

Social Change Does Happen

***Clean Energy Action's
15 Year Commemoration***

And "Sneak Peek" at Xcel's Colorado Resource Plan

***March 31, 2021
Virtual***



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In Memoriam

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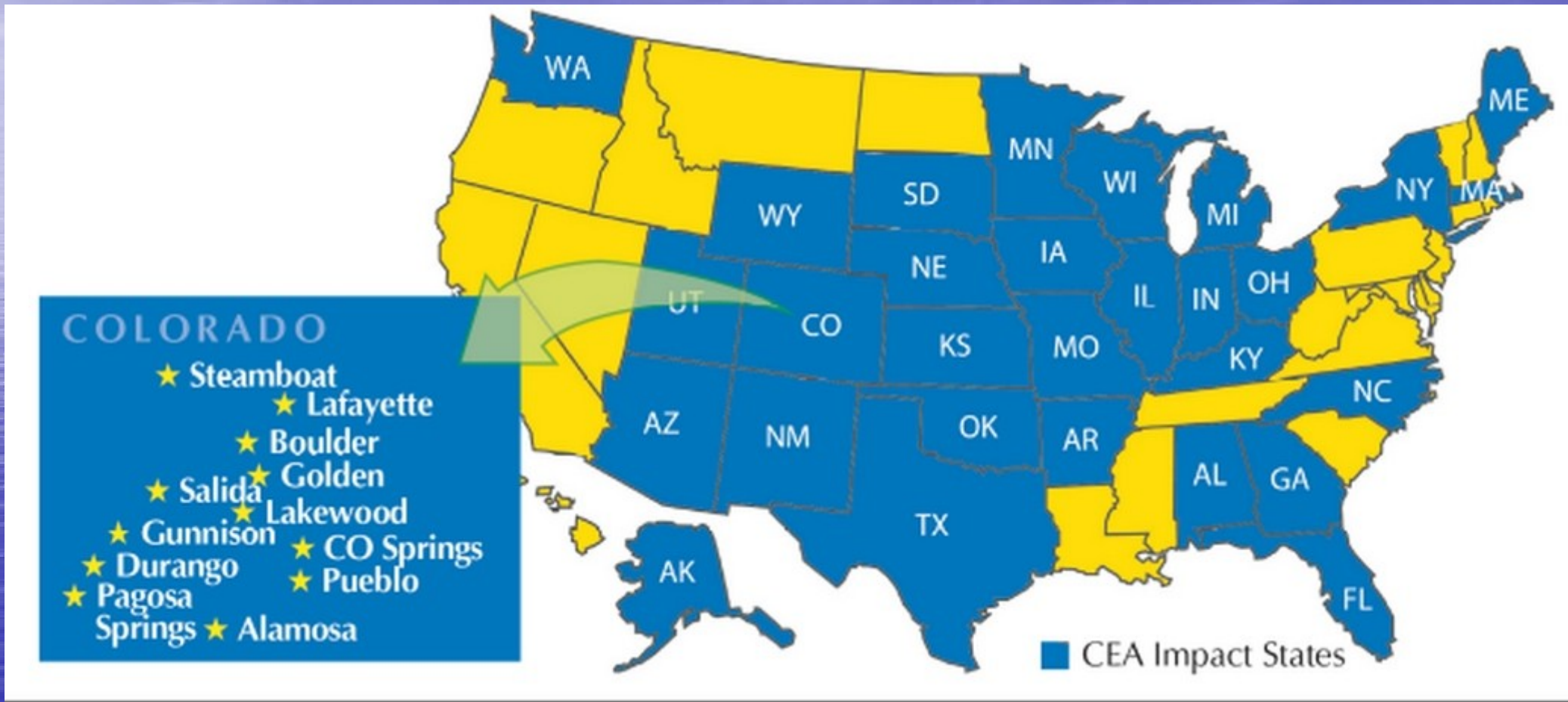
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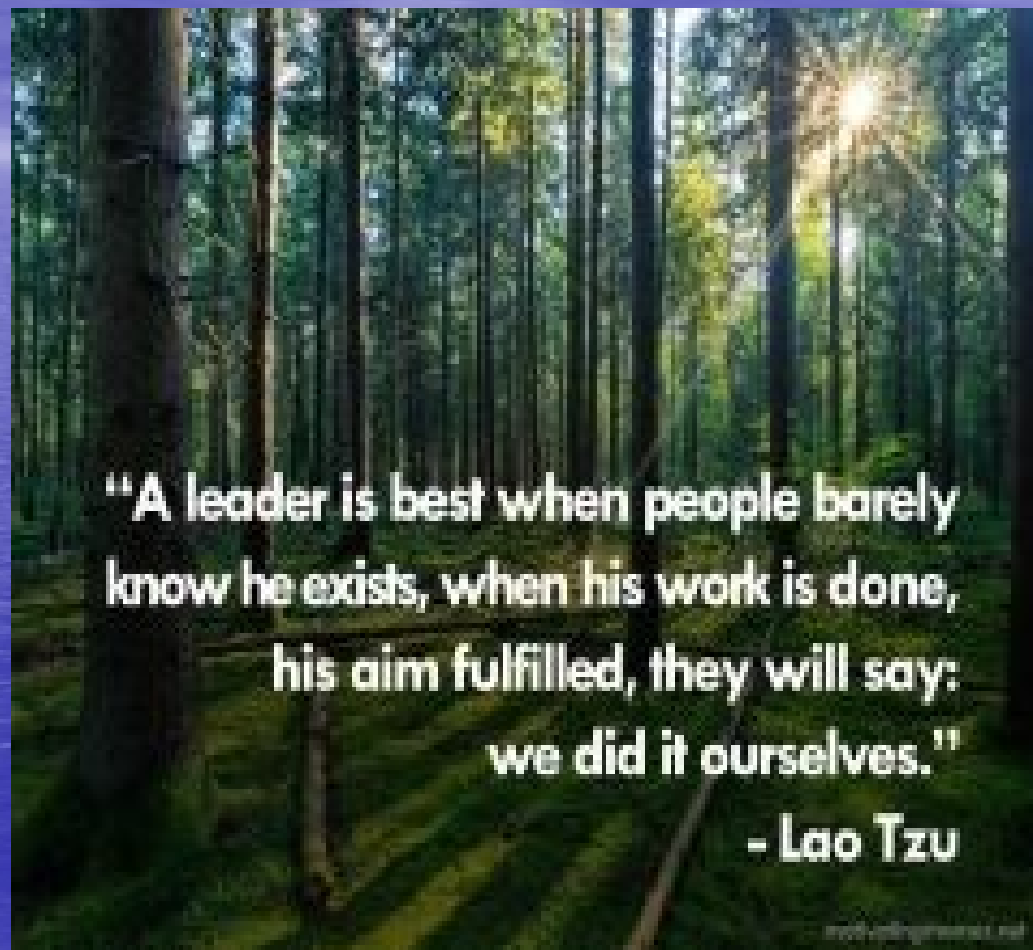


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Clean Energy Action Works at the Local, State and National Level to Accelerate the Transition to the Post Fossil Fuel World





https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/lao_tzu_121709

Strong Allies

-Fossil Free Denver/Resilient Denver)

(Jeff Neuman Lee and all)

-Wild Earth Guardians

(Jeremy Nichols and all)

-350Colorado

(Micah Parkin and all)

-Empower Our Future

(The Boulder "Team!!")

-Institute for Local Self Reliance

(John Farrell and all)

Many More Going Forward....☐



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In Memoriam....

**Joe McDonald—
Early and Very Generous Supporter**

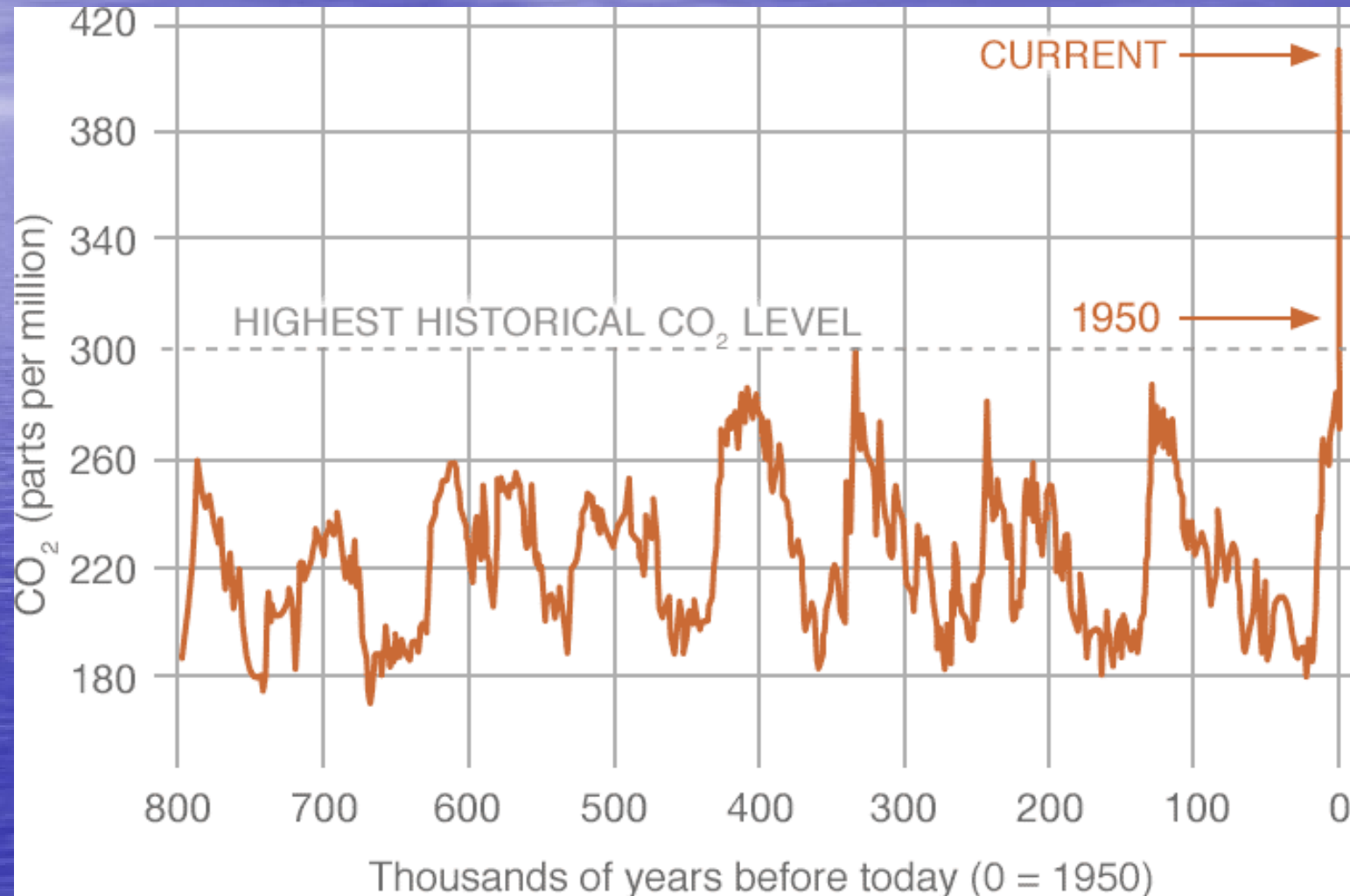


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**We Only Know of One Planet
That Supports Life!!**

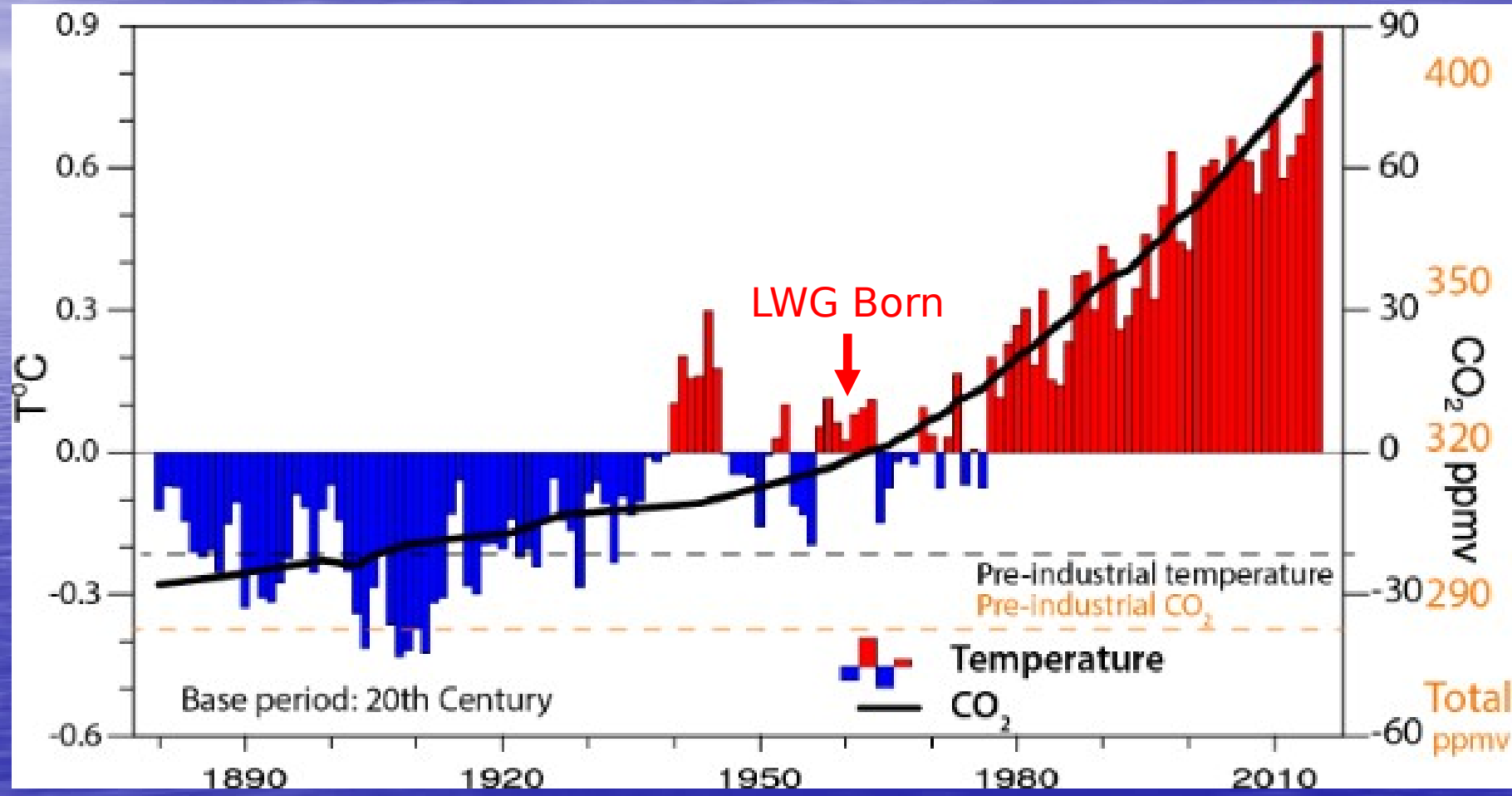


Carbon Dioxide in the Atmosphere Last 800,000 years

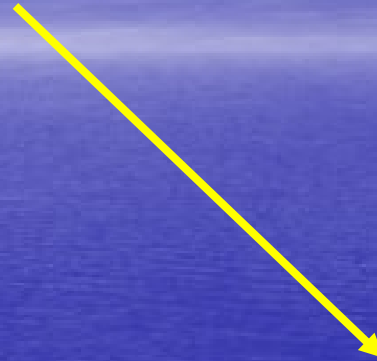


<https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/>

Global Temperature Anomaly Relative to 20th Century



Denial



Despair



Leadership

- Home
- Workplace
- Community**
- State
- Country
- International

**2003 Climate Change and the West Conference
Boulder, Colorado**



2004

Three Keys to Addressing Climate Change

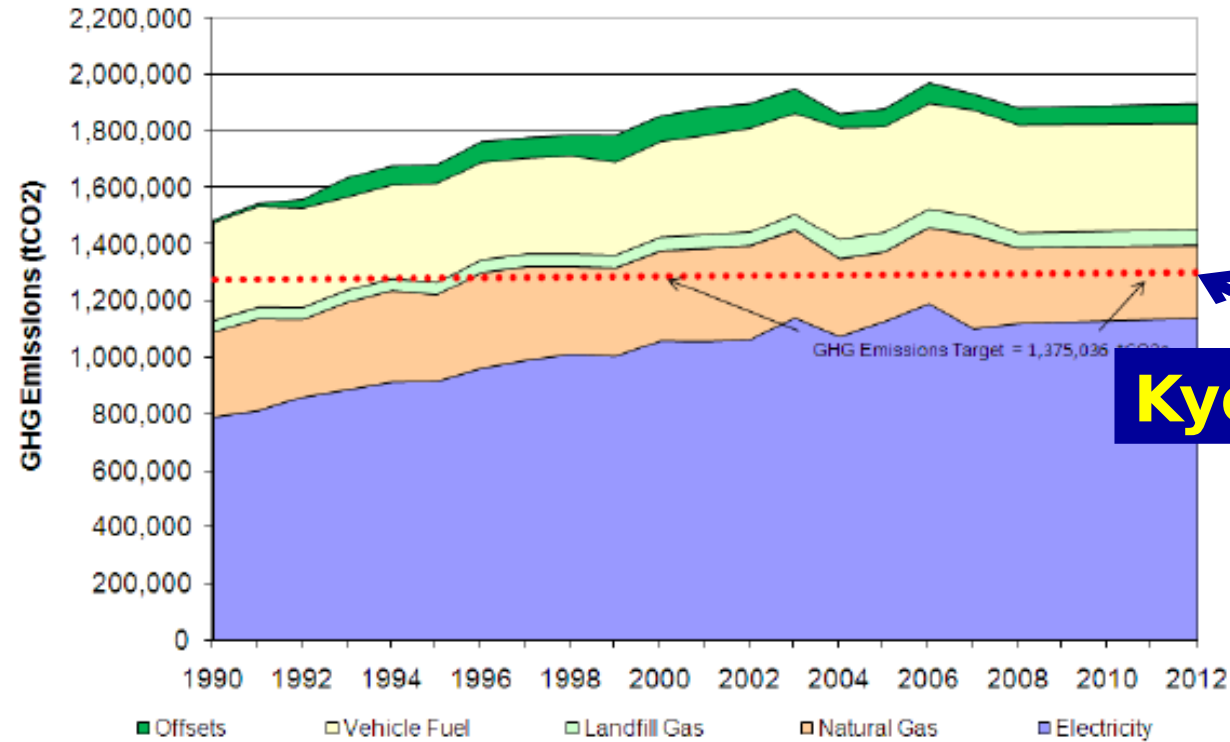
1) Decarbonize Electricity

2) Decarbonize Transportation

3) Do Everything Else

Boulder's Greenhouse Gas Inventory 1990-2012

Figure 3: Updated Forecast Boulder GHG Inventory by Source, 1990 – 2012 with RPS Effects

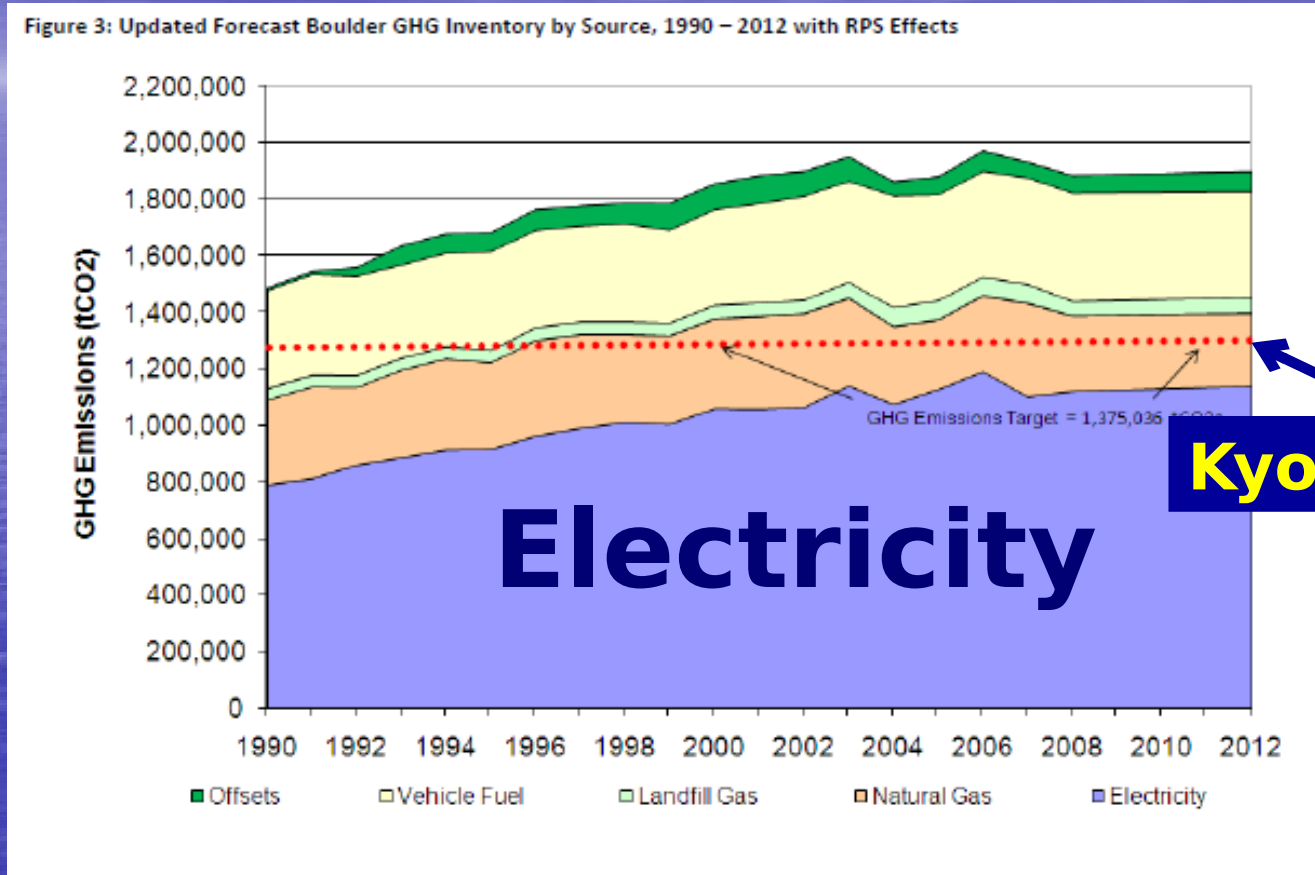


Kyoto Target

Source: City of Boulder Climate Action Plan Assessment

http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/files/Environmental%20Affairs/climate%20and%20energy/City_of_Boulder_ALL_SECTIONS_FINAL_072809_v9.pdf

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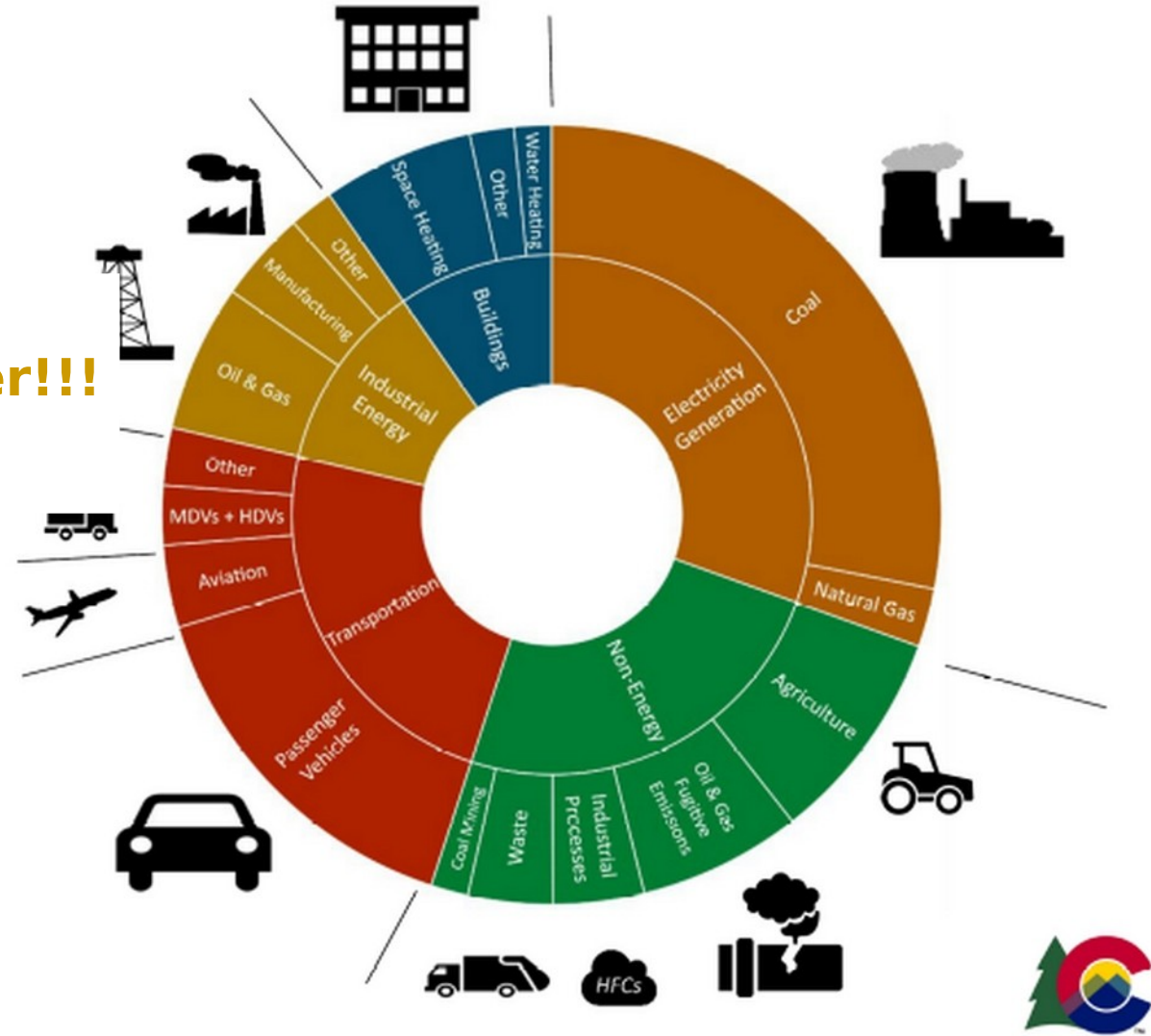
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What is driving GHG pollution in Colorado?

Proper accounting for methane would make oil and gas GHG emissions larger!!!
(350 Colorado report--Jan 2021)

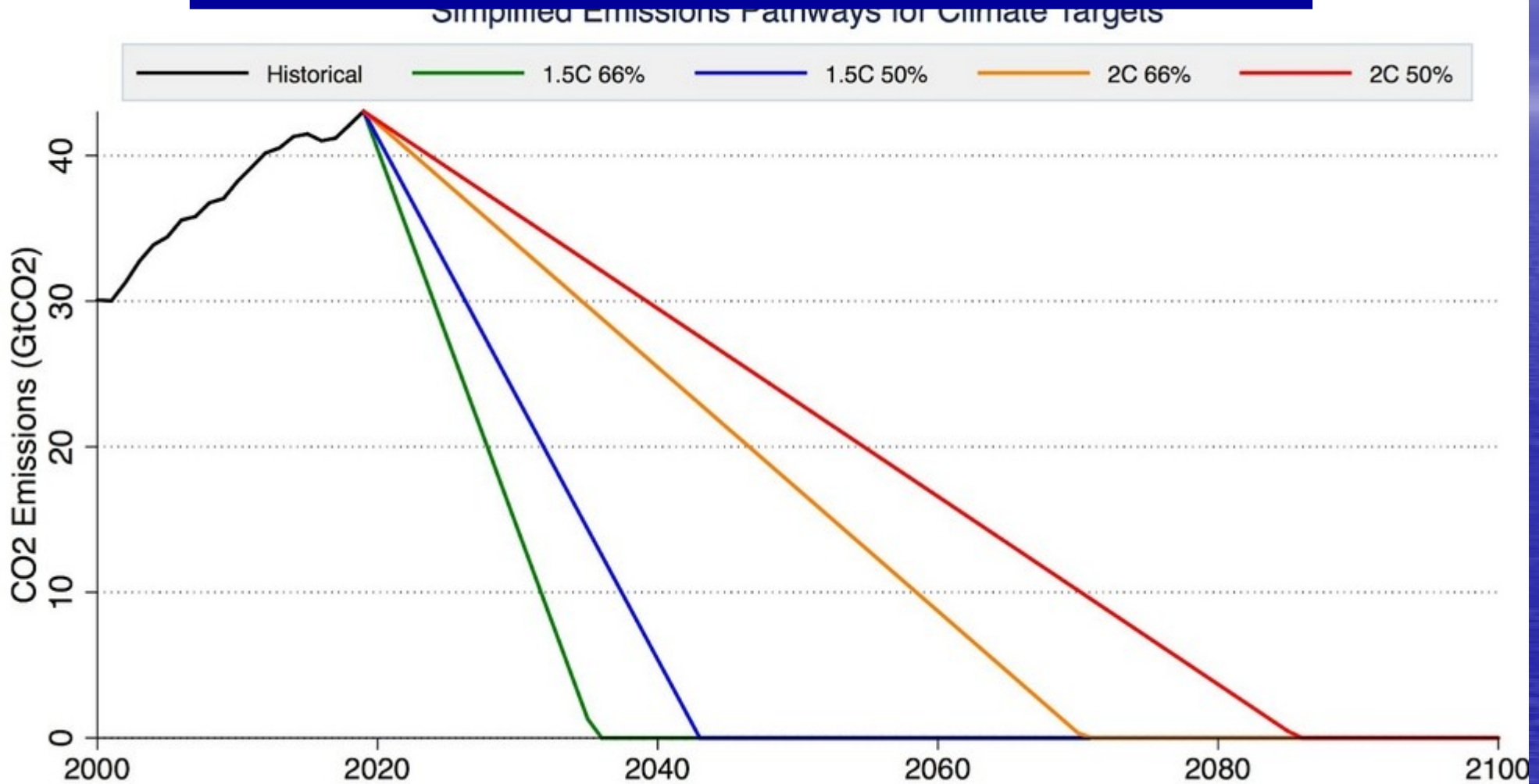
<https://350colorado.org/press-release-oil-and-gas-report/>



Colorado Energy Office, August 2020

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LsQP9YVuP4bav6gzUM9ytqw4DZr2P3Jc/view>

Options for the Planet's Future



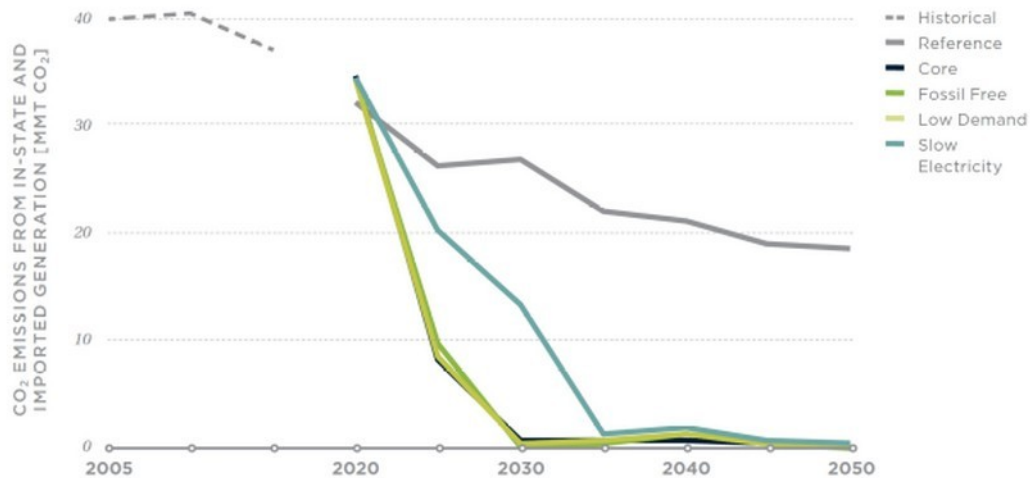
Graph from The Climate Mobilization—

<https://www.theclimatemobilization.org/blog/2020/10/09/new-climate-emergency-declarations-and-news-from-the-climate-mobilization/>

Grid Lab Study For Colorado September 28, 2020

FIGURE 9. CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR FOR ALL MODELED SCENARIOS

All scenarios other than the Reference case reduce CO₂ emissions to meet the state's economy-wide targets, but the Slow Electricity case results in more overall CO₂ emissions along the way.



Conclusions

- **Decarbonize electricity as quickly as possible to well above 90%**
- **Close all coal plants by 2025**
- **Use flexible loads strategically**

DECARBONIZE THE ELECTRIC SECTOR AT LEAST 90 PERCENT AND OPTIMALLY 98 TO 99 PERCENT BY 2030

In our Core decarbonization scenario, the electricity sector almost completely decarbonizes by 2030, and all coal units retire by 2025. Some gas units remain, but they operate very infrequently (generating only 2 percent of electricity in 2030), mostly during sustained periods of low renewable output. The decarbonized electricity system relies on large amounts of wind and solar, new energy storage, strategic use of flexible loads, and coordination with other states in the region. This rapid transition to clean electricity is not only necessary to reduce pollution from the power sector itself but also to enable reductions in emissions from transportation, buildings, and industry through electrification.

In addition to *deeply* decarbonizing, the state should prioritize decarbonizing the electric sector *as quickly as possible*, within reliability and cost constraints. **With existing policies, Colorado is not building renewables and storage fast enough and will not achieve the required electric sector emission reductions to meet its climate goals.**

2004 Electricity Paradigm....

Coal to 2070—and Beyond (200 years at least)....



Solar, Wind, Demand Shaping etc



Pueblo Unit 3 by Allen Best Christmas 2014 (By Permission)

15+ Years of Crazy Hard Work

This work is 99% Failure—1% Success

By the time you succeed, no one remembers who started it...

And **THAT** (!!) is why you succeeded!!



2021 Electricity Paradigm

Solar, Wind, Storage, Demand Shaping etc



Coal to 2040 (not even...)



CEA: 15 Years = 180
Months

\$100/Month = \$18,000

\$50/Month = \$9,000

\$10/Month = \$1,800

\$5/Month = \$900

\$1/Month = \$180

50 cents/month = \$90

Donate through

<https://www.cleanenergyaction.org/>

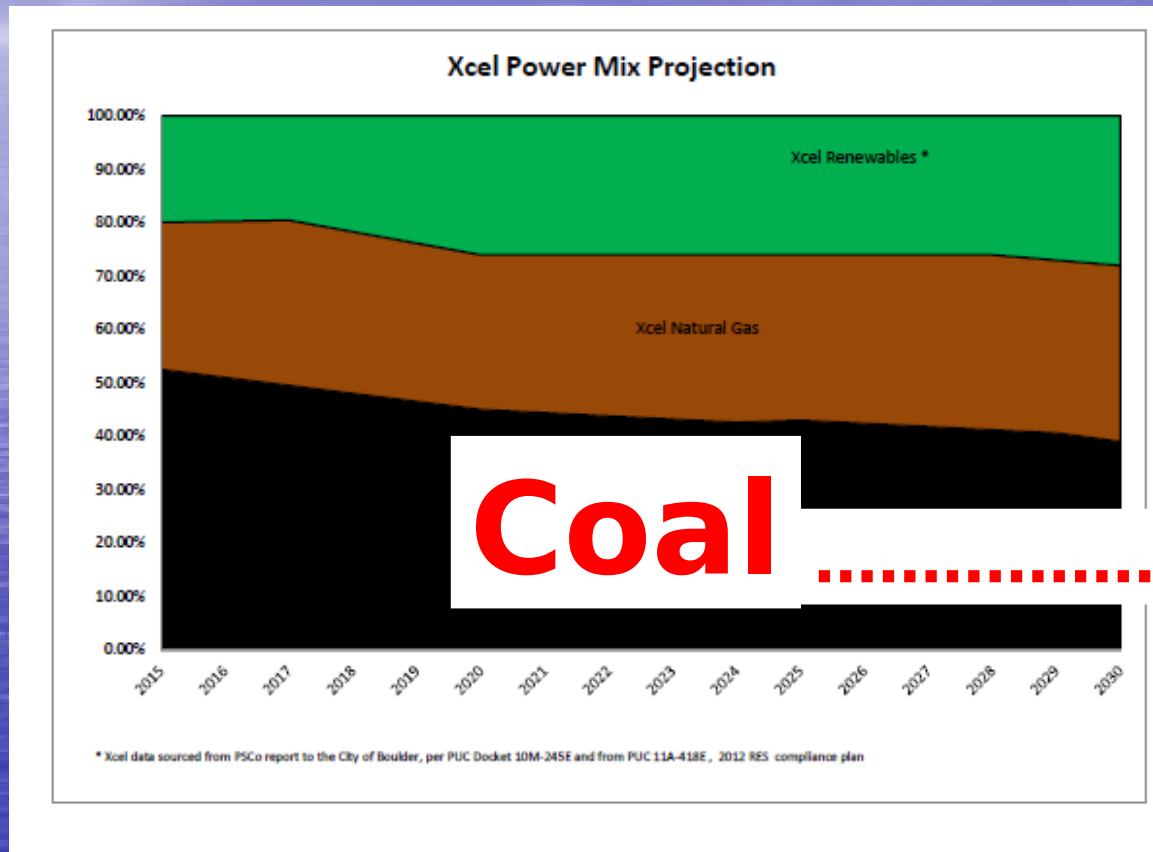
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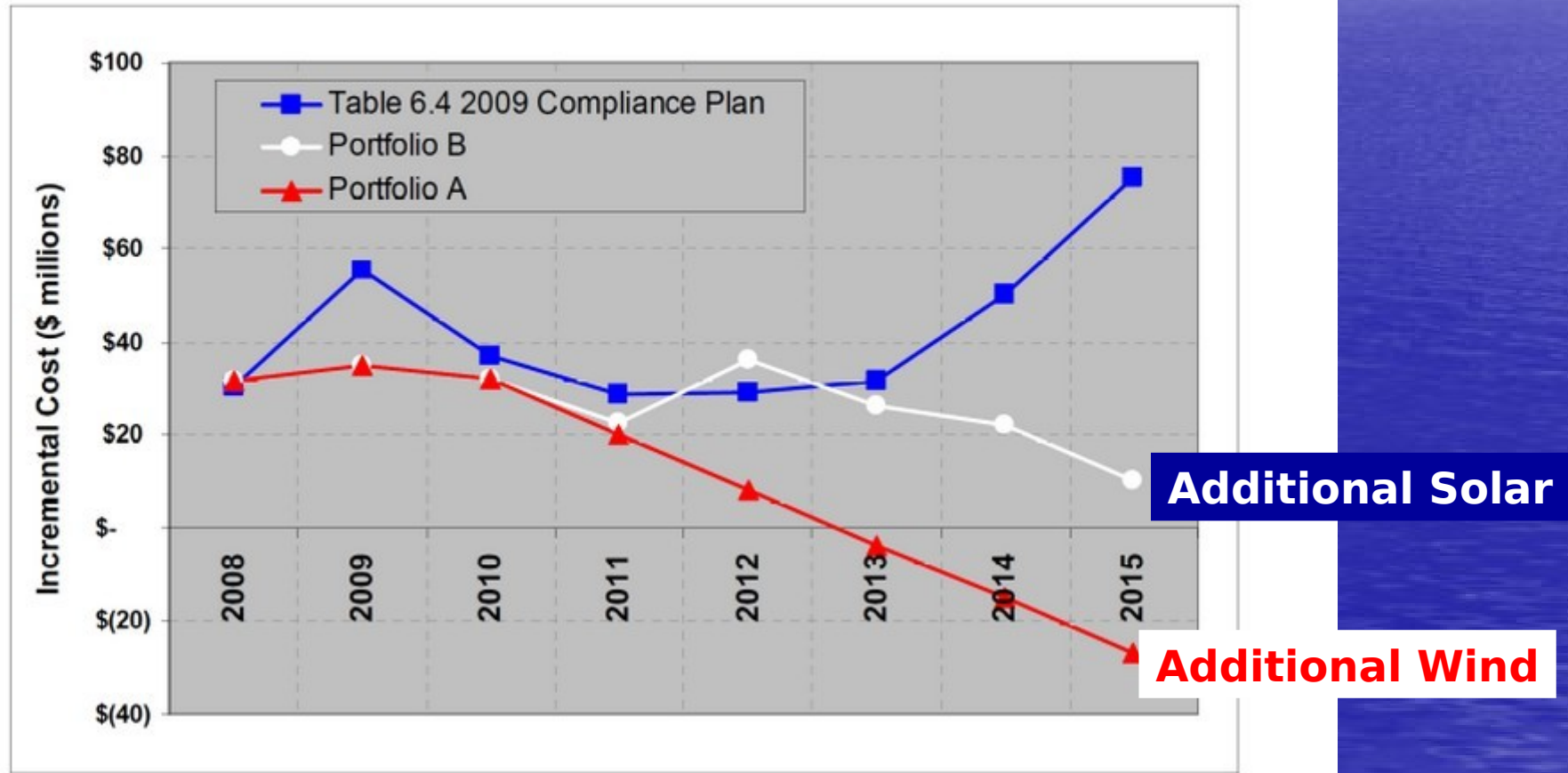
Xcel's Colorado Coal Commitments Extended to 2070 (Until Feb 2021)



Coal for Another 50 Years??????????????

2009 Cost of Renewable Energy Declining Xcel-Colorado Analysis 07A-447E “120 Day Report”

Figure 16 Incremental Cost of Renewable Resources



Boulder's Climate Elections 2006-2017 (Won 7/8)

2006—Climate Action Plan Tax

2008—Property Assessment for Clean Energy (PACE)

2010—Utility Occupation Tax (UOT) for Franchise Fee

2011—Authorize Exploration of Municipalization

2013—Defeat Xcel “Poison Pill” Plus Add Spending Limits to the Charter

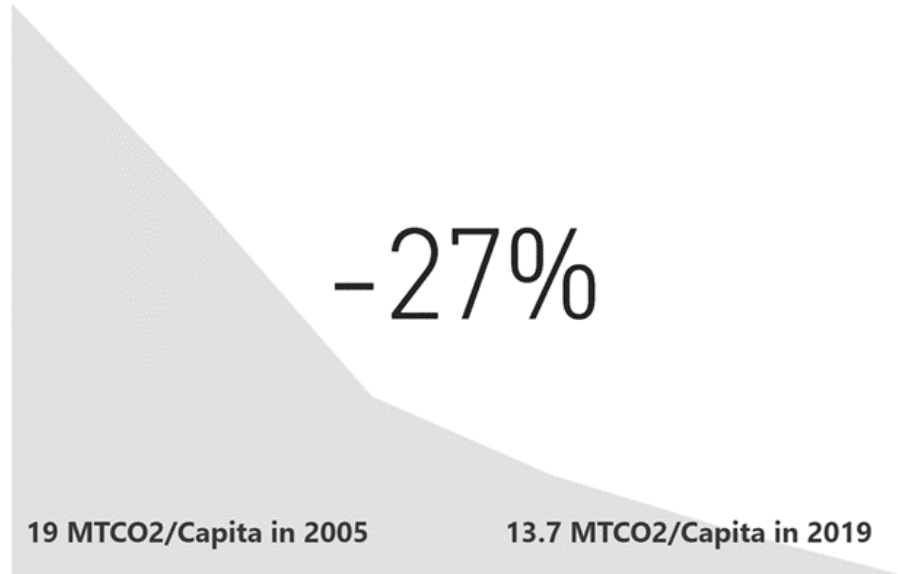
2015—Reauthorize Climate Action Plan Tax

2017—Reauthorize Utility Occupation Tax (UOT) for Municipalization

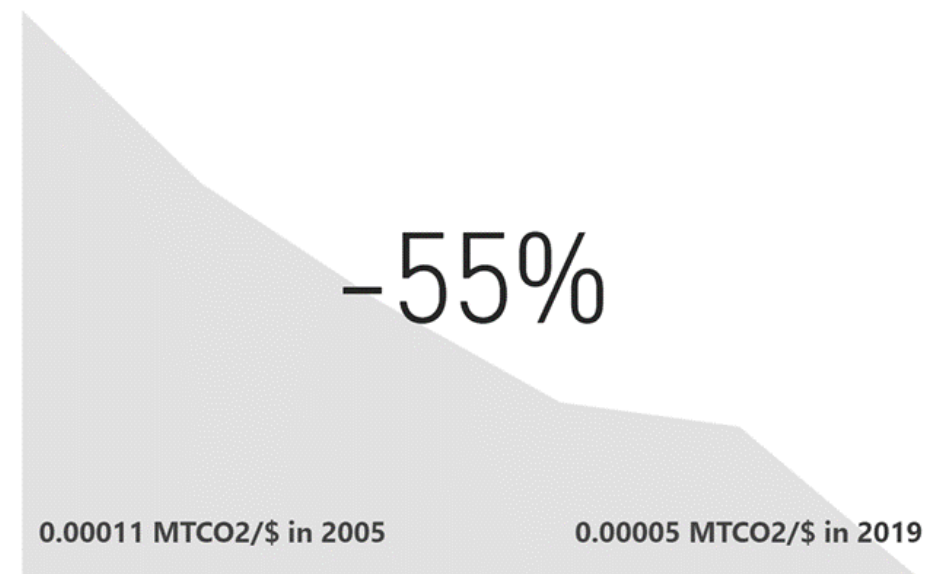
2020—Boulder Re-Enters Franchise with Xcel with “Opt Outs”

Boulder's Reductions in GHG Emissions 2019 v 2005

Emission Per Capita: Reduction from 2005

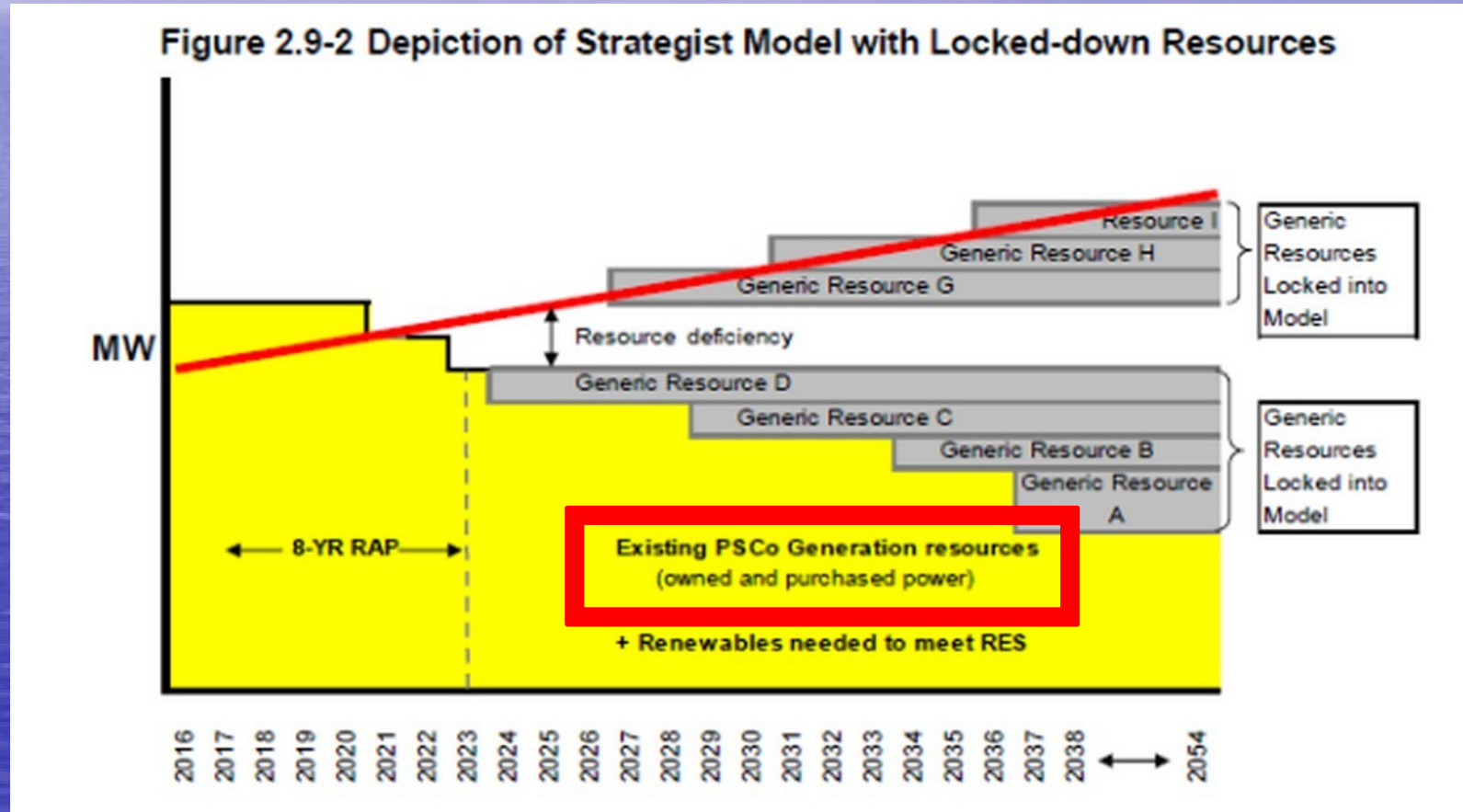


Emissions per GDP: Reduction from 2005



2017—Turning Point:

Are Existing Resources (In Yellow) Still the Lowest Cost Way to Serve Xcel's Colorado Customers?



May 2017 Xcel Annual Meeting—Amarillo Texas Speaking Truth to Power (aka Ben Fowke, Xcel, CEO)



Julie Zahniser to Ben Fowke



Conor May to Ben Fowke

The Other Road...Swinging Door and \$\$\$



Doug Benevento at CDPHE Approved Air Permit for Pueblo Unit 3...

then Became VP for Public Affairs at Xcel....\$\$\$\$



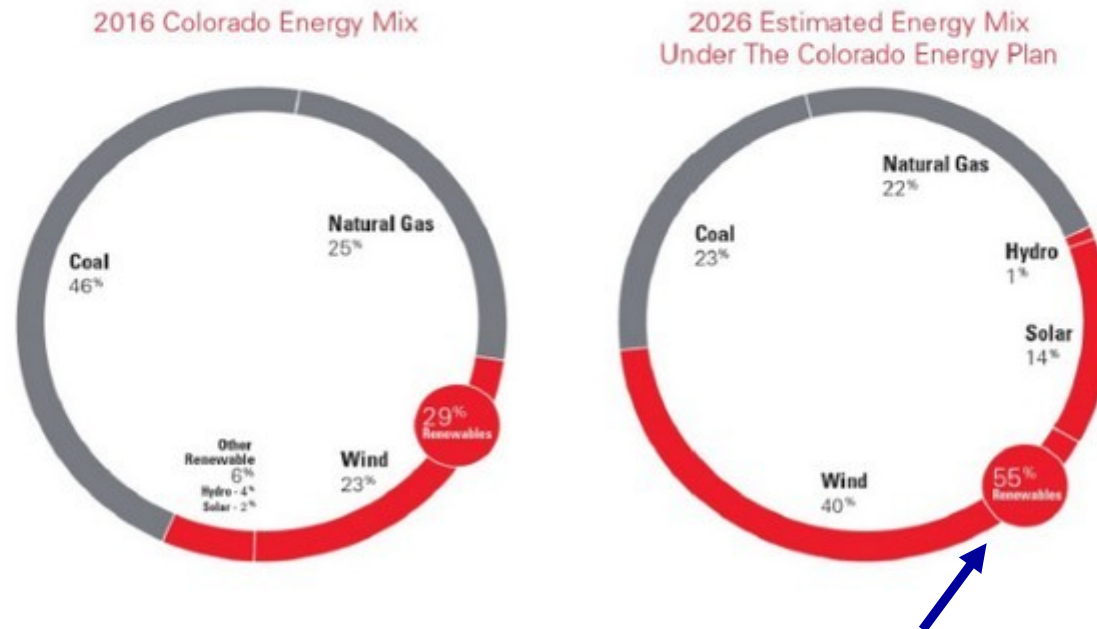
Greg Sopkin Chaired the PUC For Approval of Pueblo Unit 3

then became outside Counsel for Xcel....\$\$\$\$

Both Benevento and Sopkin Became Regional Administrators for EPA Region 8 During the Trump Years (Hdqtrs in Denver...)

August 29, 2017 Xcel Ready to Move to 55% Renewable Electricity in Colorado....

If proposed and approved, the Colorado Energy Plan Portfolio would continue the growth of renewable energy in the Company's energy mix. As shown in the figure below, the Company's renewables (wind, solar and hydro) could be as much as 55% of our energy mix by 2026, increasing from approximately 30% in 2016:



Xcel Colorado Proposes 55% Renewable Energy by 2026

February 2021—Pueblo Unit 3 (aka “Comanche 3”) Xcel Proposes to Cut Life in Half...Retire 2040 (Instead of 2070)

COLORADO CLEAN ENERGY PLAN

A RESPONSIBLE TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY
FOR COMMUNITIES AND WORKERS

INFORMATION SHEET
COLORADO



Xcel Energy is leading the clean energy transition with its upcoming Colorado 2030 Clean Energy Plan, a proposal to deliver an estimated 85% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from 2005 levels by 2030 and doubling the renewable energy and battery storage on the system.

The plan, which we will file with state regulators in spring 2021, creates a roadmap to deliver on our vision to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050, while supporting our employees and the communities where we live and work through the transition.

REDUCING EMISSIONS

Achieving our vision requires retiring coal plants that we have relied upon for years and transitioning to cleaner sources of power. With our Clean Energy Plan, we are proposing a timeline for retiring our remaining coal operations in Colorado.

Comanche Generating Station

Coal-fired electric generating facility

- **Location:** Pueblo, CO
- **In-Service Dates:** Unit 1, 1973; Unit 2, 1976; Unit 3, 2010
- **Retirement Dates:** Unit 1, 2022; Unit 2, 2025; Unit 3, (2040 proposed)
- **Capacity:** Units 1 & 2 (660 MW); Unit 3 (750 MW)
- **Co-Owners:** Intermountain Rural Electric Association, Holy Cross Electric (for Unit 3)
- **Number of Employees:** 134



Where is This??

Xcel's Changing Commitment to Coal Plants as of Feb 2021

Hayden 1	2028	2030
Hayden 2	2027	2036
Brush (aka "Pawnee")	2028	2041
Pueblo Unit 3 (aka "Comanche 3")	2040	
2070		

Data from Colorado PUC Dockets 10M-245E and 11A-917E and 16A-0396E as well as Xcel announcement Feb 24,2021

November 2020 PRB Coal Company Announcements

Peabody warns of possible second bankruptcy in five years as .

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[ieefa.org/peabody-warns-of-possible-second...](https://www.iefafa.org/peabody-warns-of-possible-second...)

The world's largest private coal company Peabody Energy Corp. said it is in danger of its second bankruptcy filing in five years on the back of poor performance and worsening market conditions amid the coronavirus pandemic. There is "substantial doubt" the company will be able to meet its outstanding obligations when they are due within 12 months and its ability to continue is a going concern, Peabody Energy said in a Nov. 9 filing, citing the combined risks associated with the company ...

Analyst: Peabody's financial outlook points to exit from Wyo ...

www.wyofile.com/analyst-peabodys-financial...

Nov 10, 2020 · A quickly deteriorating PRB Last month, Wyoming's second largest coal producer, Arch Resources, announced it will prepare its remaining Powder River Basin mines for closure as it also seeks a buyer.

Arch to begin 'systematic winding down' of its PRB coal ...

www.gillettenewsrecord.com/news/local/article_e6...

Nov 23, 2020 · Arch Resources is the second-largest coal employer in the basin, behind Peabody, which has 1,299 workers at three mines. Between them, they represent 60% of the PRB workforce. "We have launched an...

Peabody—Stock Price Since Emerging from First Round of Bankruptcy

LATEST TRADE

2.67 USD

CHANGE

-0.29 (-9.80%)

VOLUME

646,955

TODAY'S RANGE

2.62 - 3.02

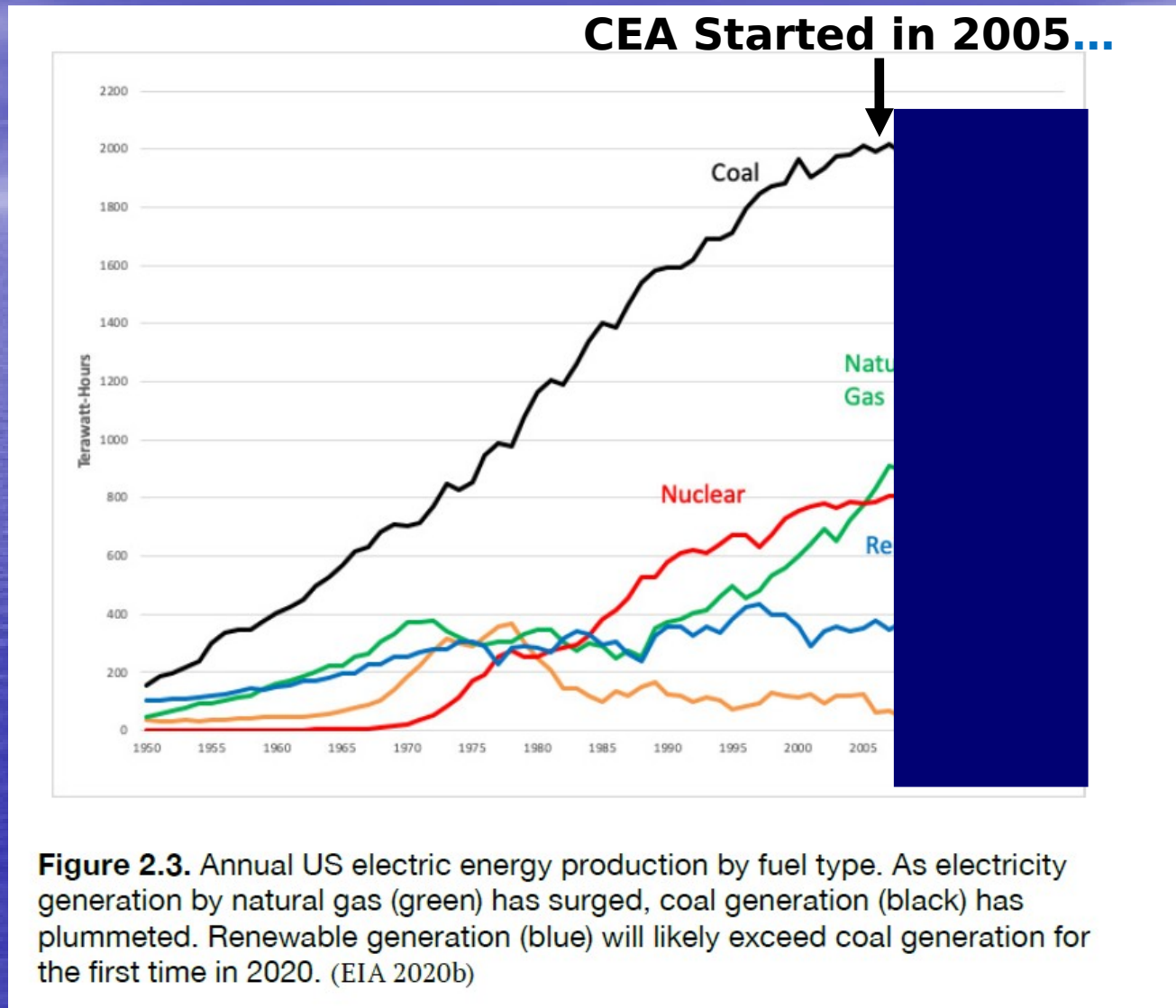
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Fuel Mix for US Electric Energy Production 1950-2020



RASEI Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition Dec 2020 (EIA Data)

https://www.colorado.edu/rasei/sites/default/files/attached-files/accelerating_the_us_clean_energy_transformation_final.2.pdf

Fuel Mix for US Electric Energy Production 1950-2020

CEA Started in 2005...

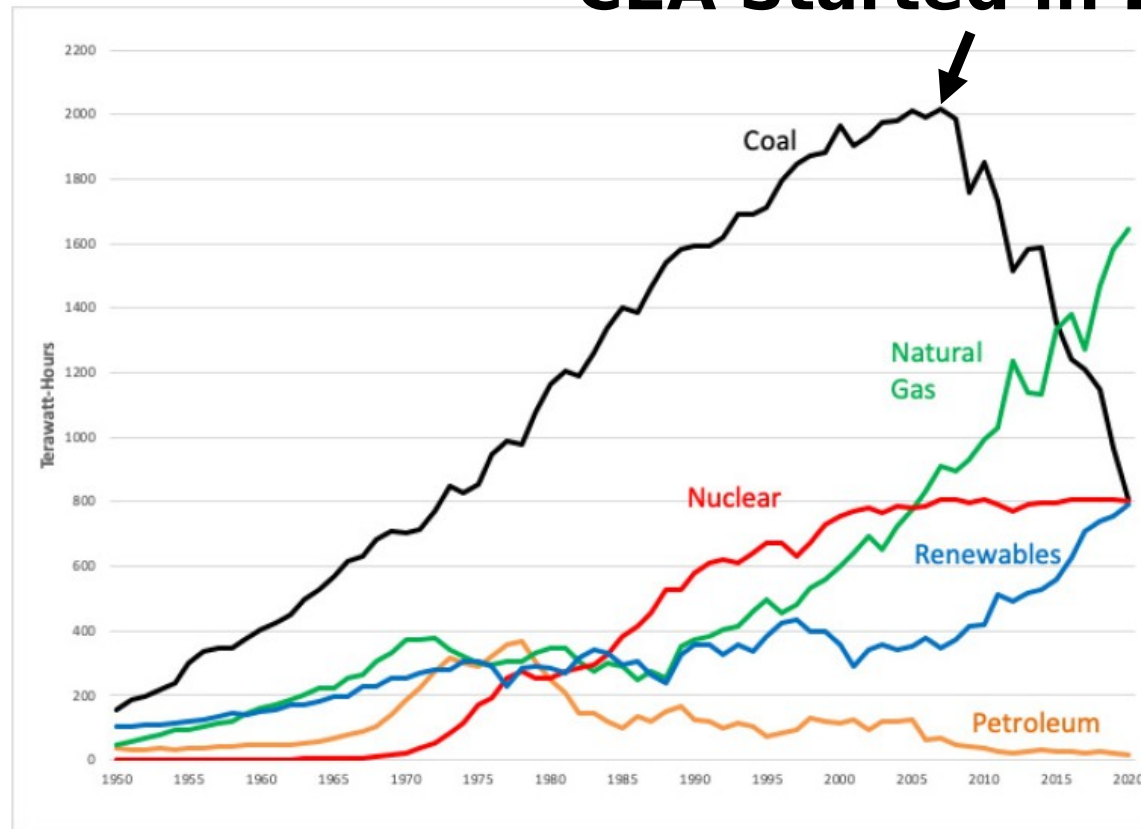


Figure 2.3. Annual US electric energy production by fuel type. As electricity generation by natural gas (green) has surged, coal generation (black) has plummeted. Renewable generation (blue) will likely exceed coal generation for the first time in 2020. (EIA 2020b)

RASEI Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition Dec 2020 (EIA Data)

https://www.colorado.edu/rasei/sites/default/files/attached-files/accelerating_the_us_clean_energy_transformation_final.2.pdf

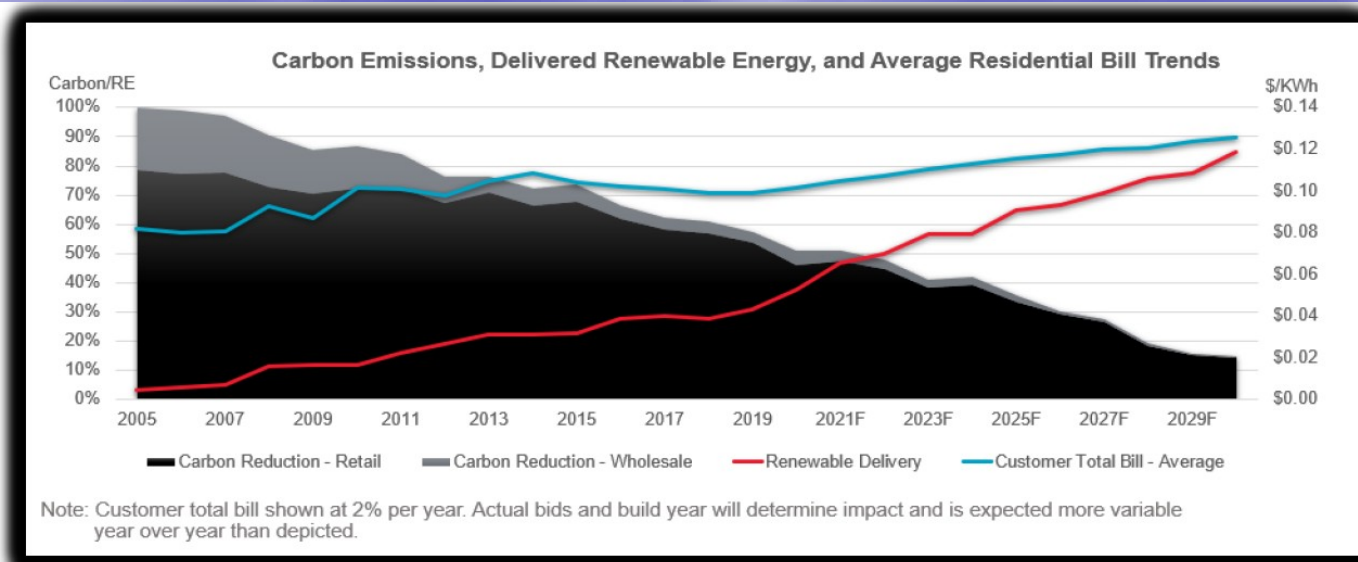
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Red = RE %

Blue = Bill Ave

Black = Retail Carbon

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Demonstration for 80% CO2 reduction in Retail + Colorado Wholesale sales pursuant to SB19-236

Step 1: Calculate 2005 CO2 baseline	
Baseline	2005
Electricity sales CO2 (short tons)	27,266,971
Step 2: Calculate 2030 CO2 forecast	
Forecast	2030
Electricity sales CO2 (short tons)	4,187,636
Step 3: Calculate percent CO2 reductions	
CO2 Reduction Demonstration	
2005 Baseline CO2	27,266,971
2030 Projected CO2	4,187,636
Percent Reduction	85%

85% Carbon Reduction by 2030....

Plans that achieve 80% reduction when filed meet the minimum requirement of the statute.

To me, Figure AKJ-D-1 shows that we have already made great progress in reducing emissions in an affordable way. Equally as important, it looks to the future and shows how, if done right through this ERP process, we can reduce emissions by approximately 85 percent from 2005 levels and bring delivered renewable energy to nearly 80 percent by 2030—all while keeping total bills low. This is the vision for the 2021 ERP & CEP. The two percent per year trend shown

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Figure AKJ-D-2

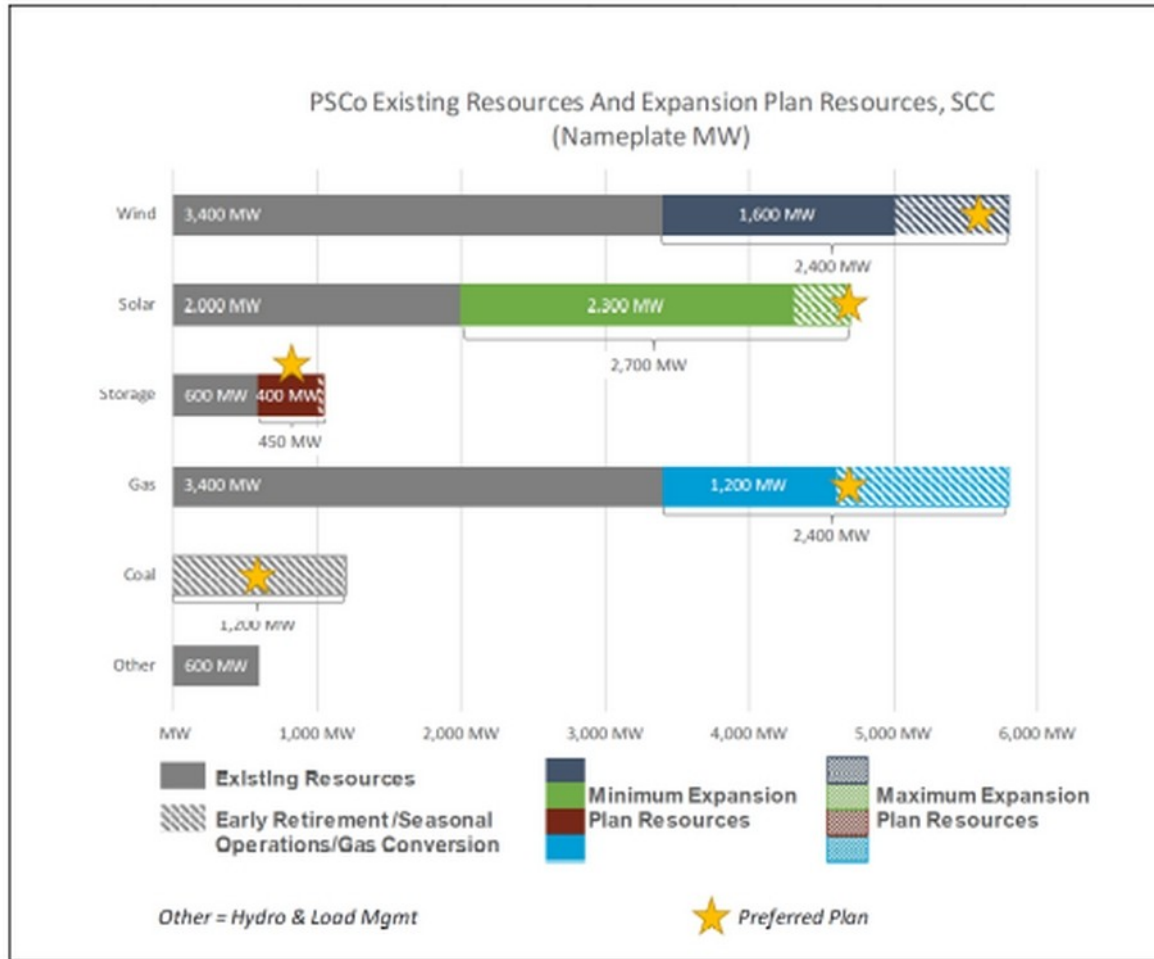
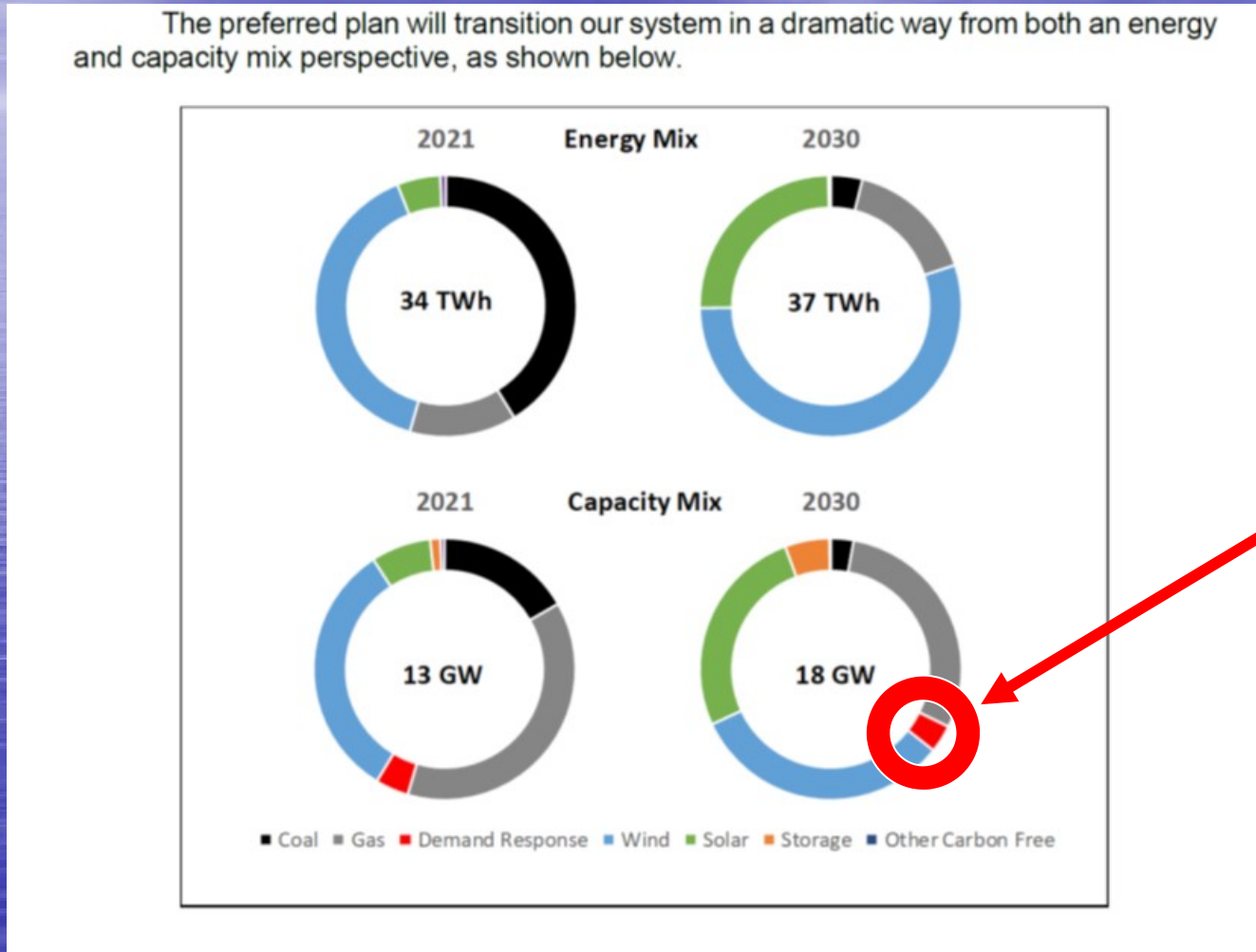


Figure JFH-D-3 SCC ERP and CEP Portfolio Generic Resource Additions and CO2 Reduction

Portfolio	SCC 1	SCC 2	SCC 3	SCC 4	SCC 5	SCC 6	SCC 7	SCC 8
Resource Need:	ERP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP Preferred	CEP
Pawnee Action:	Retire EOY 2041	Retire EOY 2028	Retire EOY 2028	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2024
Comanche 3 Action:	Retire EOY 2069	Retire EOY 2029	Retire EOY 2039 Red Ops	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Retire EOY 2029	Retire EOY 2039	Retire EOY 2039 Red Ops	Retire EOY 2039 Red Ops
2030 CO2 % Reduction	-69%	-88%	-85%	-86%	-88%	-81%	-84%	-85%
Resource Additions 2021-2030 (Nameplate MW)								
1 Wind	1,650	2,350	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,850	2,300	2,350
2 Utility-Scale Solar	1,150	1,550	1,550	1,500	1,550	1,250	1,550	1,550
3 Distributed Solar	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158
4 Storage	400	450	400	450	400	400	400	400
5 Firm Dispatchable	1,276	2,352	1,960	1,568	1,764	1,505	1,276	1,233

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Blue = Wind

Green = Solar

Orange = Storage

Red = Demand Response

Black = Coal

Gray = Methane

PSCo Options Analyzed for Last Big Coal Plants

“Pawnee” = Brush = 505 MW

“Comanche 3” = Pueblo Unit 3 = 511 MW Total (PSCo Share)

Table JFH-D-2 Pawnee and Comanche 3 Actions

Paired Action	Pawnee				Comanche 3				
	Early Retire EOY 2028	Convert to Gas EOY 2027	Convert to Gas EOY 2024	BAU	Early Retire EOY 2029	Early Retire EOY 2039	Convert to Gas EOY 2027	Early Retire EOY 2039, Reduced Operations starting 2030	BAU
1				X					X
2	X				X				
3	X							X	
4		X					X		
5		X			X				
6		X				X			
7		X						X	
8			X					X	

Projected Costs (PVRR) of Social Cost of Carbon Portfolios

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Figure JFH-D-6: SCC ERP and CEP Portfolio Projected Costs

	Portfolio	SCC 1	SCC 2	SCC 3	SCC 4	SCC 5	SCC 6	SCC 7	SCC 8
	Resource Need:	ERP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP Preferred	CEP
	Pawnee Action:	Retire EOY 2041	Retire EOY 2028	Retire EOY 2028	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2024
	Comanche 3 Action:	Retire EOY 2069	Retire EOY 2029	Retire EOY 2039 Red Ops	Convert Nat Gas EOY 2027	Retire EOY 2029	Retire EOY 2039	Retire EOY 2039 Red Ops	Retire EOY 2039 Red Ops
1	PVRR Utility Cost 2021-2055 (\$M)	\$ 38,814	\$ 39,582	\$ 39,429	\$ 39,373	\$ 39,450	\$ 39,230	\$ 39,306	\$ 39,453
	PVRR Utility Cost Delta vs. SCC 1								
2	2021-2030 (\$M)	\$ -	\$ 271	\$ 192	\$ 284	\$ 265	\$ 177	\$ 206	\$ 302
3	2021-2040 (\$M)	\$ -	\$ 951	\$ 621	\$ 622	\$ 786	\$ 387	\$ 479	\$ 591
4	2021-2055 (\$M)	\$ -	\$ 768	\$ 616	\$ 560	\$ 637	\$ 417	\$ 492	\$ 639
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**Xcel proposes Securitization for Pueblo Unit 3---In 2040....
(i.e. Our Grandchildren Will Pay Off Our Mistakes....)**

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Table SAW-D-5

(\$millions)	Original Retirement Date	Early Retirement Date	NBV & Future Decommissioning
Pawnee – Retired Portion	2041	2027	\$179.1
Comanche Unit 3	2070	2039	\$567.4

7 Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED METHOD TO RECOVER THE REMAINING NBV
8 AND EXPECTED FUTURE DECOMMISSIONING COSTS FOR COMANCHE 3?

9 A. The Company proposes to securitize the remaining NBV and future
10 decommissioning costs associated with its proposal to early retire Comanche 3.
11 As discussed by Ms. Trammell, the details of the securitization authorization
12 would be brought forward as part of a future financing order application if the
13 Commission agrees that: (1) Comanche 3 should retire in 2040; and (2) the
14 Company should bring forward a future financing order application to effectuate
15 the securitization. Ms. Trammell also discusses the timing of the financing
16 application.

Table SAW-D-6

Comanche 3 \$millions	Regulatory Asset	Accelerated Depreciation	Securitization
PVRR	\$947	\$941	\$908
2023-2059 Total Nominal Revenue Requirements	\$1,846	\$1,364	\$1,882

PSCo Proposes Reserve Margin Of 18-20% (Instead of 16.3%)

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Table KDC-D-1: LOLE Results

Year	2021	2023	2026	2030
0.1 LOLE Reserve Margin	17.4%	19.3%	19.1%	18.0%

PHYSICAL RELIABILITY RESULTS

Physical reliability of the electric power system is the measure of frequency, duration, and severity of firm load shed events. A firm load shed event refers to an instance where the utility must reduce load on the system by turning off the power to firm load customers due to the lack of generation resources. The most common resource adequacy standard in the industry today is the 1-day-in-10 standard. This standard allows for 1 firm load shed event every 10 years and is represented as an LOLE of 0.1 days per year. Figure 8 shows Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) as a function of reserve margin. A 17.4% reserve margin provides PSCo 1-in-10 reliability for the Base Case in 2021.

Figure 8. LOLE Results

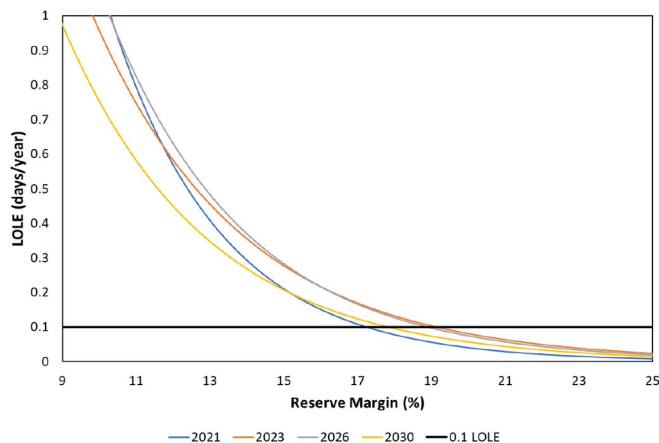


Table 17. Physical Reliability Metrics: Base Case 2021

Reserve Margin (%)	Summer Resources (MW)	LOLE (days per year)	LOLH (hours per year)	EUE (MWh)
8%	7,197	0.86	2.55	542
9%	7,261	0.67	1.95	407
10%	7,324	0.53	1.50	306
11%	7,389	0.41	1.15	229
12%	7,454	0.32	0.88	172
13%	7,519	0.25	0.67	129
14%	7,585	0.20	0.52	97
15%	7,652	0.15	0.40	73

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16%	7,719	0.12	0.30	55
17%	7,787	0.11	0.27	47
18%	7,856	0.08	0.19	33
19%	7,925	0.06	0.13	23
20%	7,994	0.04	0.09	16
21%	8,064	0.03	0.07	11
22%	8,135	0.02	0.05	8
23%	8,207	0.01	0.03	5
24%	8,279	0.01	0.02	4
25%	8,352	0.01	0.02	3

Other Issues...

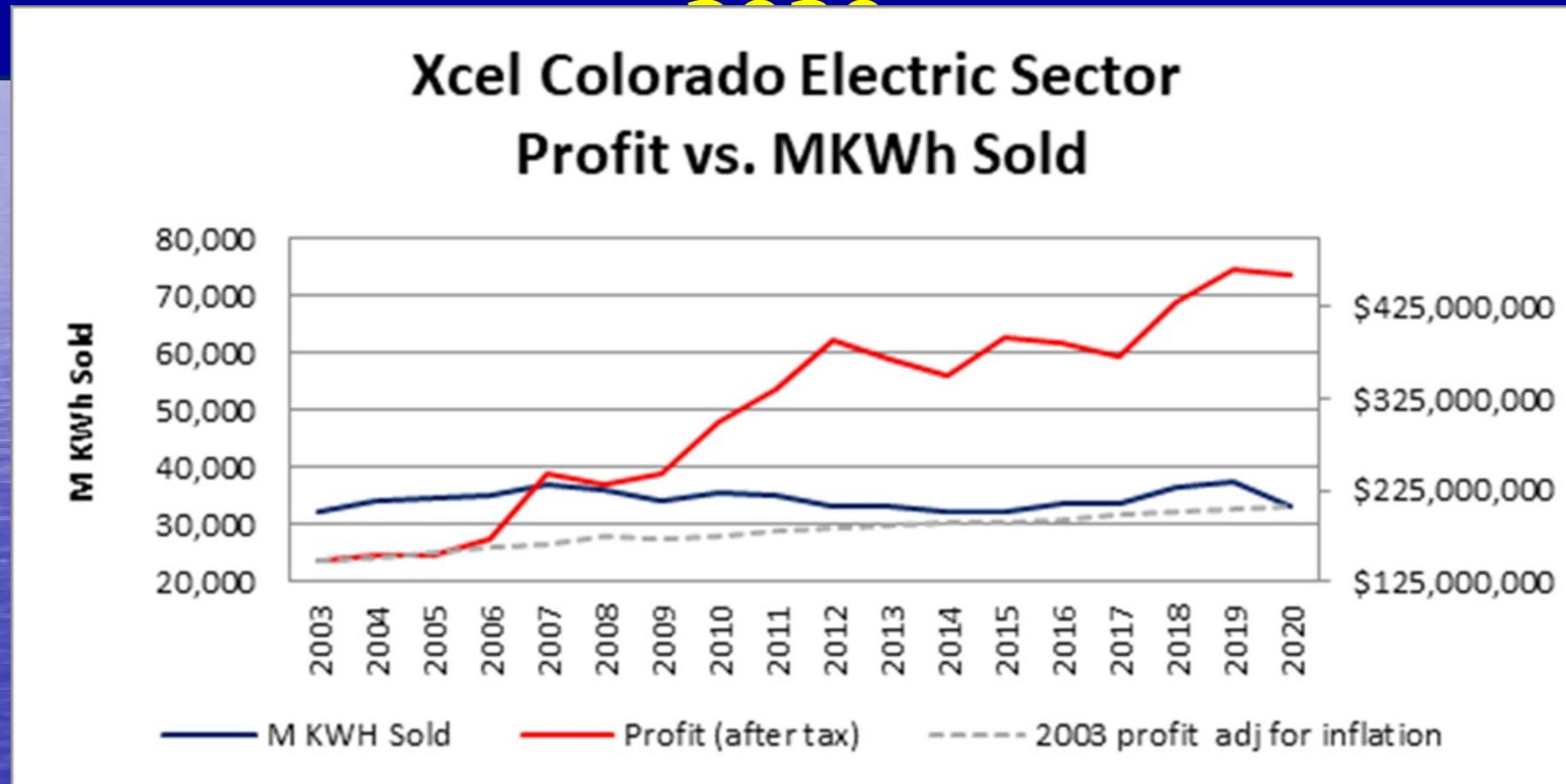
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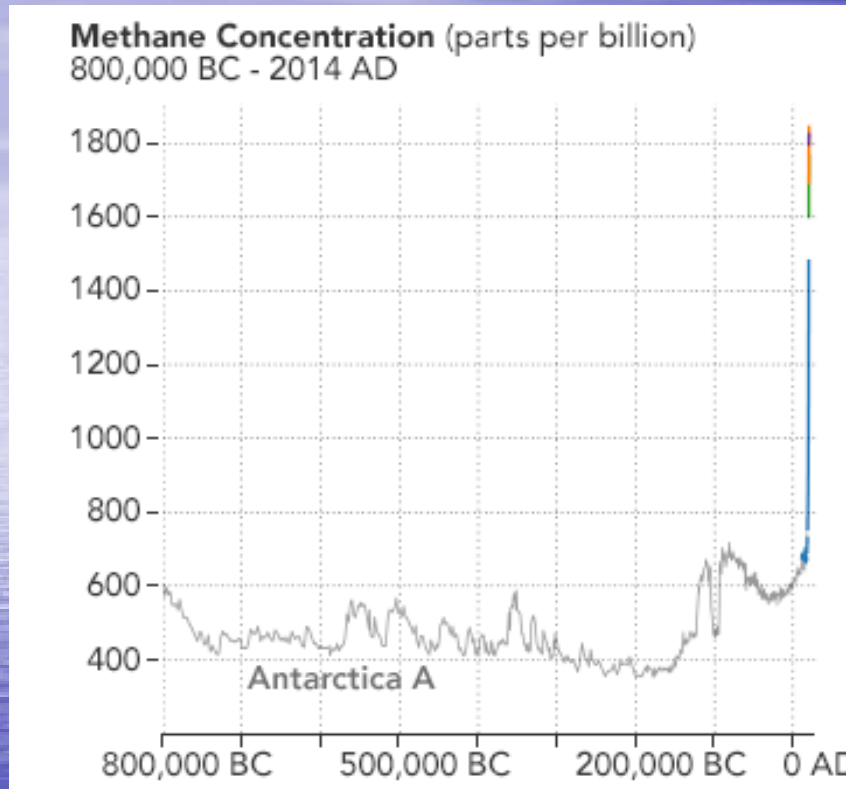
4) Equity of the Energy System

Xcel-Colorado (i.e. "PSCo) Profits Soaring While Electricity Sales Basically Flat...2003-



Graph by Paul Culnan from Empower Our Future with Data from PSCo 10-Ks Available from <http://investors.xcelenergy.com/CustomPage/Index?KeyGenPage=1073751307>

The Monumental Problem of Methane



Methane makes up just 0.00018 percent of the atmosphere, compared to 0.039 percent for carbon dioxide. (CO₂ is roughly 200 times more abundant.) Yet scientists attribute about one-sixth of recent global warming to methane emissions; what methane lacks in volume it makes up for in potency. Over a 20-year period, one ton of methane has a global warming potential that is 84 to 87 times greater than carbon dioxide. Over a century, that warming potential is 28 to 36 times greater. The difference occurs because methane is mostly scrubbed out of the air by chemical reactions within about ten years, while carbon dioxide persists in the atmosphere for much longer than a century.

“That means the climate effects of methane are front-loaded,” explained Drew Shindell, a climate scientist at Duke University. “Part of the reason there is so much interest in methane right now is because reducing those emissions could slow warming over the next few decades. This does not let us off the hook for reducing carbon dioxide, but the benefits of carbon dioxide reductions will come much later.”

https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Content/2014/05/20140514_methane_concentration_800000bc_2014ad

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/understanding-global-warming-potentials>

Fracking Often Runs in the Red Unless Cut Capital Expenditures

Press Release, Clark Williams-Derry, Trey Cowan and Ashish Solanki | March 25, 2021

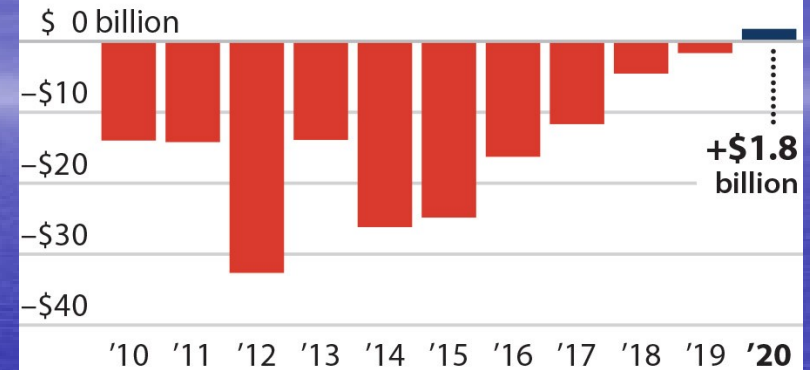
IEEFA: Frackers produce positive cash flows in 2020 with deep capital expenditure cuts

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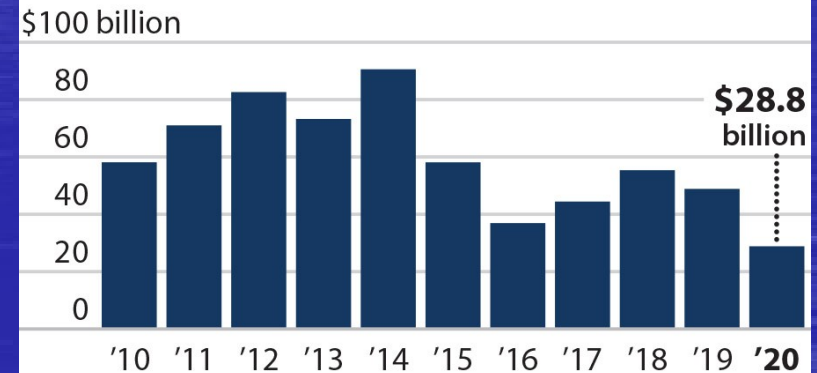
March 24, 2021 (IEEFA)—A cross-section of 30 shale oil and gas producers marked the first full year of positive free cash flows since the fracking boom began—but only after deep cuts to capital expenditures that raise troubling questions about the industry's future.

Free Cash Flow at 30 Shale-Focused Firms



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Xcel's Proposed \$1.7 Billion Colorado Transmission Project ("Power Pathways") Proceeding 21A-0096E

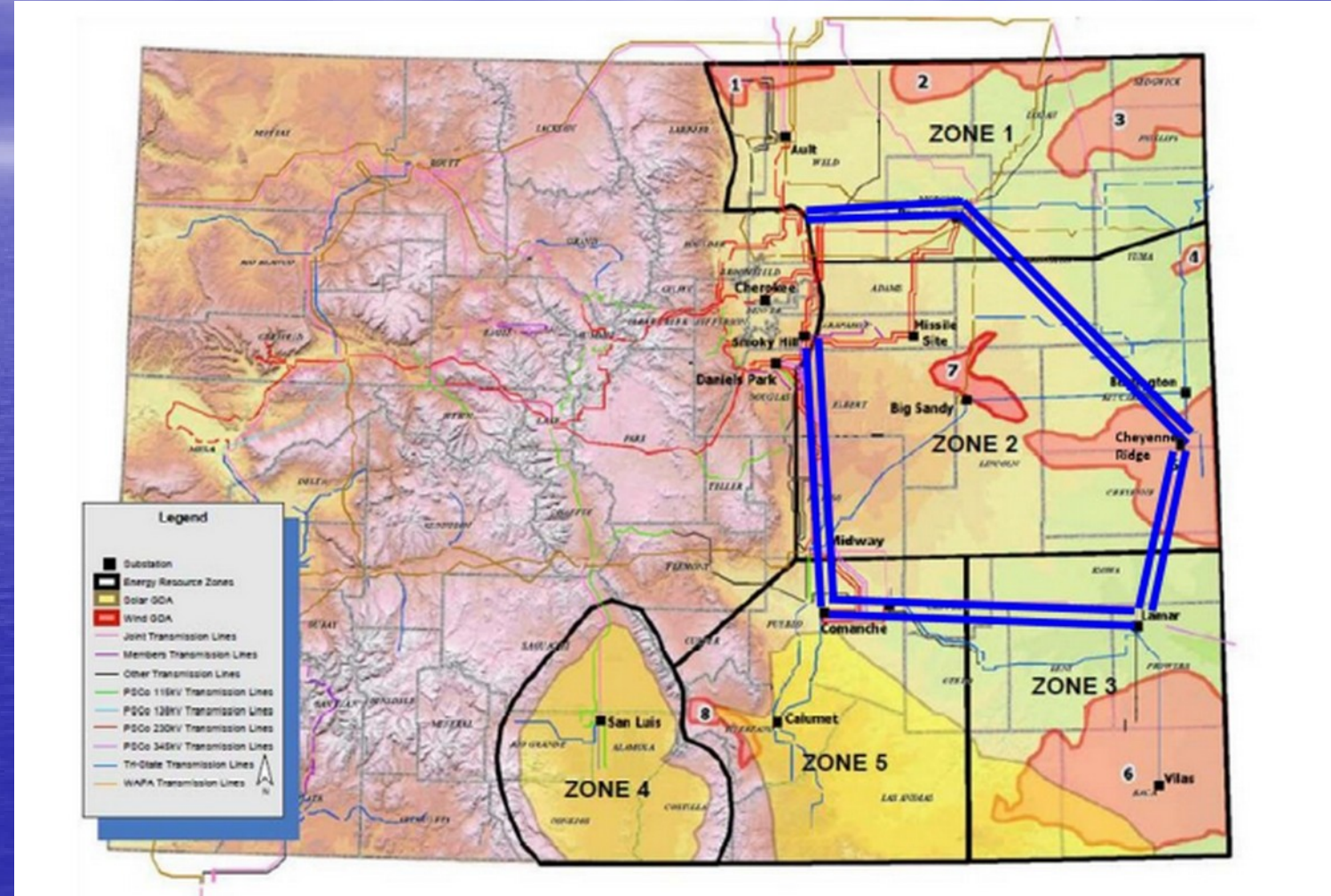
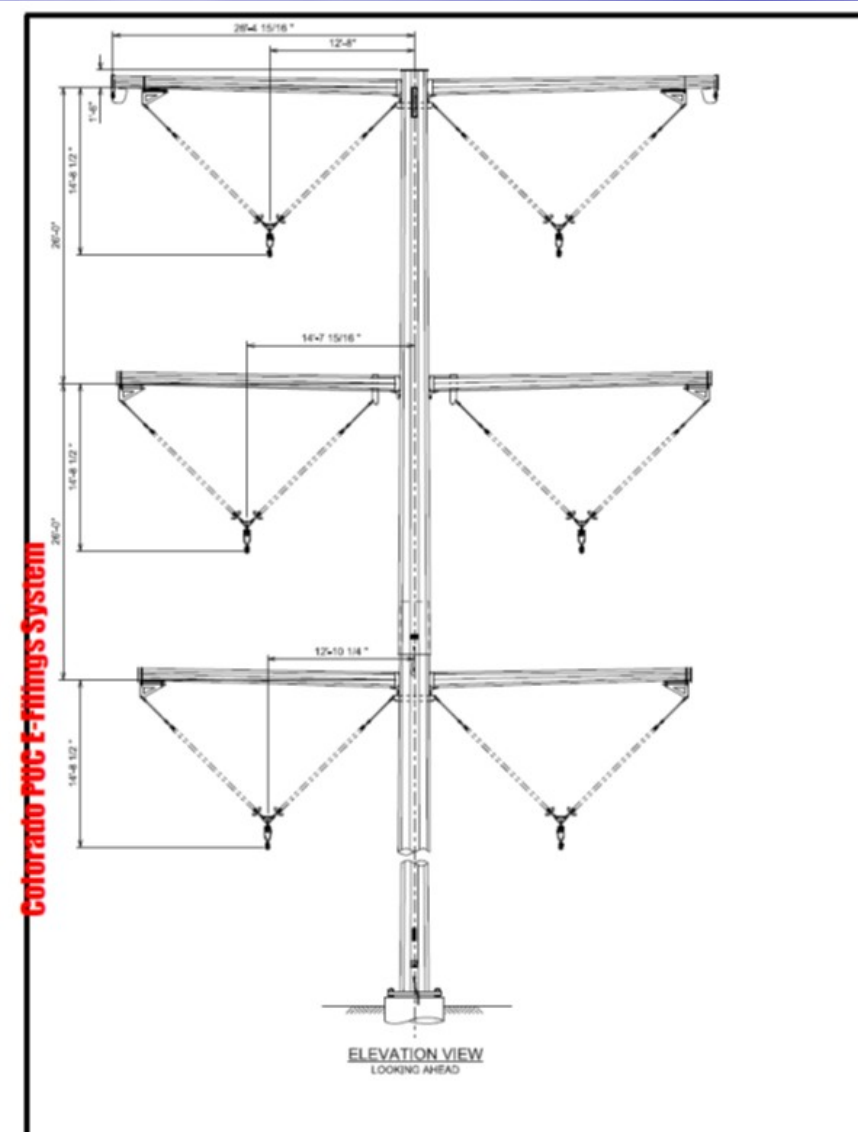





Figure 1: Proposed 345 kV Transmission Project

Should We Spend More on Microgrids and Less on Transmission??

How find the optimal mix on a site-specific basis?


ENERGY



   

California Reservation's Solar Microgrid Provides Power During Utility Shutoffs

January 11, 2020 · 7:00 AM ET
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Courtesy of the Blue Lake Rancheria

Blue Lake Rancheria Microgrid Kept 8 People on Medical Support Alive During the California Shutoffs.

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CHANGE!!— Mint Wash—Prescott National Forest, AZ January 1990-January 2019

These two pictures on the right
and the one below were
taken in approx the same
location, 30 years apart
fter being protected from grazing by cows



Mint Wash
Prescott National Forest
January 1990



Future Directions for Clean Energy Action and Allies

Local

- Ensure Boulder Keeps Moving Forward on Climate
- Support the Climate Work of Other Communities—Colorado and Elsewhere

State

- Address Colorado's Monumental Methane Problem
- Move Beyond the Monopoly in Electricity (No More Monopoly Prices)
- Work for a More Distributed and Democratized System (Microgrids etc)

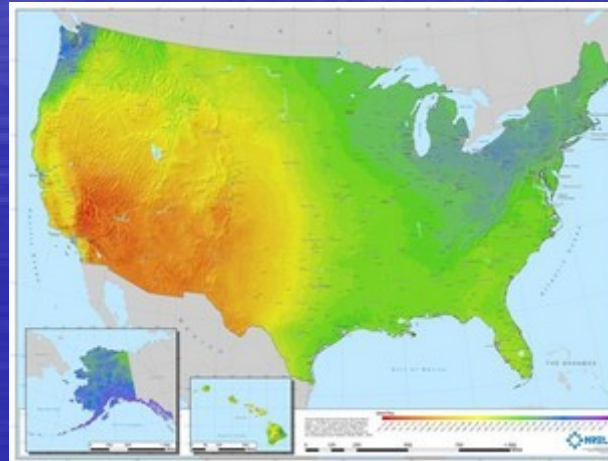
National

- Support bold action at the national level
- Bring Colorado's Perspective to the National Conversation
- Protect Public Lands and Ecosystems

Work for a More Equitable Energy System



**Remember to Smile:
It is the Beginning of the Solar Era!!**



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Thank YOU!!

**We Couldn't Have Gotten This Far
Without You!!**

PSCo Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) Scenarios

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Table AKJ-D-2

	Portfolio	SCC 1	SCC 2	SCC 3	SCC 4	SCC 5	SCC 6	SCC 7	SCC 8
	Resource Need:	ERP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP Preferred	CEP
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	Average Annual Rate Impact								
1	2024-2030 (%)	2.1%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	2.4%	2.6%	2.5%
2	2024-2040 (%)	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%
3	2024-2055 (%)	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%

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**Figure JFH-D-3 SCC ERP and CEP Portfolio
Generic Resource Additions and CO2 Reduction**

Portfolio	SCC 1	SCC 2	SCC 3	SCC 4	SCC 5	SCC 6	SCC 7	SCC 8	
Resource Need:	ERP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP	CEP Preferred	CEP	
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2030 CO2 % Reduction	-69%	-88%	-85%	-86%	-88%	-81%	-84%	-85%	
Resource Additions 2021-2030 (Nameplate MW)									
1	Wind	1,650	2,350	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,850	2,300	2,350
2	Utility-Scale Solar	1,150	1,550	1,550	1,500	1,550	1,250	1,550	1,550
3	Distributed Solar	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158	1,158
4	Storage	400	450	400	450	400	400	400	400
5	Firm Dispatchable	1,276	2,352	1,960	1,568	1,764	1,505	1,276	1,233

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**Figure JFH-D-5 SCC ERP and CEP Portfolio
Infrastructure Investment Potential**

	Portfolio	SCC 1	SCC 2	SCC 3	SCC 4	SCC 5	SCC 6	SCC 7	SCC 8
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	Infrastructure Investment Potential (\$M)								
1	Generation 2021-2030 (\$M)	\$ 4,282	\$ 6,223	\$ 5,814	\$ 5,519	\$ 5,650	\$ 4,847	\$ 5,378	\$ 5,360
2	Transmission 2021-2030 (\$M)	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667

Projected Costs (PVRR) of Social Cost of Carbon Portfolios

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Figure JFH-D-6: SCC ERP and CEP Portfolio Projected Costs

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1	PVRR Utility Cost 2021-2055 (\$M)	\$ 38,814	\$ 39,582	\$ 39,429	\$ 39,373	\$ 39,450	\$ 39,230	\$ 39,306	\$ 39,453
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PSCo Loads and Resources Table 2021-2030

Table AKJ-D-1

PSCo Summer L&R Table (MW)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Owned Coal	1,980	1,980	1,655	1,655	1,655	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278
Purchased Coal	150	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Coal-Fired Generation	2,130	2,130	1,655	1,655	1,655	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278
Owned Gas Steam	310	310	310	310	310	310	310	-	-	-
Owned Gas Combined Cycle	1,855	1,941	1,968	1,968	1,968	1,968	1,968	1,968	1,968	1,968
Purchased Gas Combined Cycle	370	302	170	51	51	-	-	-	-	-
Owned Gas Combustion Turbine	805	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	896	896	896	896
Purchased Gas Combustion Turbine	1,013	758	758	758	758	733	458	238	238	238
Total Gas-Fired Generation	4,352	4,378	4,273	4,155	4,155	4,078	3,632	3,102	3,102	3,102
Owned Storage	162	243	276	276	276	276	276	276	276	276
Purchased Storage	-	-	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199
Purchased Biomass	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owned Hydro	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13
Purchased Hydro	18	18	18	18	17	17	9	-	-	-
Owned Solar	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Purchased Solar	202	363	673	669	666	663	659	653	650	647
Purchased BTM Solar	172	195	119	119	125	130	136	144	153	164
Purchased Community Solar	71	111	102	103	121	138	155	171	186	201
Owned Wind	131	131	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	147
Purchased Wind	360	360	402	402	402	394	384	316	316	313
Total Renewable/Other Generation	1,134	1,439	1,953	1,948	1,967	1,979	1,980	1,920	1,942	1,961
TOTAL ACCREDITED CAPACITY	7,616	7,947	7,881	7,758	7,777	7,335	6,891	6,300	6,322	6,342
Native Load Forecast - Winter2020	6,856	6,973	6,951	6,978	7,031	6,906	6,986	7,063	7,130	7,219
Demand Response	(527)	(527)	(561)	(561)	(561)	(586)	(586)	(586)	(586)	(605)
FIRM OBLIGATION LOAD	6,329	6,446	6,390	6,417	6,470	6,320	6,400	6,477	6,544	6,614
Target Planning Reserve Margin	1,139	1,160	1,233	1,232	1,242	1,207	1,152	1,166	1,178	1,191
IREA & HCEA Backup Reserves	45	45	48	48	48	11	11	11	11	11
TOTAL PLANNING RESERVE MARGIN TARGET	1,184	1,205	1,281	1,280	1,290	1,219	1,163	1,177	1,189	1,201
Actual Reserve Margin	1,287	1,501	1,492	1,341	1,307	1,016	491	(177)	(222)	(272)
CAPACITY POSITION: LONG/(SHORT)	102	296	210	61	17	(203)	(672)	(1,354)	(1,411)	(1,474)

Announced Early Coal Retirements	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Craig 2									(40)	(40)
Hayden 1									(135)	(135)
Hayden 2								(98)	(98)	(98)
PREFERRED PLAN CAPACITY POSITION: LONG/(SHORT)	102	296	210	61	17	(203)	(672)	(1,452)	(1,684)	(1,747)

Proposed Timing of Additions

Figure AKJ-D-4

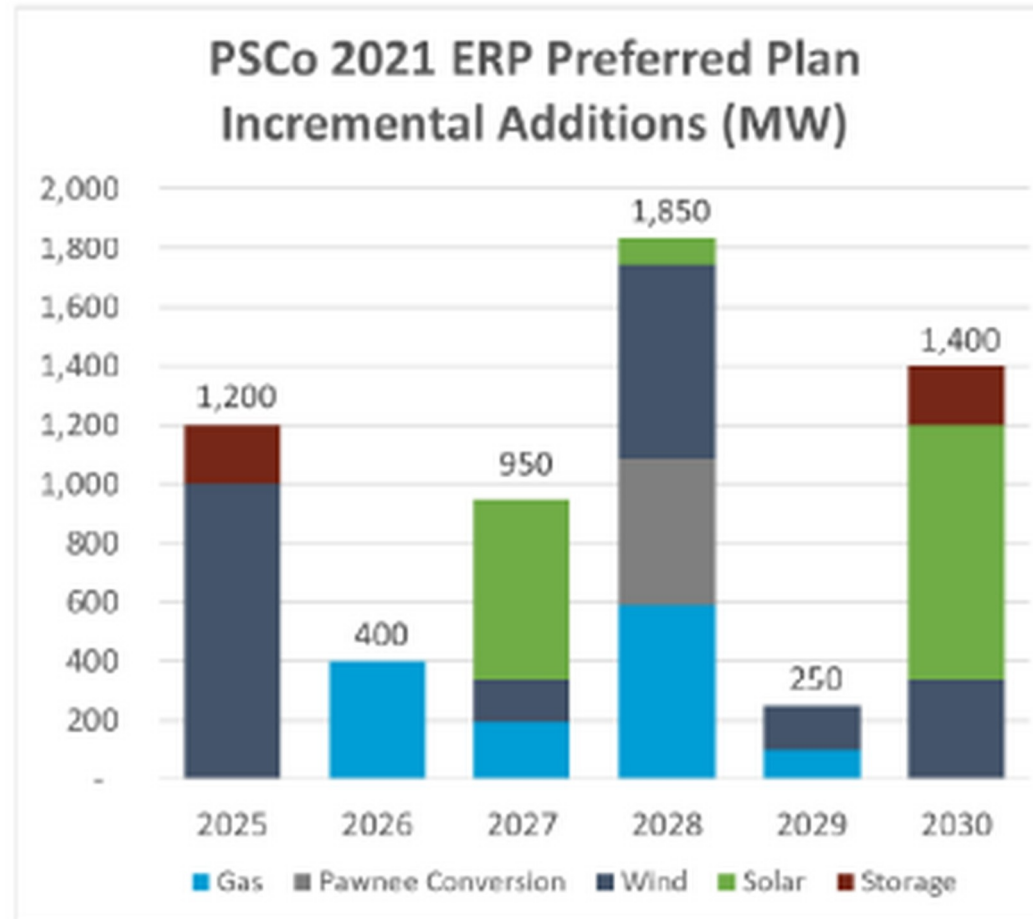
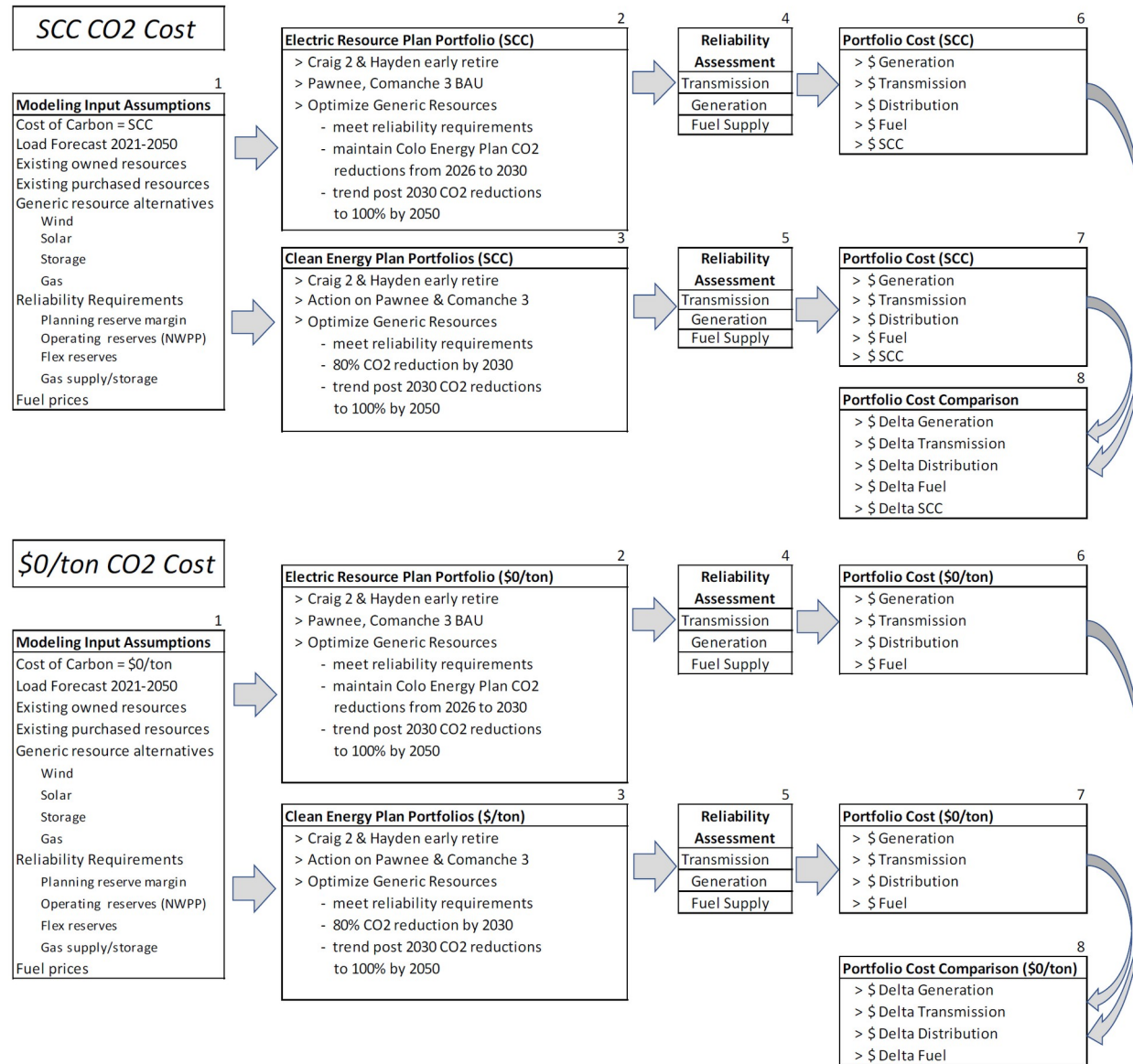
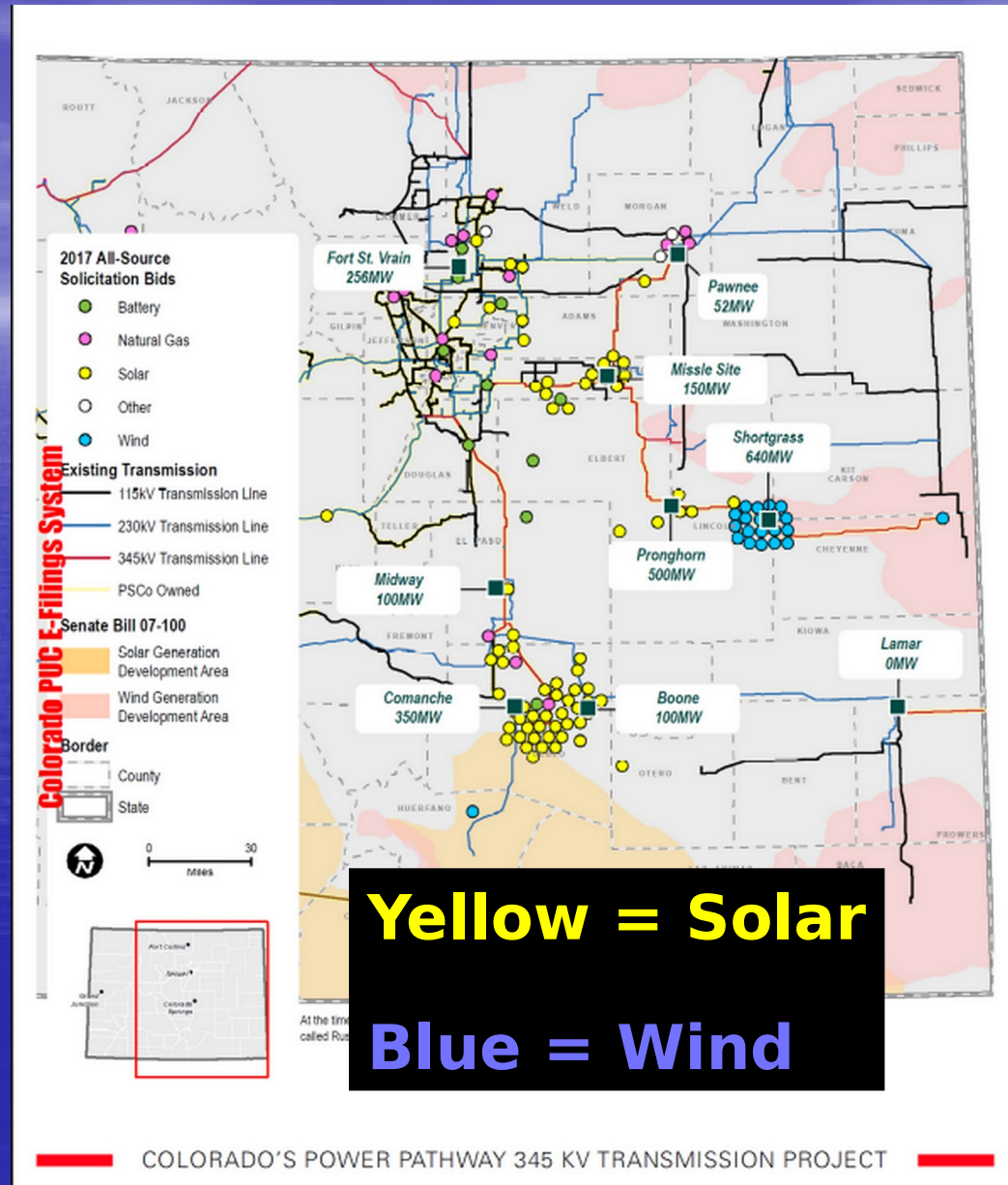


Figure 1.5-1: ERP and CEP Portfolio Analysis



Xcel 2017 Bids by Interconnection Site



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7 **Figure JFH-D-8: SCC ERP and CEP Portfolio CO2% Reduction Efficiency**

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1	2030 CO2 % Reduction	-69%	-88%	-85%	-86%	-88%	-81%	-84%	-85%
2	CO2 Reduction Efficiency (\$/ton)	-	\$ 46	\$ 48	\$ 34	\$ 36	\$ 36	\$ 38	\$ 28
3	PVRR Utility Cost Delta vs. SCC 1 2021-2030 (\$M)	\$ -	\$ 271	\$ 192	\$ 284	\$ 265	\$ 177	\$ 206	\$ 302

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To me, Figure AKJ-D-1 shows that we have already made great progress in reducing emissions in an affordable way. Equally as important, it looks to the future and shows how, if done right through this ERP process, we can reduce emissions by approximately 85 percent from 2005 levels and bring delivered renewable energy to nearly 80 percent by 2030—all while keeping total bills low. This is the vision for the 2021 ERP & CEP. The two percent per year trend shown

Direct Testimony of PSCo Witness Alice Jackson, 21A-0141E

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6 Q. IS THE TARGET RESERVE MARGIN RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STUDY
7 PREPARED BY ASTRAPÉ BASED ON THE SAME INDUSTRY STANDARD AS
8 PUBLIC SERVICE'S MOST RECENT RESERVE MARGIN STUDY
9 PERFORMED IN 2008?

10 A. No. In Public Service's most recent reserve margin study performed in 2008, the
11 target reserve margin of 16.3 percent was based on an alternate interpretation of
12 the one day in 10-year loss of load reliability standard. Namely, the prior Public
13 Service study planned to 24 hours of load shed in 10 years which could have
14 occurred over multiple days. The 0.1 LOLE interpretation is defined as a single day
15 with one or more hours of firm load shed in 10 years. The planning target of 24
16 hours of load loss in 10 years is commonly referred to as 2.4 Loss of Load Hours
17 ("LOLH"). The updated Study prepared by Astrapé is based on the interpretation
18 that the one day in 10-year standard is properly represented by 0.1 LOLE.

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