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Utah Code 54-17-604 Renewable Energy Progress Report – 2024

Background: Utah Code 54-17-604 requires an electric cooperative to file progress reports to its board of directors regarding its progress toward achieving the qualifying electricity target stated in Utah Code 54-17-602. Utah Code 54-17-602(1)(a) states the following: “To the extent that it is cost effective to do so, beginning in 2025 the annual retail electric sales in this state of each electrical corporation shall consist of qualifying electricity or renewable energy certificates in an amount equal to at least 20% of adjusted retail electric sales.” Progress reports are to be filed by January 1 of the years 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2024, and a final report is to be filed by July 1, 2026.

Progress Report: Empire Electric Association’s (EEA’s) plan for achieving the specified target is to continue purchasing power from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State), a generation and transmission cooperative. EEA is an all-requirements member of Tri-State. Tri-State has committed to complying with any applicable renewable standards in the states it serves.

Actual and projected amount of qualifying electricity through 2025: Currently, 34% of the electricity EEA sells in Utah is qualifying electricity. Tri-State estimates that in 2025 35% of the electricity EEA sells in Utah will be qualifying electricity.

Source of qualifying electricity: Tri-State’s renewable energy portfolio includes a mix of hydroelectric, wind, and solar generation.

Estimate of the cost of achieving the target: Tri-State has already achieved the 2025 target and EEA does not know what Tri-State’s cost was to do so. Tri-State operates in multiple states and must meet each state’s requirements.

Discussion of conditions impacting the renewable energy sources and qualifying electricity markets: EEA has nothing to discuss in this regard at this time.

Recommendations for suggested legislative or program changes: EEA has no legislative or program change recommendations at this time.

Report Filing: This report was submitted to the EEA board of directors at its November 10, 2023 board meeting to meet the January 1, 2024 filing requirement.