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On March 18, 2008, Governor Jon Huntsman signed SB 202 establishing a Renewable Portfolio Standard for Utah. The RPS applies to electrical corporations and municipal electric utilities and requires 20 percent of retail sales to come from cost-effective renewables in 2025. In addition to renewable resources, electricity from a power plant that captures and sequesters carbon dioxide can qualify for the RPS if certain requirements are met. Those requirements will be established by 2011. Some demand side management programs and renewable energy certificates can also be used to meet the RPS requirement.

[SB 202](#)

On January 15, Governor Jon Huntsman announced that five Utah businesses and two government entities have joined the state to be among the first to sign up for The Climate Registry. Kennecott Land, Kennecott Utah Copper, SWCA, ETC Group, USANA, Salt Lake City Corporation, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah's executive branch have become Founding Reporters for The Climate Registry, a non-profit organization established to measure and publicly report GHG emissions. http://www.utah.gov/governor/news/2008/news_01_15_08.html

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The Utah Energy Efficiency Strategy was released on October 16, 2007. Implementation of the recommendations statewide would reinforce the energy efficiency goal established by the Governor in April 2006, to increase energy efficiency statewide 20 percent by 2015. The Strategy was prepared by a team of researchers under the leadership of the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) and Utah Clean Energy (UCE). http://www.utah.gov/governor/news/2007/news_10_16_07.html

On October 9, 2007, Governor Jon Huntsman and the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council on Climate Change (BRAC) released the Council's Report on recommended measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Utah. The report also includes an independent study on the science of climate change and an inventory of Utah's current greenhouse gas emissions.

Press Release http://www.utah.gov/governor/news/2007/news_10_09_07.html

BRAC Report http://www.deq.utah.gov/BRAC_Climate/final_report.htm

On August 22, 2007, Governor Jon Huntsman announced he will work with Utah industry and other stakeholders to develop State goals, by June 2008, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG)

emissions as part of the Western Climate Initiative plan to reduce emissions by 15 percent by 2020. The Governor intends to use a stakeholder-based process to establish targets for greenhouse gas reductions based on economic factors and consideration of all sectors of the economy that generate greenhouse gas emissions. The goal also will reflect the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council's pending recommendations to the Governor.

http://www.utah.gov/governor/news/2007/news_08_22_07.html

On May 21, 2007, Governor Huntsman joined the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative. [Western Regional Climate Action Initiative Document](#) (PDF file 2mb)

Governor Huntsman has created a Blue Ribbon Advisory Council on Climate Change. <http://energy.utah.gov/energy/> The Governor directed the Advisory Council to:

1. Consider science, economics, and policy around climate change in a forum where we as a State – industry, environment, community – could have productive dialogue.
2. Understand and recognize what we are trying to leave for the next generation.
3. Bring back information and policy recommendations for review and consideration

The first meeting of the Advisory Council was in August 2006. A stakeholder work group has been formed to provide analytical support. The work group also assists the Council in identifying policy and program options.

Utah Public Service Commission

In Docket No. 05-035-47, (In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of a 2009 Request for Proposals for Flexible Resource) the PSC stated: “This docket has not developed a sufficient record to enable the Commission to decide at this point, an appropriate CO2 cost assumption to be used in this RFP. Faced with an insufficient record and such a significant variation in possible outcomes, the Commission supports the use of a full range of potential CO2 costs in all but the initial short list stage of the evaluation process so the opportunity costs of selecting one technology over another are made clear and explicit in the selection process.”

Energy-related greenhouse gas emissions inventory
<http://geology.utah.gov/sep/energydata/ghgdata.htm>