

BREEE News V23
Boulder Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Working Group
2/7/05

Quick Picks:

**BREEE Strategic Planning. Saturday. 2/12. Naropa.
8:45 AM – 2 PM**

Working lunch catered by Naropa (\$7). You must RSVP (veggie or chicken) by Tuesday PM to veggiepower2000@yahoo.com

We need you to come help us decide on future directions for BREEE!!!

Full details will be sent out on both BREEE Main and Announce email lists shortly.

Contact Lisa Bennett, veggiepower2000@yahoo.com

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From Boulder & Colorado:

Update on Windsource.

(some of you will have seen this already).
(Full Text of the Note from Susan is at the end of this BREEE News)

In a settlement between Xcel Energy and Western Resource Advocates, two main issues were addressed - pricing and environmental legitimacy of the program.

"Windsorce subscribers currently pay \$2.50 per 100 kWh block. However, Windsorce purchases are exempt from fuel costs and air quality rate riders, resulting in a current net price of about \$1.33 per block. ... the new net premium will be \$0.76 per 100 kWh block. Xcel Energy is planning to change the way Windsorce charges appear on

customer bills... the bill would say something like: net Windsorce charge = \$0.76 per 100 kWh block. "

"The settlement requires Xcel Energy to seek and maintain Green-e certification..." for Windsorce.

Submitted by Susan Innis.

Xcel Adds More Windfarms.

From the Pueblo Chieftan.

<http://www.chieftain.com/business/1106903453/1>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

Xcel & Jeffco: Woodchips for Steam for Downtown Denver

After a study showed burning wood chips from Jefferson County for electricity was unfeasible, a new look at using JeffCo's wood chips for steam production for heating use in downtown Denver.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6883493&&CM=EmailThis&CE=1>

Submitted by Kirk Cunningham.

Denver Post: 3 Perspectives on Energy & the West

"The American West is one of the world's great treasure troves of energy. But as University of Colorado historian Patty Limerick notes, Westerners often seem to generate more heat arguing about energy than they get from the actual natural resources."

From Patricia Limerick, Claudia Puska, Alison Burchell, and Fred Julander.

<http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,1413,36%7E75%7E2693687,00.html>
<http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,1413,36%257E75%257E2691072,00.html>
<http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,1413,36%257E75%257E2691070,00.html>
<http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,1413,36%257E75%257E2691071,00.html>

Submitted by Alison Burchell.

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Calendar:

Theology & the Environment – A Conversation. 2/5.

Golden. 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

"Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Scientific Affiliation and the Sierra Club and also featuring participants from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Colorado Christian University, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)."

<http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/bec/Dan/tina.pdf>

Submitted by Dan Disner.

Boulder Green Points Workshop. 2/8. 12:30 PM – 5 PM.

East Boulder Rec. Center.

COST: \$50 - lunch included. (\$30 Boulder Green Building Guild members)

RSVP: Elizabeth Vasatka, VasatkaE@ci.boulder.co.us

CRES Annual Meeting and Party. 2/11. 6:30 PM.

Moye, Giles Offices. Downtown Denver.

Dinner, Music, Fun. \$35.

Needed: Donations for Silent Auction.

http://cres-energy.org/CRES_annual.html

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PLAN Boulder. Dinner.

The Coming Permanent Energy Crisis and What it Means for How We Live.

James Howard Kunstler.

RSVP by 2/7. \$35. (303) 494-1580 or ediest@msn.com

BGBG: Daylighting. Boulder. 2/16

11:30 – 1:30.

http://www.bgbg.org/event_registration011905.htm

CEES: Zero Energy Homes Workshop. 2/26. 9 AM - 2 PM.
Golden.

<http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/zeroenergy.htm>

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From Elsewhere:

DOE Slow to Mandate EE Standards for Appliances

Costing consumers millions of dollars.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6855050/>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

IAGS: Hybrid Cars. Al Qaeda & More.

See

<http://www.iags.org/n011504t1.htm>

and

<http://www.iags.org/es.html>

Submitted by K.

PG & E to Davis, California: SMUD Will Cost More

Davis, California is looking to municipalize and use SMUD (Sacramento) for electric service. PG & E (Davis' current Investor Owned Utility (IOU)) says that costs will be higher.

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2005/02/04/news/335new1.txt>

Submitted by John Anderson.

New Study Finds Good Response to Real Time Pricing.

<http://www.utilipoint.com/issuealert/article.asp?id=2387>

Note that Utilipoint has a number of interesting articles.

http://www.utilipoint.com/issuealert/IssueAlert_archive.asp

Submitted by John Anderson.

Global Warming Reaching Point of No Return

News Report.

<http://sg.news.yahoo.com/050124/1/3q1qi.html>

Summary of Report.

<http://www.americanprogress.org/site/pp.asp?c=biJRJ8OVF&b=306503>

Report itself (large 2.4 MB download).

<http://www.americanprogress.org/atf/cf/{E9245FE4-9A2B-43C7-A521-5D6FF2E06E03}/CLIMATECHALLENGE.PDF>

Submitted by Lili Franklyn.

EPA Overlooks Health Effects of Mercury in Setting Rules.

AP: "The agency fell short of its own requirements and presidential orders by 'not fully analyzing the cost-benefit of regulatory alternatives and not fully assessing the rule's impact on children's health,' the agency's internal watchdog said in a 54-page report."

<http://enn.com/today.html?id=7069>

Submitted by Alison Burchell.

Maine to Adopt 34% GHG Reduction

"After a year's effort, a sweeping plan for reducing the state's emissions of greenhouse gases in hopes of slowing global climate change has been completed and presented to state legislators. The plan's 54 detailed policy recommendations are reflected in at least a dozen bills this session with more sure to come over the next few years."

<http://www.bangornews.com/news/templates/?a=107593&z=5>

Submitted by Alison Burchell.

(This is the end of BREEE News)

[FULL TEXT] Update on Windsource.

(some of you will have seen this already).

On Friday, January 14, Xcel Energy and Western Resource Advocates signed a settlement agreement on the Windsource green pricing program. The settlement addressed two main issues - pricing and environmental legitimacy of the program. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission held

hearings about the settlement on Thursday, January 27 and will issue a final order on the agreement sometime in the coming weeks.

Windsor subscribers currently pay \$2.50 per 100 kWh block. However, Windsor purchases are exempt from fuel costs and air quality rate riders, resulting in a current net price of about \$1.33 per block. The net premium is not based on the actual costs associated with the program and the premium fluctuates with changes in the fuel cost adjustment. Based on current rate riders/exemptions the new net premium will be \$0.76 per 100 kWh block. Xcel Energy is planning to change the way Windsor charges appear on customer bills. Instead of the \$2.50 Windsor line item and reversal of the fuel cost and air quality charges, the bill would say something like: net Windsor charge = \$0.76 per 100 kWh block.

In our testimony, WRA raised concerns about whether Xcel Energy could document the ownership of renewable energy credits and environmental attributes associated with wind energy purchases for Windsor. The settlement requires Xcel Energy to seek and maintain Green-e certification. Green-e is an independent certification system run by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. Green-e certification for the Windsor program will ensure that customers are getting the full environmental benefit of their Windsor purchases.

If you have any questions about the settlement agreement or the proposed changes to Windsor, please contact Western Resource Advocates - Susan Innis at (303) 444-1188 ext. 221 or Rick Gilliam at (303) 444-1188 ext. 218.

Submitted by Susan Innis.
