

**How Colorado Electric/Gas Utilities and Their Customers
Can Benefit from the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**



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**Tuesday, March 10, 2009
1 to 5 p.m.**

**The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
1881 Curtis Street, Denver 80202**

The purpose of the symposium is to provide utilities and the public with the tools, information, and knowledge of the processes to participate in the energy opportunities stemming from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

1:00 Ron Binz, Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Mr. Binz describes the primary energy provisions of the ARRA and discusses the PUC's proactive multi-faceted approach enabling utilities to timely compete for funding opportunities.

1:30 Overview of the Energy Provisions Contained in the ARRA

Tom Plant, Director, Colorado Governor's Energy Office.

Mr. Plant describes:

1. the primary resource for utilities and the public to review all relevant ARRA data: www.colorado.gov/recovery
2. new opportunities stemming from the Department of Energy's State Energy Program
3. the protocols that apply to new competitive energy grants from the DOE
4. the timeline for disbursement of funds and tranches
5. the eligible technologies for competitive grants
6. points of contact and processes going forward

2:00 Electric Generation

1. **Nick Muller**, Executive Director, Colorado Independent Energy Association

2. **Mac McLennan, Sr.**, Vice President, External Affairs, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
 3. **Karen Hyde**, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for Colorado, Xcel Energy
- Moderator: PUC Commissioner **Matt Baker**

2:30 Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien

Lt. Gov. O'Brien delivers remarks regarding Colorado's approach to the ARRA, including inter-departmental coordination.

2:35 Electric Transmission

1. **Robin Kittel**, Director Regulatory Administration – Policy for Colorado, Xcel Energy
 2. **Ron Steinbach**, Transmission Policy Administrator, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
 3. **Anthony Montoya**, Chief Operating Officer, Western Area Power Administration
 4. **Tom Carr**, Western Interstate Energy Board
- Moderator: **Jim Tarpey**, PUC Commissioner

3:05 Smart Grid

1. **Brian Iverson**, Vice President of Electric Regulatory Services, Black Hills Corporation
 2. **Brad Gaskill**, Chief Executive Officer, Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association
 3. **Steve Catanach**, Chief Executive Officer, Light and Power Manager, City of Fort Collins Utilities
 4. **Michael Carlson**, CIO & Vice President, Business Systems, Xcel Energy
- Moderator: **Ron Binz**, PUC Chairman

3:35 Demand Side Management, Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy Residential Sector, Commercial Sector, and Codes

1. **Andrew Colosimo**, Government Affairs Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities
 2. **Terry Hall**, General Manager, Y-W Electric Association
 3. **Seth Portner**, Deputy Director, Governor's Energy Office
 4. **Sam Mamet**, Executive Director, Colorado Municipal League
 5. **Jeff Ackermann**, PUC Advisory Staff (Demand Side Management)
- Moderator: **Eric Stern**, Residential Program Manager, Governor's Energy Office

4:20 Oversight, Transparency and Accountability

State Treasurer **Cary Kennedy**; Member, Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability Board

4:25 Job Creation and Workforce Development

1. **Carmen Rhodes**, Executive Director of the Front Range Economic Strategy Center
 2. **Brad Collins**, Executive Director, American Solar Energy Society
 3. **Nancy McCallin**, President, Colorado Community College System
- Moderator: **Don Mares**, Director, Department of Labor & Employment

5:00 Adjourn