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Mr. Justin Christensen  
Utah Division of Public Utilities  
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Re: Utah Code 54-17-604 Renewable Energy Progress Report

Mr. Christensen,

This letter is in response to your January 22, 2020 letter requesting a report of Empire Electric Association's (EEA's) progress toward meeting the renewable energy target specified in Utah Code 54-17-602(1).

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 comply with any applicable renewable standards in the states it serves.

In 2019, 33% of the energy EEA sold in Utah was generated by renewable resources. Tri-State's renewable energy portfolio includes a mix of hydroelectric, wind, and solar generation.

Tri-State estimates that in 2025, 50% of the energy EEA sells in Utah will be generated by renewable resources. Tri-State plans to add significant amounts of wind and solar generation in the next few years.

EEA does not know Tri-State's cost to meet the specified target.

EEA has no legislative or program change recommendations at this time.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Josh Dellinger  
General Manager  
Empire Electric Association