

57 (c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally
58 funded state energy programs.

59 (5) The office shall perform the duties required by Sections 11-42a-106, 59-5-102,
60 59-7-614.7, 59-10-1029, 63C-26-202, Part 5, Alternative Energy Development Tax Credit Act,
61 and Part 6, High Cost Infrastructure Development Tax Credit Act.

62 (6) (a) For purposes of administering this section, the office may make rules, by
63 following Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to maintain as
64 confidential, and not as a public record, information that the office receives from any source.

65 (b) The office shall maintain information the office receives from any source at the
66 level of confidentiality assigned by the source.

67 (7) The office may charge application, filing, and processing fees in amounts
68 determined by the office in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 as dedicated credits for
69 performing office duties described in this part.

70 (8) (a) An employee of the office is an at-will employee.

71 (b) For an employee of the office on July 1, 2021, the employee shall have the same
72 salary and benefit options the employee had when the office was part of the office of the
73 governor.

74 (9) (a) The office shall prepare a strategic energy plan to achieve the state's energy
75 policy, including:

76 (i) technological ~~§~~ and infrastructure ~~§~~ innovation needed to meet future energy
76a demand including:

77 (A) energy production technologies;

78 (B) battery and storage technologies;

79 (C) smart grid technologies;

80 (D) energy efficiency technologies; and

81 (E) any other developing energy technology ~~§~~, energy infrastructure planning, or
81a investments ~~§~~ that will assist the state in meeting energy
82 demand;

83 (ii) the state's efficient utilization and development of:

84 (A) nonrenewable energy resources, including natural gas, coal, clean coal,
84a ~~§~~ hydrogen, ~~§~~ oil, oil
85 shale, and oil sands;

86 (B) renewable energy resources, including geothermal, solar, hydrogen, wind, biomass,
87 biofuel, and hydroelectric;