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"Knowledge comes from but a single viewpoint. Wisdom comes from multiple viewpoints." -- Gregory Bateson

Quick Picks

Amendment 37 Reply Comments Due June 15

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requested comments on their proposed rules for implementing A 37. 43 letters were sent by individuals. A consortium of organizations under the name of **Core37** and led by Western Resource Advocates provided extensive comments as did Xcel.

<http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/rulemaking/RecentRulemakingActivity.htm#05R112E>

Xcel's comments have some, uh, "interesting" concepts in them including first compliance with A 37 not until 2011. And, to be fair, Xcel's comments have much that is reasonable and thoughtful. Watch for a future BREEE Action Item.

BREEE and Sierra Club Share Creek Fest Table. BREEE Volunteers Needed.

For 2 to 3 hour shifts Memorial Day Weekend, 5/28 - 5/30. Contact Kay Bingham.
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Existing PV (Solar Electric) Owners: Xcel is Doing a Study

Many existing owners of PV systems have been asked by Xcel to allow installation of a meter to gather data on solar power production. I have some concerns about the design of this study, but have just started doing research into exactly what is proposed. If you have any questions about this contact Ken --
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CRES Meeting: Future of Bioenergy. Golden. 5/25.
CREC - Colorado Renewable Energy Conference. Fort Collins. 6/9 - 11.

*** = BREEE event or co-host of some kind.

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From Boulder & Colorado:

Looking to the wind for energy

Camera 5/17

http://dailycamera.com/bdc/county_news/article/0,1713,BDC_2423_3783615,00.html

Louisville Rejects Xcel Extension

Camera 5/18

http://dailycamera.com/bdc/louisville_news/article/0,1713,BDC_2427_3786916,00.html

Xcel in Dispute Over Solar Rules

Rocky Mountain News. Xcel wants to average the solar requirement over 4 years.

"Lola Spradley, a Republican from Beulah who sponsored the ballot measure, sided with the environmental groups.

'It is pretty clear from the language that Xcel has to have 18 megawatts of solar energy each year from 2007 through 2010 and not an average over those four years,' Spradley said."

http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/business/article/0,1299,DRMN_4_3789326,00.html

From Alison Burchell.

Letters to the Editors

Daily Camera (scroll down):

Wind Bags: Slick Advertising Hides Xcel's Deeds

Louisville: Standing Up to Xcel Energy

http://dailycamera.com/bdc/letters_to_editor/article/0,1713,BDC_2491_3776462,00.html
http://www.dailycamera.com/bdc/letters_to_editor/article/0,1713,BDC_2491_3764269,00.html

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Boulder High Environment Club

High quality bulbs for pickup at Boulder High if you pre-ordered them. Also available without pre-order from SWEEP's office (SW corner of Broadway and Baseline) and from a table at the Creek Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

From Howard Geller.

For Sale: Slightly Used Colorado Utility...Possible Pueblo Municipalization?

<http://www.chieftain.com/business/1116774525/1>
<http://www.chieftain.com/metro/1116774525/3>

From Ross Vincent.

Possible Pueblo Wind Farm and More on Clipper Wind Colorado Manufacturing

<http://chieftain.com/metro/1115729674/1>

From Susan LeFever

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Calendar.

New Energy Efficient Home Choices. Golden. 5/24. 6 - 8 PM

Colorado Energy Science Center Workshop.

http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/new_homes.htm

CRES Meeting: Future of BioEnergy.
5/25. 5:30 PM.

NREL Visitor's Center.

<http://cres-energy.org/calendar.html>

CREC 2005. Colorado Renewable Energy Conference.
Fort Collins.
6/9 - 11

Colorado Renewable Energy Society.

<http://www.cres-energy.org/crec2005/>

Burnetti Opinion in the Daily Camera

Wayne Brunetti (CEO of Xcel Energy) on Our Children Will Inherit the Wind.

http://dailycamera.com/bdc/guest_opinions/article/0,1713,BDC_2493_3794351,00.html

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From Elsewhere:

100 kW Wind Turbine Next to Boston Expressway

Bought and installed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103. 150' tall. 34' blades.

Click on picture for a TV report.

<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/4454909/detail.html>

Wind Brochure From AWEA

American Wind Energy Association. Covers installed base, impact of the on-again, off-again, production tax credit (PTC), avian issues, etc.

Medium download (367 kB)

<http://www.awea.org/pubs/documents/Outlook%202005.pdf>

Portugal: Worlds Largest Solar Station Planned

116 Megawatts. 620 Acres. In an area of excellent sunshine. Building an on-site factory to manufacture the PV.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/renewable/Story/0,2763,1477722,00.html>

From Morey Wolfson.

New Zealand First to Levy Carbon Tax on Electricity, Gasoline, and Natural Gas

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/climatechange/story/0,12374,1476775,00.html>

Duct Technologies and Policies

Two research papers on duct sealing from SWEEP - Southwest Energy Efficiency Project.

<http://swenergy.org/pubs/DuctTech.pdf>

http://swenergy.org/pubs/Duct_Policy.pdf

From Larry Kinney.

Tough Talk on Global Warming From the Insurance Industry

"If you want to hear some tough talk about global warming, talk to an insurer. Take this recent statement by Richard Jones, the vice president for engineering of the Hartford Insurance Company. 'Climate change is real,' said Jones. 'To me, proving that earth's climate is changing from human actions—namely global warming—is like statistically 'proving' the pavement exists after you have jumped out a 30-story building. After each floor, your analysis would say, 'so far, so good,' and then, at the pavement, all uncertainty is removed.'"

http://motherjones.com/news/featurex/2005/05/profits_of_doom.html

From Ken.

NYT: 132 Mayors Embrace Kyoto

New York Times:

" Unsettled by a series of dry winters in this normally wet city, Mayor Greg Nickels has begun a nationwide effort to do something the Bush administration will not: carry out the Kyoto Protocol on global warming.

Mr. Nickels, a Democrat, says 131 other likeminded mayors have joined a bipartisan coalition to fight global warming on the local level, in an implicit rejection of the administration's policy."

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1402961/posts>

From Ken.

Investors See Growing Risks From Climate Change

AP.

"Trillions of dollars in investment clout gathered under the United Nations roof to talk about climate change - and money.

'It's all about our money,' said Denise Nappier."

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2005/05/11/news/climate.php>

NYT: Dirty Secret: Coal Plants Could be Much Cleaner

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/22/business/yourmoney/22coal.html?ex=1117425600&en=e8c46839df144993&ei=5070>

From Ross Vincent.

Oxford: Renewables with Combined Heat & Power Can Power Britain

"Renewable electricity technologies that harness wind, wave, tide and sun are all very well, the thinking goes, but their output is too variable and unpredictable to provide more than a small part of our electricity needs. Meeting the government's target of 20% renewables by 2020 could mean getting as much as 15% from wind and other intermittent sources, with the balance coming from "firm" renewables such as biomass and landfill gas. And that, say critics of renewables, is as much intermittency as the system can take. Any more and we will need huge reserves of expensive, polluting backup capacity, ready to cut in whenever the wind stops blowing.

Convinced? Think again. Research at Oxford University shows that intermittent renewables, combined with domestic combined heat and power (dCHP) could dependably provide the bulk of Britain's electricity."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,3858,5191269-111396,00.html>

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