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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.

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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>