



News Advisory

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Bountiful City to Add New Solar Energy Power Source

The City is purchasing a portion of a solar project to continue providing reliable power at a competitive price

BOUNTIFUL – The Bountiful City Council recently approved purchasing power from a commercially-generated solar energy project. This 25 year agreement will provide the City with reasonably priced solar power which will help Bountiful City Light and Power (BCLP) continue to provide residents and businesses with an affordable and reliable carbon-free source of power.

The purchase is for 8.8% (or 5,831 kilowatts of the 66 megawatt project) from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority located on the Navajo reservation in Utah. This is part of a balanced, diverse energy portfolio that will ensure clean, reliable, cost-effective energy under any circumstance. When combined with the other sources of power, including hydropower and natural gas, this addition of a renewable, solar energy source will help BCLP be prepared for the future and meet its service obligation to customers.

“This agreement is comparable to installing 583 solar panel systems on roofs in the city”, said Allen Johnson, Director of BCLP. “This shows our commitment to seeking out renewable energy options while providing our customers with high-quality service at the best possible price.”

Currently, BCLP has just over 200 customers who have installed solar panels on their homes or business (1% of BCLP’s customers). Bountiful City purchases solar generated energy from these customers according to a metering agreement with Bountiful Power. In July 2017, Bountiful City changed its solar metering method for all new solar customers, moving from net-metering to feed-in tariff metering.

The purchase price for the new solar energy project equates to a low-cost of approximately \$0.03 per kilowatt hour. Knowing this market price, Bountiful City will also be able to maintain a metering and purchasing policy that is fair for all residents.

More information can be found at bountifulutah.gov/Power.

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