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### **PUC TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON XCEL ENERGY RESOURCE PLAN, ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

DENVER – The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, to receive comment about Xcel Energy's proposed resource plan outlining how it intends to meet its Colorado customers' electricity demand through 2015.

The public hearing will start at 5 p.m. at the Xcel Technical Services Building, 550 15<sup>th</sup> St., Room 19, in Denver.

The company is proposing to add approximately 1,050 megawatts of renewable generation, reduce current electricity demand by 694 megawatts through enhanced energy efficiency programs, and competitively acquire an additional 800 megawatts of natural-gas fired generation. The company also is requesting to replace two older, coal-fired power plants – one in Grand Junction and one in Denver – with a more efficient natural gas facility in Denver.

The PUC also will take comment on Xcel Energy's proposal to expand its electric demand-side management (DSM) programs, and revise its DSM cost recovery mechanism to include incentives.

The company's complete 2007 Electric Resource Plan can be viewed on the PUC website at: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/DocketsDecisions/HighprofileDockets/07A-447E.htm>; and the DSM proposal at: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/DocketsDecisions/HighprofileDockets/07A-420E.htm>.

Depending on the number of people who sign up to speak at the public hearing, each oral statement may be limited to a certain number of minutes. People who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit comments in writing to the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202. Comments should be addressed to Docket No. 07A-447E or 07A-420E (DSM).

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