

"The Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association wholeheartedly supports H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act, as a necessary, commonsense reform. The SPEED Act will enable cooperatives to upgrade and maintain infrastructure more efficiently, reduce overhead costs and the financial strain passed onto members, enhance grid resilience and reliability—especially critical in rural and remote parts of Utah, and ensure the sustainability of electric service for generations ahead. This legislation represents a critical step toward ensuring rural electric cooperatives can continue serving their members with affordable and reliable electricity by modernizing the permitting framework under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)."