Moab City Council Agenda Item  
Meeting Date: April 13, 2021

Title: Adopting a Resolution Establishing the City of Moab’s Participation as an Anchor Community in the Community Renewable Energy Program and Authorizing the Interlocal Agreement Between Participating Public Entities

Date Submitted: April 7, 2021

Staff Presenter: Carly Castle, Deputy City Manager

Attachment(s):
- Resolution of the Moab City Council Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Among Public Entities Regarding the Community Renewable Energy Program
- Interlocal Agreement

Options: Discussion and possible action

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the resolution establishing the City of Moab’s participation as an Anchor Community in the Community Renewable Energy Program and authorizing the Interlocal Agreement between participating public entities.

Background/Summary:

The Community Renewable Energy Program was established by HB 411 in 2019. The legislation allows eligible local governments to procure net-100% renewable electricity by 2030 on behalf of their residents and businesses. In all, 23 Utah communities, including the City of Moab, became eligible to participate in this public-private partnership with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). This effort is unique in that it serves as a model of municipal partnership with a major utility to deliver a customer choice model to local communities.

The City’s next step in the Community Renewable Energy Program is to sign an Interlocal Agreement that specifies how the participating communities will make decisions and share implementation costs. All participating communities must contribute payments to the program, which will go towards hiring the necessary experts to negotiate rates with RMP. Initial payments are due by the end of July 2021.

Anchor communities are committed to contributing funds at a certain level in order to guarantee that the program’s revenue needs can be met, regardless of how many other communities ultimately sign the Interlocal Agreement and contribute money to the project. Thus, the amount specified in the attached resolution is the most that the City will be expected to pay over the next phases of the project. However, as more communities join, the amount of money that Moab will ultimately be asked to contribute will be reduced.