

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 08I-113EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF REGULATORY AND RATE
INCENTIVES FOR GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES

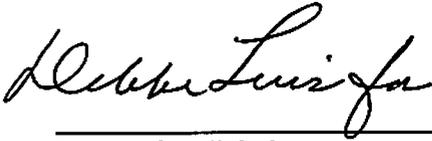
**RESPONSE OF WESTERN RESOURCE ADVOCATES TO
COMMISSION DECISION NO. C08-0448 REQUESTING COMMENTS**

Western Resource Advocates (WRA) commends the Commission for its decision to open this investigatory docket, and for allowing us the opportunity to comment on the scope of the docket. WRA strongly supports the Commission’s determination in Decision No. C08-0448, that workshops and roundtable discussions be scheduled with interested stakeholders, in order to discuss and develop recommendations regarding the issues identified by the Commission. These discussions need not wait until after written comments are submitted. A frank and lively exchange of views and proposals in a workshop or roundtable setting would best accomplish the goal of developing improvements to incentive, regulatory and rate structures for utilities.

We have only one modification to the proposed scope – under Section 5 of Decision No. C08-0448, we would add the question: “Can the regulatory incentive structure be changed to align a utility’s financial incentives with the environmental impact of its energy production practices?”

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERN RESOURCE ADVOCATES

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven S. Michel".

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