solicitation process.
465	(c) For a solicitation issued after January 31, 2008:
466	(i) the affected electrical utility shall develop a reasonable process for pre-approval of
467	bidders; and
468	(ii) in addition to publicly issuing the solicitation in Subsection (2)(a)(i), the affected
469	electrical utility shall send copies of the solicitation to each potential bidder who is
470	pre-approved.
471	(d) The affected electrical utility shall evaluate in good faith each bid that is received
472	and negotiate in good faith with each bidder whose bid appears to be cost effective, as defined
473	in Section 54-17-602.
474	(e) Beginning on August 1, 2008, and on each August 1 thereafter, the affected
475	electrical utility shall file a notice with the commission indicating whether it reasonably
476	anticipates that it will need to acquire or commence construction of a renewable energy
477	resource during the following year.
478	(3) (a) If the commission receives a notice under Subsection (2)(e) that the affected
479	electrical utility reasonably anticipates that it will need to acquire or commence construction of
480	a renewable energy source during the following year, the commission shall promptly retain a
481	consultant to:
482	(i) validate that the affected electrical utility is following the bidder pre-approval
483	process developed pursuant to Subsection (2)(c) and make recommendations for changes to the
484	pre-approval process for future solicitations;
485	(ii) monitor and document all material aspects of the bids, bid evaluations, and bid
486	negotiations between the affected electrical utility and any bidders in the solicitation process;
487	(iii) maintain adequate documentation of each bid, including the solicitation,
488	evaluation, and negotiation processes and the reason for the conclusion of negotiations, which
489	documentation shall be transmitted to the commission at the conclusion of all negotiations in
490	the solicitation; and
491	(iv) be available to testify under oath before the commission in any relevant proceeding
492	concerning all aspects of the public solicitation process.

493	(b) The commission and the consultant shall use all reasonable efforts to not delay the
494	solicitation process.
495	(4) Documentation provided to the commission by the consultant shall be available to
496	the affected electrical utility, any bidder, or other interested person under terms and conditions
497	and at times determined appropriate by the commission.
498	(5) (a) The commission and the consultant shall execute a contract approved by the
499	commission with terms and conditions approved by the commission.
500	(b) Unless otherwise provided by contract, an invoice for the consultant's services shall
501	be sent to the Division of Public Utilities for review and approval.
502	(c) After approval under Subsection (5)(b), the invoice shall be forwarded to the
503	affected electrical utility for payment to the consultant.
504	(d) The affected electrical utility may, in a general rate case or other appropriate
505	commission proceeding, include, and the Commission shall allow, recovery by the affected
506	electrical utility of any amount paid by the affected electrical utility for the consultant.
507	(6) (a) Nothing in this section precludes an affected electrical utility from constructing
508	or acquiring any renewable energy source project outside the solicitation process provided for
509	in this section, including purchasing electricity from any renewable energy source project that
510	chooses to self-certify as a qualifying facility under the federal Public Utility Regulatory
511	Policies Act of 1978.
512	(b) An affected electrical utility that constructs a renewable energy source outside the
513	solicitation process of this section or Section 54-17-201 shall file a notice with the commission
514	at least 60 days before the date of commencement of construction, indicating the size and
515	location of the renewable energy source.
516	(c) The date of commencement of construction under Subsection (6)(b) is the date of
517	any directive from an affected electrical utility to the person responsible for the construction of
518	the renewable energy source authorizing or directing the person to proceed with construction.
519	(d) For an affected electrical utility whose rates are regulated by the commission, the
520	utility has the burden of proving in a rate case or other appropriate commission proceeding the
521	prudence, reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness of construction under this Subsection (6),
522	including the method used to evaluate the risks and value of any bid submitted in the
523	solicitation under this section

524	(7) Nothing in this section requires an affected electrical utility to enter into any
525	transaction that it reasonably believes is not cost effective or otherwise is not in the public
526	interest.
527	Section 11. Section 54-17-601 is enacted to read:
528	Part 6. Carbon Emission Reductions for Electrical Corporations
529	<u>54-17-601.</u> Definitions.
530	As used in this part:
531	(1) "Adjusted retail electric sales" means the total kilowatt-hours of retail electric sales
532	of an electrical corporation to customers in this state in a calendar year, reduced by:
533	(a) the amount of those kilowatt-hours attributable to electricity generated or purchased
534	in that calendar year from qualifying zero carbon emissions generation and qualifying carbon
535	sequestration generation;
536	(b) the amount of those kilowatt-hours attributable to electricity generated or purchased
537	in that calendar year from generation located within the geographic boundary of the Western
538	Electricity Coordinating Council that derives its energy from one or more of the following but
539	that does not satisfy the definition of a renewable energy source or that otherwise has not been
540	used to satisfy Subsection 54-17-602(1):
541	(i) wind energy:
542	(ii) solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy;
543	(iii) wave, tidal, and ocean thermal energy;
544	(iv) except for combustion of wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives
545	such as creosote, pentachlorophenol or chromated copper arsenate, biomass and biomass
546	byproducts, including:
547	(A) organic waste;
548	(B) forest or rangeland woody debris from harvesting or thinning conducted to improve
549	forest or rangeland ecological health and to reduce wildfire risk;
550	(C) agricultural residues;
551	(D) dedicated energy crops; and
552	(E) landfill gas or biogas produced from organic matter, wastewater, anaerobic
553	digesters, or municipal solid waste;
554	(v) geothermal energy;

555	(vi) hydroelectric energy; or
556	(vii) waste gas and waste heat capture or recovery; and
557	(c) the number of kilowatt-hours attributable to reductions in retail sales in that
558	calendar year from demand side management as defined in Section 54-7-12.8, with the
559	kilowatt-hours for an electrical corporation whose rates are regulated by the commission and
560	adjusted by the commission to exclude kilowatt-hours for which a renewable energy certificate
561	is issued under Subsection 54-17-603(4)(b).
562	(2) "Amount of kilowatt-hours attributable to electricity generated or purchased in that
563	calendar year from qualifying carbon sequestration generation," for qualifying carbon
564	sequestration generation, means the kilowatt-hours supplied by a facility during the calendar
565	year multiplied by the ratio of the amount of carbon dioxide captured from the facility and
566	sequestered to the sum of the amount of carbon dioxide captured from the facility and
567	sequestered plus the amount of carbon dioxide emitted from the facility during the same
568	calendar year.
569	(3) "Banked renewable energy certificate" means a bundled or unbundled renewable
570	energy certificate that is:
571	(a) not used in a calendar year to comply with this part or with a renewable energy
572	program in another state; and
573	(b) carried forward into a subsequent year.
574	(4) "Bundled renewable energy certificate" means a renewable energy certificate for
575	qualifying electricity that is acquired:
576	(a) by an electrical corporation by a trade, purchase, or other transfer of electricity that
577	includes the renewable energy attributes of, or certificate that is issued for, the electricity; or
578	(b) by an electrical corporation by generating the electricity for which the renewable
579	energy certificate is issued.
580	(5) "Electrical corporation":
581	(a) is as defined in Section 54-2-1; and
582	(b) does not include a person generating electricity that is not for sale to the public.
583	(6) "Qualifying carbon sequestration generation" means a fossil-fueled generating
584	facility located within the geographic boundary of the Western Electricity Coordinating
585	Council that:

586	(a) becomes operational or is retrofitted on or after January 1, 2008; and
587	(b) reduces carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere through permanent
588	geological sequestration or through another verifiably permanent reduction in carbon dioxide
589	emissions through the use of technology.
590	(7) "Qualifying electricity" means electricity generated on or after January 1, 1995
591	from a renewable energy source if:
592	(a) (i) the renewable energy source is located within the geographic boundary of the
593	Western Electricity Coordinating Council; or
594	(ii) the qualifying electricity is delivered to the transmission system of an electrical
595	corporation or a delivery point designated by the electrical corporation for the purpose of
596	subsequent delivery to the electrical corporation; and
597	(b) the renewable energy attributes of the electricity are not traded, sold, transferred, or
598	otherwise used to satisfy another state's renewable energy program.
599	(8) "Qualifying zero carbon emissions generation":
600	(a) means a generation facility located within the geographic boundary of the Western
601	Electricity Coordinating Council that:
602	(i) becomes operational on or after January 1, 2008; and
603	(ii) does not produce carbon as a byproduct of the generation process;
604	(b) includes generation powered by nuclear fuel; and
605	(c) does not include renewable energy sources used to satisfy the requirement
606	established under Subsection 54-17-602(1).
607	(9) "Renewable energy certificate" means a certificate issued under Section 54-17-603
608	(10) "Renewable energy source" means:
609	(a) an electric generation facility or generation capability or upgrade that becomes
610	operational on or after January 1, 1995 that derives its energy from one or more of the
611	following:
612	(i) wind energy;
613	(ii) solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy;
614	(iii) wave, tidal, and ocean thermal energy;
615	(iv) except for combustion of wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives
616	such as creosote, pentachlorophenol or chromated copper arsenate, biomass and biomass

617	<u>byproducts, including:</u>
618	(A) organic waste;
619	(B) forest or rangeland woody debris from harvesting or thinning conducted to improve
620	forest or rangeland ecological health and to reduce wildfire risk;
621	(C) agricultural residues;
622	(D) dedicated energy crops; and
623	(E) landfill gas or biogas produced from organic matter, wastewater, anaerobic
624	digesters, or municipal solid waste;
625	(v) geothermal energy located outside the state;
626	(vi) waste gas and waste heat capture or recovery; or
627	(vii) efficiency upgrades to a hydroelectric facility, without regard to the date upon
628	which the facility became operational, if the upgrades become operational on or after January
629	<u>1, 1995;</u>
630	(b) any of the following:
631	(i) up to 50 average megawatts of electricity per year per electrical corporation from a
632	certified low-impact hydroelectric facility, without regard to the date upon which the facility
633	becomes operational, if the facility is certified as a low-impact hydroelectric facility on or after
634	January 1, 1995, by a national certification organization;
635	(ii) geothermal energy if located within the state, without regard to the date upon which
636	the facility becomes operational; or
637	(iii) hydroelectric energy if located within the state, without regard to the date upon
638	which the facility becomes operational;
639	(c) hydrogen gas derived from any source of energy described in Subsection (10)(a) or
640	<u>(b);</u>
641	(d) if an electric generation facility employs multiple energy sources, that portion of the
642	electricity generated that is attributable to energy sources described in Subsections (10)(a)
643	through (c); and
644	(e) any of the following located in the state and owned by a user of energy:
645	(i) a demand side management measure, as defined by Subsection 54-7-12.8(1), with
646	the quantity of renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the
647	equivalent energy saved by the measure;

648	(ii) a solar thermal system that reduces the consumption of fossil fuels, with the
649	quantity of renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the
650	equivalent kilowatt-hours saved, except to the extent the commission determines otherwise
651	with respect to net-metered energy;
652	(iii) a solar photovoltaic system that reduces the consumption of fossil fuels with the
653	quantity of renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the total
654	production of the system, except to the extent the commission determines otherwise with
655	respect to net-metered energy;
656	(iv) a hydroelectric or geothermal facility with the quantity of renewable energy
657	certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the total production of the facility,
658	except to the extent the commission determines otherwise with respect to net-metered energy;
659	(v) a waste gas or waste heat capture or recovery system, other than from a combined
660	cycle combustion turbine that does not use waste gas or waste heat, with the quantity of
661	renewable energy certificates to which the user is entitled determined by the total production of
662	the system, except to the extent the commission determines otherwise with respect to
663	net-metered energy; and
664	(vi) the station use of solar thermal energy, solar photovoltaic energy, hydroelectric
665	energy, geothermal energy, waste gas, or waste heat capture and recovery.
666	(11) "Unbundled renewable energy certificate" means a renewable energy certificate
667	associated with:
668	(a) qualifying electricity that is acquired by an electrical corporation or other person by
669	trade, purchase, or other transfer without acquiring the electricity for which the certificate was
670	issued; or
671	(b) activities listed in Subsection (10)(e).
672	Section 12. Section 54-17-602 is enacted to read:
673	54-17-602. Target amount of qualifying electricity Renewable energy certificate
674	Cost-effectiveness Cooperatives.
675	(1) (a) To the extent that it is cost effective to do so, beginning in 2025 the annual retail
676	electric sales in this state of each electrical corporation shall consist of qualifying electricity or
677	renewable energy certificates in an amount equal to at least 20% of adjusted retail electric
678	sales.

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679	(b) The amount under Subsection (1)(a) is computed based upon adjusted retail electric
680	sales for the calendar year commencing 36 months before the first day of the year for which the
681	target calculated under Subsection (1)(a) applies.
682	(c) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) and (b), an increase in the annual target from
683	one year to the next may not exceed the greater of:
684	(i) 17,500 megawatt-hours; or
685	(ii) 20% of the prior year's amount under Subsections (1)(a) and (b).
686	(2) Cost-effectiveness under Subsection (1) is determined in comparison to other viable
687	resource options using the criteria provided by Subsection 54-17-201(2)(c)(ii).
688	(3) This section does not require an electrical corporation to:
689	(a) substitute qualifying electricity for electricity from a generation source owned or
690	contractually committed, or from a contractual commitment for a power purchase;
691	(b) enter into any additional electric sales commitment or any other arrangement for the
692	sale or other disposition of electricity that is not already, or would not be, entered into by the
693	electrical corporation; or
694	(c) acquire qualifying electricity in excess of its adjusted retail electric sales.
695	(4) For the purpose of Subsection (1), an electrical corporation may combine the
696	<u>following:</u>
697	(a) qualifying electricity from a renewable energy source owned by the electrical
698	corporation;
699	(b) qualifying electricity acquired by the electrical corporation through trade, power
700	purchase, or other transfer; and
701	(c) a bundled or unbundled renewable energy certificate, including a banked renewable
702	energy certificate.
703	(5) For an electrical corporation whose rates the commission regulates, the following
704	rules concerning renewable energy certificates apply:
705	(a) a banked renewable energy certificate with an older issuance date shall be used
706	before any other banked renewable energy certificate issued at a later date is used; and
707	(b) the total of all unbundled renewable energy certificates, including unbundled
708	banked renewable energy certificates, may not exceed 20% of the amount of the annual target
709	provided for in Subsection (1)

710	(6) An electrical corporation that is a cooperative association may count towards
711	Subsection (1) any of the following:
712	(a) electric production allocated to this state from hydroelectric facilities becoming
713	operational after December 31, 2007 if the facilities are located in any state in which the
714	cooperative association, or a generation and transmission cooperative with which the
715	cooperative association has a contract, provides electric service;
716	(b) qualifying electricity generated or acquired or renewable energy certificates
717	acquired for a program that permits a retail customer to voluntarily contribute to a renewable
718	energy source; and
719	(c) notwithstanding Subsection 54-17-601(7), an unbundled renewable energy
720	certificate purchased from a renewable energy source located outside the geographic boundary
721	of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council if the electricity on which the unbundled
722	renewable energy certificate is based would be considered qualifying electricity if the
723	renewable energy source was located within the geographic boundary of the Western
724	Electricity Coordinating Council.
725	(7) The use of the renewable attributes associated with qualifying electricity to satisfy
726	any federal renewable energy requirement does not preclude the electricity from being
727	qualifying electricity for the purpose of this chapter.
728	Section 13. Section 54-17-603 is enacted to read:
729	54-17-603. Renewable energy certificate Issuance Use to satisfy other
730	requirements.
731	(1) The commission shall establish a process for issuance or recognition of a renewable
732	energy certificate.
733	(2) The commission process under Subsection (1) shall provide for the issuance,
734	monitoring, accounting, transfer, and use of a renewable energy certificate, including in
735	electronic form.
736	(3) The commission may consult with another state or a federal agency and any
737	regional system or trading program to fulfil Subsection (1).
738	(4) A renewable energy certificate shall be issued for:
739	(a) qualifying electricity generated on and after January 1, 1995; and
740	(b) the activities of an energy user described in Subsections 10-19-102(11)(e) and

741	54-17-601(10)(e) on and after January 1, 1995.
742	(5) The person requesting a renewable energy certificate shall affirm that the renewable
743	energy attributes of the electricity have not been traded, sold, transferred, or otherwise used to
744	satisfy another state's renewable energy requirements.
745	(6) (a) For the purpose of satisfying Subsection 54-17-602(1) and the issuance of a
746	renewable energy certificate under this section, a renewable energy source located in this state
747	that derives its energy from solar photovoltaic or solar thermal energy shall be credited for 2.4
748	kilowatt-hours of qualifying electricity for each 1.0 kilowatt-hour generated.
749	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a), the acquisition or construction by an electrical
750	corporation of a renewable energy source that derives its energy from solar photovoltaic or
751	solar thermal energy shall comply with the cost-effectiveness criteria of Subsection
752	54-17-201(2)(c)(ii).
753	(7) A renewable energy certificate issued under this section:
754	(a) does not expire; and
755	(b) may be banked.
756	(8) The commission may recognize a renewable energy certificate that is issued,
757	monitored, accounted for, or transferred by or through another state or a regional system or
758	trading program, including the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System, if
759	the renewable energy certificate is for qualifying electricity.
760	(9) A renewable energy certificate:
761	(a) may be used only once to satisfy Subsection 54-17-602(1);
762	(b) may be used for the purpose of Subsection 54-17-602(1) and the qualifying
763	electricity on which the renewable energy certificate is based may be used to satisfy any federal
764	renewable energy requirement; and
765	(c) may not be used if it has been used to satisfy any other state's renewable energy
766	requirement.
767	(10) The commission shall establish procedures and reasonable rates permitting an
768	electrical corporation that is a purchasing utility under Section 54-12-2 to acquire or retain a
769	renewable energy certificate associated with the purchase of power from an independent energy
770	producer.
771	Section 14. Section 54-17-604 is enacted to read:

772	<u>54-17-604.</u> Plans and reports.
773	(1) An electrical corporation shall develop and maintain a plan for implementing
774	Subsection 54-17-602(1), consistent with the cost-effectiveness criteria of Subsection
775	54-17-201(2)(c)(ii).
776	(2) A progress report concerning a plan under Subsection (1) shall be filed with the
777	commission by January 1 of each of the years 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2024.
778	(3) The progress report under Subsection (2) shall contain:
779	(a) the actual and projected amount of qualifying electricity through 2025;
780	(b) the source of qualifying electricity;
781	(c) an analysis of the cost-effectiveness of renewable energy sources;
782	(d) a discussion of conditions impacting the renewable energy source and qualifying
783	electricity markets;
784	(e) any recommendation for a suggested legislative or program change; and
785	(f) any other information requested by the commission or considered relevant by the
786	electrical corporation.
787	(4) The plan and progress report required by Subsections (1) and (2) may include
788	procedures that will be used by the electrical corporation to identify and select any renewable
789	energy resource and qualifying electricity that satisfy the criteria of Subsection
790	54-17-201(2)(c)(ii).
791	(5) By July 1, 2026, each electrical corporation shall file a final progress report
792	<u>demonstrating:</u>
793	(a) how Subsection 54-17-602(1) is satisfied for the year 2025; or
794	(b) the reason why Subsection 54-17-602(1) is not satisfied for the year 2025, if it is
795	not satisfied.
796	(6) By January 1 of each of the years 2011, 2016, 2021, and 2025, the Division of
797	<u>Public Utilities shall submit to the Legislature a report containing a summary of any progress</u>
798	report filed under Subsections (2) through (5).
799	(7) The summary required by Subsection (6) shall include any recommendation for
800	legislative changes.
801	(8) (a) By July 1, 2027, the commission shall submit to the Legislature a report
802	summarizing the final progress reports and recommending any legislative changes.

803	(b) The 2027 summary may contain a recommendation to the Legislature concerning
804	any action to be taken with respect to an electrical corporation that does not satisfy Subsection
805	54-17-602(1) for 2025.
806	(c) The commission shall provide an opportunity for public comment and take
807	evidence before recommending any action to be taken with respect to an electrical corporation
808	that does not satisfy Subsection 54-17-602(1) for 2025.
809	(9) If a recommendation containing a penalty for failure to satisfy Subsection
810	54-17-602(1) is made under Subsection (8), the proposal shall require that any amount paid by
811	an electrical corporation as a penalty be utilized to fund demand-side management for the retail
812	customers of the electrical corporation paying the penalty.
813	(10) A penalty may not be proposed under this section if an electrical corporation's
814	failure to satisfy Subsection 54-17-602(1) is due to:
815	(a) a lack of cost-effective means to satisfy the requirement; or
816	(b) force majeure.
817	Section 15. Section 54-17-605 is enacted to read:
818	54-17-605. Recovery of costs for renewable energy activities.
819	(1) In accordance with other law, the commission shall include in the retail electric
820	rates of an electrical corporation whose rates the commission regulates the state's share of any
821	of the costs listed in Subsection (2) that are relevant to the proceeding in which the commission
822	is considering the electrical corporation's rates:
823	(a) if the costs are prudently incurred by the electrical corporation in connection with:
824	(i) the acquisition of a renewable energy certificate;
825	(ii) the acquisition of qualifying electricity for which a renewable energy certificate
826	will be issued after the acquisition; and
827	(iii) the acquisition, construction, and use of a renewable energy source; and
828	(b) to the extent any qualifying electricity or renewable energy source under Subsection
829	(1)(a) satisfies the cost-effectiveness criteria of Subsection 54-17-201(2)(c)(ii).
830	(2) The following are costs that may be recoverable under Subsection (1):
831	(a) a cost of siting, acquisition of property rights, equipment, design, licensing,
832	permitting, construction, owning, operating, or otherwise acquiring a renewable energy source
833	and any associated asset, including transmission;

834	(b) a cost to acquire qualifying electricity through trade, power purchase, or other
835	transfer;
836	(c) a cost to acquire a bundled or unbundled renewable energy certificate, if any net
837	revenue from the sale of a renewable energy certificate allocable to this state is also included in
838	rates;
839	(d) a cost to interconnect a renewable energy source to the electrical corporation's
840	transmission and distribution system;
841	(e) a cost associated with using a physical or financial asset to integrate, firm, or shape
842	a renewable energy source on a firm annual basis to meet a retail electricity need; and
843	(f) any cost associated with transmission and delivery of qualifying electricity to a
844	retail electricity consumer.
845	(3) (a) The commission may allow an electrical corporation to use an adjustment
846	mechanism or reasonable method other than a rate case under Sections 54-4-4 and 54-7-12 to
847	allow recovery of costs identified in Subsection (2).
848	(b) If the commission allows the use of an adjustment mechanism, both the costs and
849	any associated benefit shall be reflected in the mechanism, to the extent practicable.
850	(c) This Subsection (3) creates no presumption for or against the use of an adjustment
851	mechanism.
852	(4) (a) The commission may permit an electrical corporation to include in its retail
853	electric rates the state's share of costs prudently incurred by the electrical corporation in
854	connection with a renewable energy source, whether or not the renewable energy source
855	ultimately becomes operational, including costs of:
856	(i) siting;
857	(ii) property acquisition;
858	(iii) equipment;
859	(iv) design;
860	(v) licensing;
861	(vi) permitting; and
862	(vii) other reasonable items related to the renewable energy source.
863	(b) Subsection (4)(a) creates no presumption concerning the prudence or recoverability
864	of the costs identified.

865	(c) To the extent deferral is consistent with other applicable law, the commission may
866	allow an electrical corporation to defer costs recoverable under Subsection (4)(a) until the
867	recovery of the deferred costs can be considered in a rate proceeding or an adjustment
868	mechanism created under Subsection (3).
869	(d) An application to defer costs shall be filed within 60 days after the day on which
870	the electrical corporation determines that the renewable energy source project is impaired under
871	generally accepted accounting principles and will not become operational.
872	(e) Notwithstanding the opportunity to defer costs under Subsection (4)(c), a cost
873	incurred by an electrical corporation for siting, property acquisition, equipment, design,
874	licensing, and permitting of a renewable energy source that the electrical corporation proposes
875	to construct shall be included in the electrical corporation's project costs for the purpose of
876	evaluating the project's cost-effectiveness.
877	(f) A deferred cost under Subsection (4)(a) may not be added to, or otherwise
878	considered in the evaluation of, the cost of a project proposed by any person other than the
879	electrical corporation for the purpose of evaluating that person's proposal.
880	Section 16. Section 54-17-606 is enacted to read:
881	54-17-606. Commission rules.
882	The commission shall make rules as necessary to implement this part.
883	Section 17. Section 54-17-607 is enacted to read:
884	54-17-607. Procedure and appeals under this chapter.
885	(1) The governing authority, as defined in Section 54-15-102, has primary jurisdiction
886	concerning issues of interpretation, implementation, and administration of this chapter.
887	(2) An appeal of a commission order under this chapter is governed by Chapter 7,
888	Hearings, Practice, and Procedure.
889	Section 18. Section 54-17-701 is enacted to read:
890	Part 7. Carbon Sequestration
891	54-17-701. Rules for carbon capture and geological storage.
892	(1) By January 1, 2011, the Division of Water Quality and the Division of Air Quality,
893	on behalf of the Board of Water Quality and the Board of Air Quality, respectively, in
894	collaboration with the commission and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Utah
895	Geological Survey, shall present recommended rules to the Legislature's Administrative Rules

896	Review Committee for the following in connection with carbon capture and accompanying
897	geological sequestration of captured carbon:
898	(a) site characterization approval;
899	(b) geomechanical, geochemical, and hydrogeological simulation;
900	(c) risk assessment;
901	(d) mitigation and remediation protocols;
902	(e) issuance of permits for test, injection, and monitoring wells;
903	(f) specifications for the drilling, construction, and maintenance of wells;
904	(g) issues concerning ownership of subsurface rights and pore space;
905	(h) allowed composition of injected matter;
906	(i) testing, monitoring, measurement, and verification for the entirety of the carbon
907	capture and geologic sequestration chain of operations, from the point of capture of the carbon
908	dioxide to the sequestration site;
909	(j) closure and decommissioning procedure;
910	(k) short- and long-term liability and indemnification for sequestration sites;
911	(1) conversion of enhanced oil recovery operations to carbon dioxide geological
912	sequestration sites; and
913	(m) other issues as identified.
914	(2) The entities listed in Subsection (1) shall report to the Legislature's Administrative
915	Rules Review Committee any proposals for additional statutory changes needed to implement
916	rules contemplated under Subsection (1).
917	(3) On or before July 1, 2009, the entities listed in Subsection (1) shall submit to the
918	Legislature's Public Utilities and Technology and Natural Resources, Agriculture, and
919	Environment Interim Committees a progress report on the development of the recommended
920	rules required by this part.
921	(4) The recommended rules developed under this section apply to the injection of
922	carbon dioxide and other associated injectants in allowable types of geological formations for
923	the purpose of reducing emissions to the atmosphere through long-term geological
924	sequestration as required by law or undertaken voluntarily or for subsequent beneficial reuse.
925	(5) The recommended rules developed under this section do not apply to the injection
926	of fluids through the use of Class II injection wells as defined in 40 C.F.R. 144.69(b) for the

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927	purpose of enhanced hydrocarbon recovery.
928	(6) Rules recommended under this section shall:
929	(a) ensure that adequate health and safety standards are met;
930	(b) minimize the risk of unacceptable leakage from the injection well and injection
931	zone for carbon capture and geologic sequestration; and
932	(c) provide adequate regulatory oversight and public information concerning carbon
933	capture and geologic sequestration.
934	Section 19. Effective date.
935	If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
936	upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
937	Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
938	the date of veto override.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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