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Push utilities to upgrade power lines

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Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 10:04 AM

To: psc@utah.gov

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Shifting to this new technology is a no-brainer - but very few utilities are even considering it. Why? Because utilities are notoriously change-averse. As monopolies, they have little incentive to innovate and improve.

That's where you come in. I urge you to use your regulatory power to incentivize utilities to implement this new power line technology.

It shouldn't be a hard sell. It will save them and their ratepayers money, decrease public safety risks, and help get more clean, planet-saving energy on the grid. But utilities will not act without a strong push by regulators.

This is a critical step in securing our energy future. Please help get this powerful technology deployed in our communities.

Sincerely,

Matthew Vollrath

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