

Memorandum of Understanding Between the States of Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho Regarding Regional Energy Collaboration

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a cooperative framework among the states of Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho to pursue regional collaboration in energy policy, infrastructure development, and regulatory strategy. The goal is to align energy-related efforts in order to strengthen energy resilience, foster innovation, attract investment, and advocate for shared priorities through the development of a tri-state compact.

II. Background

Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho (States) share a unique geographic and economic landscape rich in energy resources, including fossil fuels, renewable energy sources, and critical minerals essential for modern energy systems. The States also participate in a common energy market and face common challenges related to energy production and distribution, grid reliability amid rising demand, the environmental and economic impacts of energy transition, and volatile federal regulatory priorities. This MOU will facilitate collaboration among the States to address these shared challenges. By working together, the States can share best practices and amplify their collective influence more effectively to advance common policy perspectives. Furthermore, this partnership will help insulate the States from adverse national or out-of-state policies that may impact their shared energy interests, resources, and long-term economic goals.

III. Objectives

The parties to this MOU agree to develop a tri-state compact for the purpose of collaborating in the following areas:

1. Policy Alignment

- o Engage in discussion on energy policies that encourage innovation across the energy spectrum, preservation and enhancement of core energy industries, development of new energy sources, and private investment across state lines.

2. Infrastructure Coordination

- o Coordinate planning and development of critical energy infrastructure, particularly that which presents a mutual benefit to the parties.

3. Regulatory and Environmental Strategy

- o Work jointly on addressing and navigating federal or other state regulatory requirements, including those related to environmental concerns

4. Federal Advocacy

- o Unite together to advocate at the federal level on behalf of policies and funding that support regional energy priorities.

5. Energy Resilience

- o Enhance the reliability and resilience of the energy grid, recognizing anticipated load growth in the region and the needs of residential power delivery within each of the member states.

6. Workforce Training and Development

- o Further collaboration among education partners to develop the skilled workforce necessary to meet current and projected energy needs.

7. Affordability

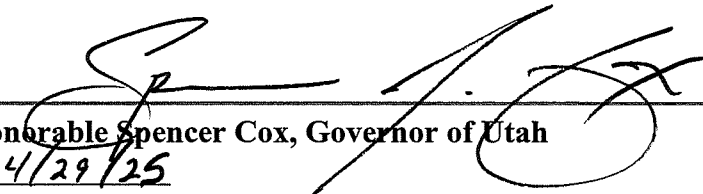
- o Collaborate on strategies to continue delivering affordable energy to the citizens of all three states.

IV. Commitment


The parties express their commitment to fostering long-term regional collaboration on energy issues through the development of a tri-state compact and acknowledge the mutual benefits this partnership offers to the states and their residents, while respecting the sovereignty of the same.

V. Non-Binding Agreement

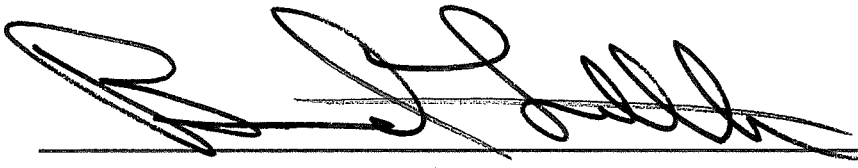
This MOU is not intended to create legal obligations but serves as a statement of mutual intent to work together in good faith toward shared objectives. Statutes, regulations, or policies adopted by one of the parties will not create any duties or responsibilities for the other parties.



The Honorable Spencer Cox, Governor of Utah
Date: 4/29/25



The Honorable Mark Gordon, Governor of Wyoming
Date: 29 April 2025



The Honorable Brad Little, Governor of Idaho
Date: 4/29/25