



City of Ketchum

November 1, 2021

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
City of Ketchum
Ketchum, Idaho

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Recommendation to Approve Resolution 21-023, to Join Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition

Recommendation and Summary

On December 21, 2020, City Council approved by resolution, long-term clean energy goals. The new City-County Sustainability Manager is recommending the creation of a formal coalition in order to intervene in Idaho Public Utility Commission (PUC) cases. Therefore, city staff recommends the following motion:

"I move to approve Resolution 21-023 outlining the City of Ketchum's support for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which establishes the Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition."

The reasons for the request are as follows:

- Effective advocacy to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission is imperative to achieve the city's clean energy goals. A valley approach is more successful than each entity on their own.
- This action has been recommended by the Ketchum Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Introduction and History

On December 21, 2020, City Council approved a resolution outlining the city's commitment to long-term clean energy goals. This action will assist with the development of an implementation plan.

Sustainability Impact

This topic is a key policy component of the city's sustainability plan.

Financial Impact

There is no short-term financial impact. Should legal counsel need to be retained in the future to address a PUC case; the MOU outlines "the Parties will agree upon a fair and reasonable cost-sharing model."

Attachments:

1. Resolution 21-023
2. Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition MOU



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO
And
THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, THE CITY OF HAILEY, And THE CITY OF KETCHUM
Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for intervening in Idaho Public Utility Commission cases that may affect mutual clean energy goals is hereby entered into by and between Blaine County, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as "County"; and the City of Bellevue, hereinafter referred to as "Bellevue"; the City of Hailey, hereinafter referred to as "Hailey"; and the City of Ketchum, hereinafter referred to as "Ketchum". The cities of Bellevue, Hailey, and Ketchum may hereinafter be collectively referred to as "Cities". The County and Cities may hereinafter be collectively referred to as "Parties".

1. PURPOSE:

The Parties have agreed to establish a Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition, hereinafter referred to as the "Coalition". The Coalition will be comprised of local government entities located in Blaine County for the purpose of monitoring, providing comment, or intervening in cases brought before the Idaho Public Utility Commission as deemed necessary by the Coalition to protect the interests of the Parties' respective organizations, residents, businesses, and populations served.

The Parties have adopted ambitious clean energy goals through approval of a Clean Energy Resolution passed by the County, Bellevue, Hailey, and Ketchum. Collectively, the parties have mutually beneficial interests in the outcome of cases brought before the Idaho Public Utility Commission as they may affect the Parties' ability to achieve clean energy goals.

Engagement with the Public Utility Commission may happen behind the scenes through relationship building or take on a more active form through filing public comment; join other local governments, organizations, or coalitions to participate in proceedings; or participating directly as an intervener. Active participation as an intervener may require funds to underwrite the cost of legal and technical expertise that does not currently exist on staff.

2. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES THAT:

Mutually beneficial collaboration requires clearly defined roles and responsibilities between the County and Cities that is equitable to all parties.

The Coalition may negotiate options for co-funding the cost to hire legal and/or technical experts to monitor and intervene on its behalf. Alternatively, the Coalition may decide to join others that petition to intervene whenever feasible. If the Coalition collectively approves co-funding and contracting for professional services, the Parties will agree upon a fair and equitable cost-sharing model~~contribute a percentage of total fees based on population.~~

CONTRIBUTION MODEL (for illustration purposes only)

JURISDICTION	POPULATION	CONTRIBUTION	EST. \$20,000 FEES
Blaine County / Unincorporated	24,272 / 7,227	39%	\$7,888
Bellevue	2,747	11%	\$2,264
Hailey	9,161	38%	\$7,549
Ketchum	2,791	12%	\$2,300

~~Sources: US 2020 Census or ACS 2019 5-Year Estimate~~

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor and report to Parties on Public Utility Commission cases that may impact shared goals of the Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition.
- Provide regular updates to Parties on cases as directed by the Coalition.
- Serve as point of contact for the Coalition.
- Facilitate discussions and decision-making between the Parties.
- Gather input and draft communications to the Public Utility Commission for review by the Parties, and finalize and submit documents.
- Secure estimates for professional services when the Coalition collectively approves funding and contracting for such services.
- Develop and administer contracts for professional services as needed.
- Collect and administer agreed upon financial contributions from the Parties as needed.

CITIES RESPONSIBILITIES

- Each city to identify and submit to County a point of contact.
- Cities to participate in Coalition discussions and decision-making.
- Review communications and documents and respond to County and Coalition inquiries in a timely manner to ensure deadlines are met.
- Contribute funds for professional services when approved by the Coalition.
- Provide legal and technical support from Cities staff as available.

SHARE CLEAN ENERGY GOALS

75% clean energy for municipal electricity use by 2025 and 100% by 2030.

100% clean energy for community-wide electricity supply by 2035.

Transition municipal fleet vehicles and equipment to 100% electric power as technologically and economically feasible by 2035.

100% clean energy for all energy use by 2045.

The outcome of Idaho Public Utility Commission proceedings will have a significant effect on the Parties ability to achieve shared clean energy goals as the outcomes will shape:

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including affordable and equitable access to customer- and community-owned clean energy systems.
- Reliable and resilient distributed energy and microgrid systems for critical infrastructure and the community.
- Mitigation and resilience solutions for climate-related risks such as wildfire, drought, flooding, extreme heat, loss of habitat and wildlife, and protection of natural and cultural assets critical to our outdoor recreation economy
- Job creation and economic growth in the clean energy sector.

3. TERMS AND TERMINATION:

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect upon execution and will remain in effect until September 30, 2022. This MOU is subject to termination with or without cause by Parties with a 30-day written notification prior to the commencement of contracts entered into on behalf of the Parties. Modifications of this MOU shall be made by mutual consent of the Parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all Parties, prior to any changes being performed.

4. APPROVALS: Executed and effective by the undersigned parties as of the date signed. DATED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument.

Dick Fosbury
Blaine County Commissioner

Date

Attest: Stephen McDougall Graham
Blaine County Clerk

Mayor Ned Burns
City of Bellevue

Date

Attest:
City of Bellevue Clerk

Mayor Martha Burke
City of Hailey

Date

Attest:
City of Hailey Clerk

Mayor Neil Bradshaw
City of Ketchum

Date

Attest:
City of Ketchum Clerk