

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SHUTDOWN
OF UTAH'S POWER BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mike Schultz

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution highlights the state's need to protect and defend against federal government regulations that jeopardize the state's right to an affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy supply.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ highlights Utah's measured approach to energy policy and the harm of the federal government's rulemaking regarding ozone transfer.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the state has employed to great success a measured, all-of-the-above energy policy that has powered decades of prosperity and provided some of the nation's most reliable and affordable energy;

WHEREAS, in the face of population growth, changing technology, and security threats, the state needs to protect the reliability of our electric grid;

WHEREAS, the state has a history of applying common sense solutions to provide base-load power for the state, fuel the economy, and maintain a high quality of life for the



28 people in the state;

29 WHEREAS, because the current federal administration continues to assault the energy
30 industry through regulatory rulemaking;

31 WHEREAS, a recent federal regulatory rule from the federal government on ozone
32 transport will force the early closure of certain power plants located in the state;

33 WHEREAS, the closure of these certain power plants will put the state's supply of
34 reliable, affordable, and dispatchable power at significant risk within a few years;

35 WHEREAS, the state should fight for a responsible energy policy that embraces
36 efficiency and is based in reality; and

37 WHEREAS, the state should stand in the way of the federal government's egregious
38 power grab that harms the state's citizens:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
40 Governor concurring therein, will push back on the federal regulatory overreach that threatens
41 our ability to provide power to our state, fuel our economy and maintain a high quality of life
42 for the people the state;

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature and the Governor will support and
44 defend our right, as a state's right, to an affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy supply from
45 any harmful federal encroachment.