

# Community Renewable Energy Program Updates

Sep 2022

# Agenda

- Purpose: provide an update and basis for discussion
- Review: What is the Community Renewable Energy Program?
  - Goal
  - Participating communities
  - Agency overview
  - How we envision meeting the goal
- Where are we in the process?
- Review three required Program elements
  - Utility Agreement
  - Draft model ordinance (to be included in informational transmittal)
  - Low-income plan – programmatic approaches (to be included in transmittal)

# Goal of the Program

- Acquire “net-100%” renewable electricity for participating communities by 2030.
  - “net-100%” means the amount of electricity participants use every year will be matched by the same amount of renewable energy delivered to the Rocky Mountain Power system.
- Envision meeting this goal through a combination of the renewable energy we already pay for as RMP customers and new Program-assigned resources

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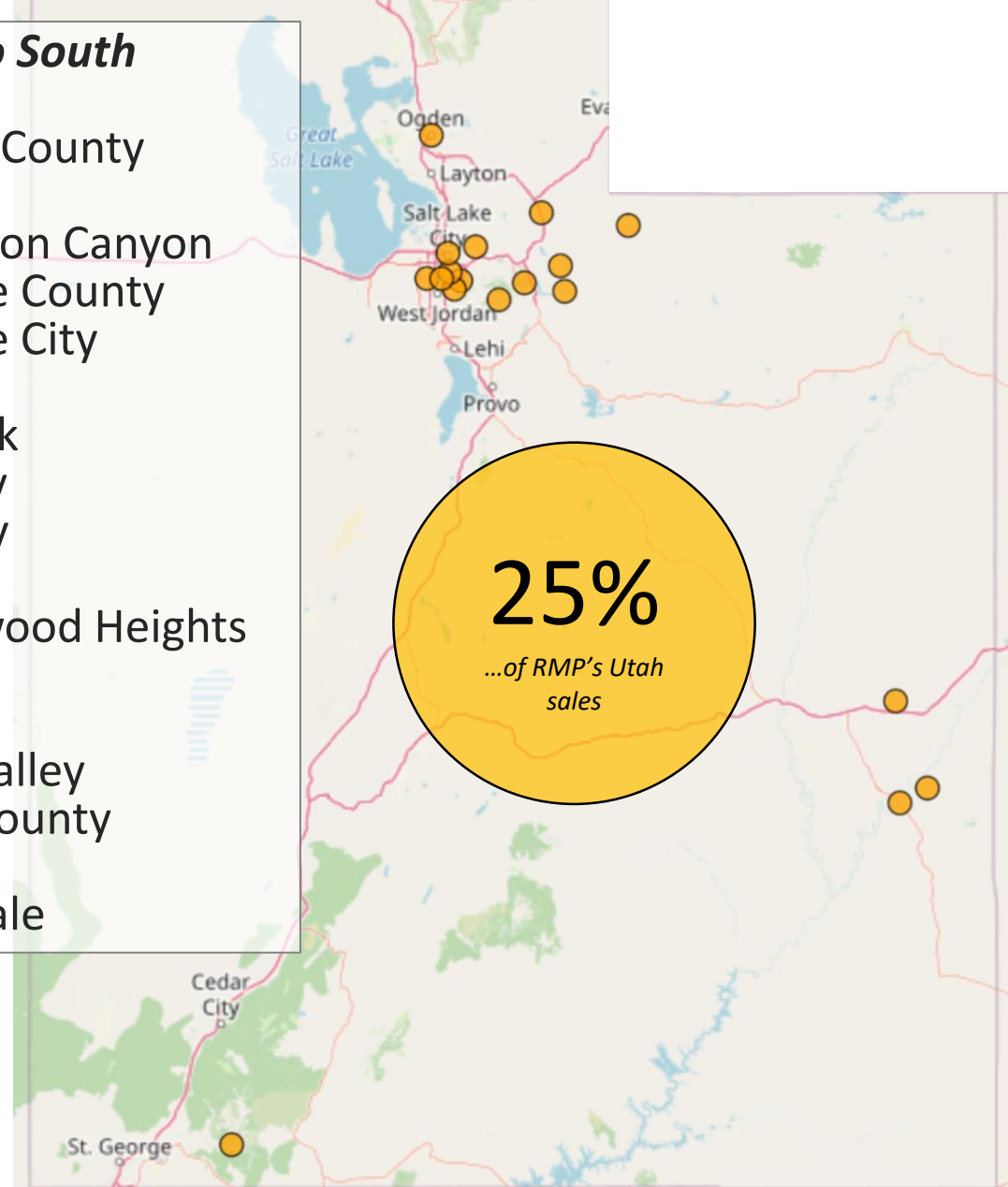
Agency  
Participation  
Status

Class	Electric Sales (Million MW- hours)
Residential	1.9
Commercial	3.2
Industrial	1.2
Other	.037
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6.3 Million</b>

## Participating Communities (18)

### North to South

- Ogden
- Summit County
- Coalville
- Emigration Canyon
- Salt Lake County
- Salt Lake City
- Oakley
- Millcreek
- Holladay
- Park City
- Kearns
- Cottonwood Heights
- Francis
- Alta
- Castle Valley
- Grand County
- Moab
- Springdale



# Community Renewable Energy Agency Structure

## Community Renewable Energy Agency

- Interlocal Government Body
- 18 communities joined
- Outside counsel & energy consultants

## Board of Directors

- 2 board members per community
- Monthly Meetings
- Officers:
  - Chair: Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City
  - Vice Chair: Angela Choberka, Ogden
  - Treasurer: Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek
  - Secretary: Emily Quinton, Summit County

## Program Design Committee

Springdale, Ogden, Summit County, Park City, Millcreek, Holladay, Salt Lake City

- Coordinate and negotiate with RMP, other state agencies
- Bring recommendations to board regarding program design, utility agreement, key program design decisions

## Low-Income Plan Committee

Ogden, Cottonwood Heights, Park City, Kearns, Summit County, Salt Lake City, Castle Valley

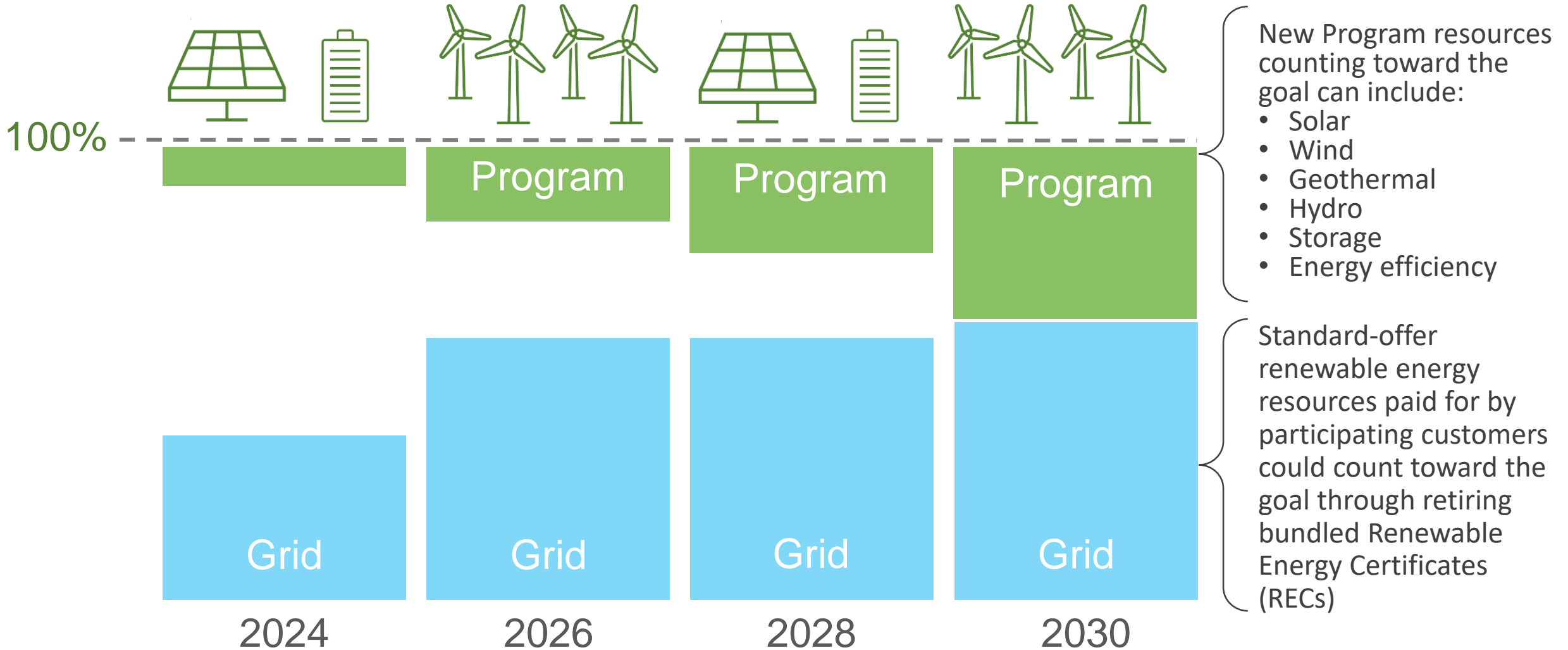
- Research, study, consult with community members to develop options for communities to adopt in their required low-income plans
- Support program design committee with recommendations around low-income components

## Communications Committee

Alta, Moab, Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, Salt Lake City

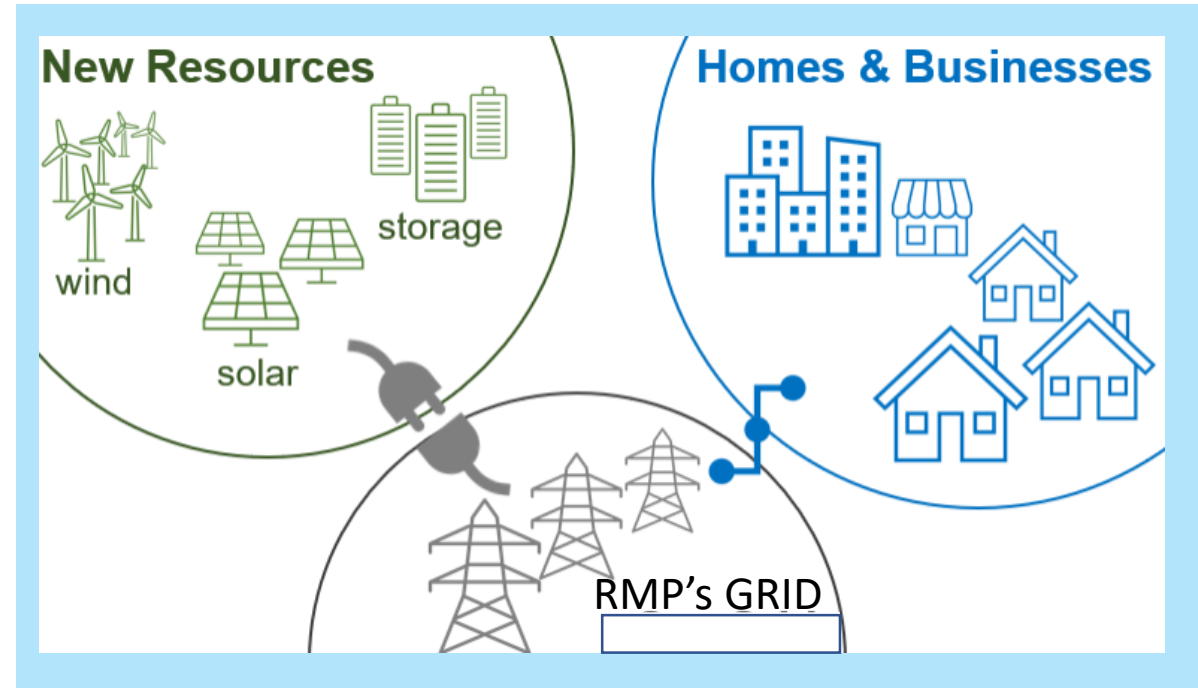
- Manages website, supports Board with communications assets, develops press releases
- Will be critical to support communities with outreach & education before and during program launch

# Achieving net-100% renewable electricity goal by 2030

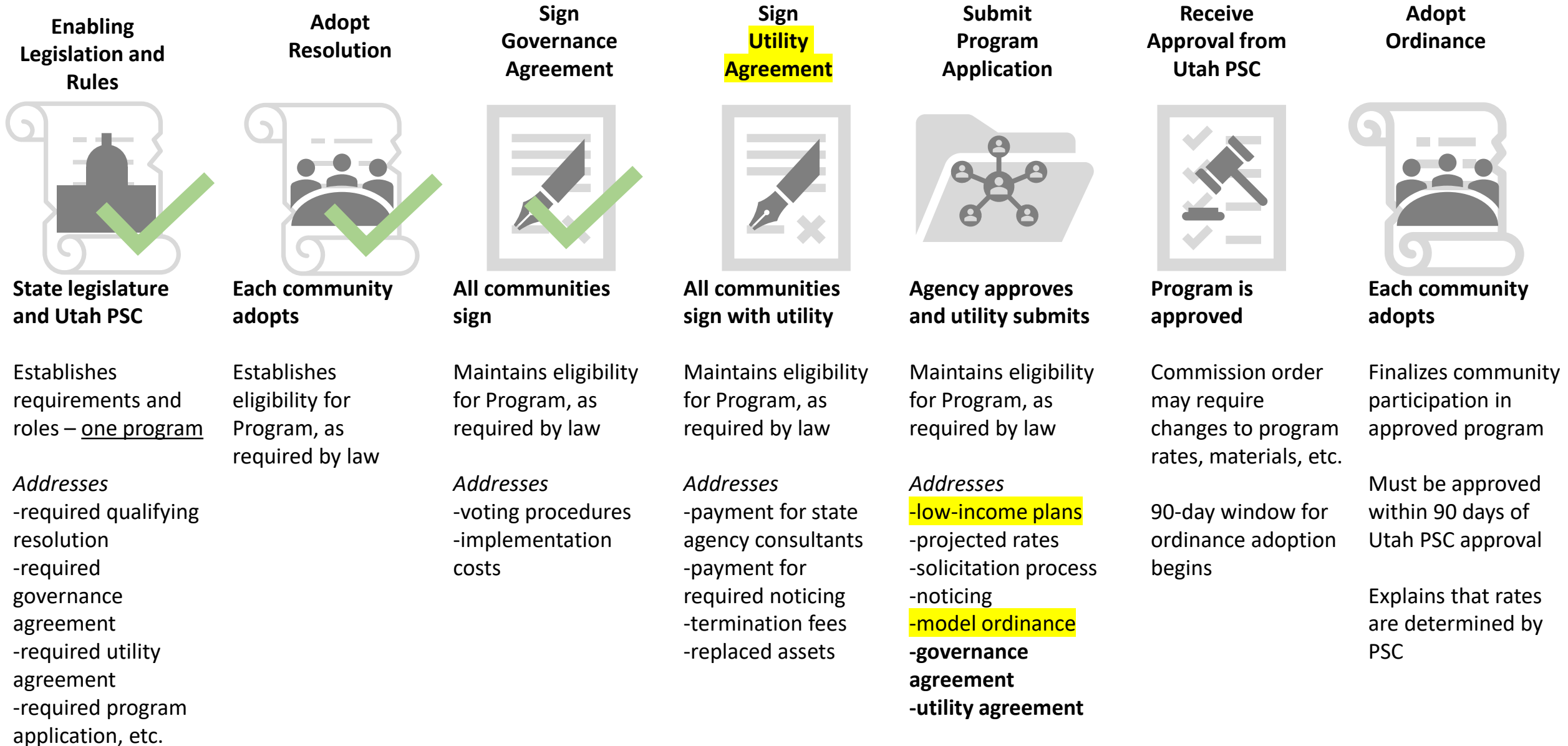


# How will the program work?

Once the program is approved by the Utah Public Service Commission and ready to launch, the Community Renewable Energy Agency will review resource bids and vote to acquire new renewable energy resources that will interconnect with Rocky Mountain Power's system



# Community Renewable Energy Program Implementation Timeline (simplified)



# Utility Agreement (targeting November / December)

- All communities sign this agreement with Rocky Mountain Power, as required by state law; it must address:
  - Community agrees to **cover cost of third-party expertise** for Utah agencies (this is covered by Agency budget, not to exceed \$200k)
  - Community agrees to **pay for customer noticing** (each community reimburses RMP for cost to print and mail two notices to each customer within the jurisdiction)
  - Termination fees, including how **unpaid termination** fees will be handled. The draft indicates that unpaid termination fees will be handled as a Program expense, not a direct expense to local governments
- Are there any **initially proposed replaced assets**? The draft indicates that there will not be any initially proposed replaced assets
  - The replaced assets concept would basically allow the participating communities to pay off our Program's proportionate share of a coal or gas plant faster than all other customers (increasing the program rate)
  - Could propose replaced assets in the future

# Draft Model Ordinance (finalized by December)

- What is it required to do? Unique ordinance
  - Finalize a community's participation in the Program
  - Must be consistent with a separate document called the Utility Agreement
- The rest is informational
  - Explains how an eligible customer will interact with the Program (enrollment after an opt out period, exiting later may require a termination fee, etc.)
  - Explains that Program rates are determined and may be adjusted by the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC)
  - Note: blanks will be filled in after the Program is approved by the Utah PSC
- When must the ordinance be adopted?
  - Within 90 days of Program approval by the Utah PSC
  - The proposed “model ordinance” must be included in the Program Application, so major changes will not be allowed

# Draft Model Ordinance – what do we need from Commission?


- Please review draft model ordinance
- Are there any major omissions? (customizations that apply to only one community cannot be included in the model ordinance)
- Comments will be accepted through **October 14**
- The draft model ordinance will be finalized by a Board vote in December and included in the Program Application (to be submitted in ~December by RMP)
- Reminder: placeholders will be updated after Utah PSC approval and the ordinance must be adopted **within 90 days** of that approval, as required by state law

# Background: Low-income Plan

HB 411 requires that each community submit a plan for low-income assistance in the Program application to the Public Service Commission.

The Low-Income Plan Committee was formed to assist with this requirement.

The Committee decided to focus on creating a *Low-Income Plan Template* that each community can fill out in order to create their own plan.



*Low-Income Plan Template* will include:

- Programmatic strategies
- Outreach strategies
- Elective strategies

# Low-Income Plan

## 4 Programmatic Approaches for consideration

- **Automatic opt-out:** for customers receiving monthly low-income assistance payments on RMP bills or 60 days behind on payment at start of program (opt-in is free and can be done at any time)
  - **Termination fee waiver:** for customers receiving monthly low-income assistance payments (otherwise the termination fee may be ~\$30)
  - **Enhanced monthly bill credit:** for low-income customers who opt-in to the Program (designed to, on average, offset the extra cost of the Program; funded by other participating customers)
  - **Donation program:** offered to participating customers to help fund enhanced monthly bill credit
- These programmatic approaches would be in addition to structured outreach effort to partner organizations who serve low- or fixed-income community members

# Low-income plan – what do we need from Commission

- Please review the proposed approaches, included in the memo
- Comments may be received through **October 14**
- The programmatic approaches to low-income assistance will be finalized by a Board vote in **December** and included in the Program Application (to be submitted in ~December by RMP)
- In the coming months, the low-income plan working group will reach out with the template to help guide us through outreach strategy and elective strategies. We can add elective strategies up until December.