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Docket 08I-420EG

Commission Chairman Ron Binz
Commissioner Jim Tarpey
Commissioner Matt Baker
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Chairman Binz and Commissioners Tarpey and Baker:

My under graduate degree is Environmental Education. The underlying theme of many of my classes was, provide information and people will make better decisions. With this in mind, I would like to request that Xcel include information on its bills showing each customer's utility carbon footprint. In particular, Xcel's statements should show how much energy is coming from coal, renewable sources, and natural gas. With easy to read graphs customers will be able to see the added costs for: fuel, efficiency and renewables. Studies have shown that when people are aware of the impacts of their utility use they are more likely to implement conservation measures. And conservation measures are the quickest, easiest and cheapest means of reducing our use of fossil fuels.

It is essential that Xcel include this information on its statements as soon as possible. The fact that we are fast approaching peak oil/natural gas/and coal, is a warning that energy may cause the next economic crisis. The sooner Coloradoans implement conservation measures, the less fuel and therefore less dependency will be required.

I would also like to urge you to meet with Colorado's coops and municipal utility providers. Governor Ritter requested the PUC have a conversation with these utilities about how they might voluntarily support the Governor's Climate Action Plan. Though you don't have jurisdiction over them, such a dialog will begin an essential process.

Thank you for providing the public a forum to share such ideas.

Sincerely,

