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Boulder Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Working Group

<http://boulderenergy.org>

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"Sunshine is a form of energy, wind and sea currents are manifestations of this energy. Do we make use of them? Oh no! We burn forests and coal, like tenants burning down our front door for heating. We live like wild settlers and not as though these resources belong to us."

- Thomas Edison, 1916

Quick Picks

Next BREEE Meeting Delayed Until 9/15

Most of the core group of BREEE is away or occupied. BREEE News and periodic alerts on various topics (particularly Amendment 37) will continue to go out.

Amendment 37 Update

Confidential meetings with Xcel, Core37, and other key parties continue to take place at a pace of three or more a week. The results of this should be compromise rules to submit to the PUC by 8/15. Stay tuned. And be prepared to respond in mid-August -- hopefully in support of good compromise rules.

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From Boulder & Colorado:

Post: Towns Test Power of Xcel Franchise

"Denver, other cities try to write renewable energy into deal."

http://denverpost.com/search/ci_2841872

From John Rosapepe.

Post: Coal Supply Disruption May Increase Xcel Bills

http://denverpost.com/search/ci_2841670

Letters

Denver Post:

Global Warming: Serious Problem or Hype

http://denverpost.com/search/ci_2841321

Global warming and Kyoto

http://www.denverpost.com/letters/ci_2861054

World Climate Change and G8 Summit

http://www.denverpost.com/letters/ci_2845515

Why Does the Sky Seem Less Blue

Exemptions From Environmental Regulations

http://www.denverpost.com/letters/ci_2839832

Daily Camera:

Solar is Key to a Better Future

http://dailycamera.com/bdc/letters_to_editor/article/0,1713,BDC_2491_3919587,00.html

Akron, CO Wind Farm

Largest in the state. Proposed at 200 to 300 MWs.

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=34089>

From Ross Vincent.

Sierra Club's Peak & Prairie Summer Issue

The state chapter's newsletter. 3 articles on RE & EE.

A news story on the Windpower Conference in Denver on page 10.

An editorial on the status of Amendment 37 implementation on page 7.

An editorial on studying Denver Public Power on page 3.

http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/pandp/2005-07/pp_summer-05.pdf

Xcel Refuses to, Then Agrees to Honor Boulder's Information Requests

At first Xcel refuses the City of Boulder's requests for information to help in the City's initial feasibility analysis of municipalization (moving to public power). Then Xcel changes their mind.

<http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/comm/pressrelease/2005/0705a.htm>

http://dailycamera.com/bdc/county_news/article/0,1713,BDC_2423_3909182,00.html

<http://coloradodaily.com/articles/2005/07/06/news/news02.txt>

From Doug Grinbergs and Susan Lefever.

Xcel Head Steps Down

Wayne Brunetti, CEO, retires.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2005/06/27/daily33.html?f=et61>

From Ross Vincent.

Xcel Results of All-source RFP includes 4,600 MWs of Wind & 900 MWs of Efficiency

This all-source RFP (request for proposals) is part of Xcel's least cost plan that includes plans for the 750 MW Comanche 3 power plant. The all-source RFP is for 2500 MWs of generation resources to include traditional fossil based and renewables generation as well as demand side management (energy efficiency).

Reviews started. Results probably in late fall. Details are, alas but not surprisingly, confidential.

One of the demand side management (energy efficiency bids) by itself accounts for 800 MWs of capacity. No details have been provided about what/who/how.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2005/07/04/daily14.html?f=et61>

The following is a large zip file with several documents in it. The document of interest has a few more details than the Denver Business Journal's report above. It is named "Rule 3416(b) Public Report 6-16-05.pdf".

http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/docket_activity/filings/04A-214E_PSCo06-16-05RptBidsAll-SourceSolicitation.zip

From Ross Vincent & Ken.

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Solar Today: The SUV in the Pantry

"In other words, we use about as much energy to grow our food as to power our homes or fuel our cars."

http://www.solartoday.org/2005/july_aug05/chairs_cornerJA05.htm

National Virtual Marches & Petitions

The Union of Concerned Scientists is endorsing a virtual march on Washington DC.

<http://www.stopglobalwarming.org/campaigns/sgw/partner/ucs/>

The Apollo Alliance has a petition running:

<http://action.apolloalliance.org/petition/>

From Mike Bowman and Ken.

Polls on Energy

GM Takes Heat in Own Energy Poll

http://www.thecarconnection.com/Industry/Industry_News/GM_Takes_Heat_in_Own_Energy_Poll.S175.A8863.html

31% say GM does poorest in EE, followed by Ford 29%, Daimler-Chrysler at 20%.

Toyota best at EE at 40%, followed by Honda at 37%. 14% name GM.

"When asked about the main reason why automakers need to develop alternative technologies, 49 percent cited 'energy independence' compared to 29 percent who cited 'environmental' reasons and 17 percent who cited 'economic' reasons."

79%: advances in automotive technology were "absolutely critical" or "very important."

65%: U.S. government should make a major funding commitment to transform the auto industry from a gasoline-based system to a hydrogen-based system.

We do not appear to have access to the full report to see if any questions were asked about efficiency over hydrogen, or use of renewables for hydrogen production.

Kelly Blue Book poll cited in the above link says 90% say that they do not believe that SUV owners should be described as patriotic.

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A poll of Americans on Climate Change

http://www.pipa.org/OnlineReports/ClimateChange/Report07_05_05.pdf

86% President Bush should act to limit GHG if urged by G8 leaders. (81% Repub. 89% Dem)

94% US should do at least as much as average of other developed countries.

73% US should participate in Kyoto.

Perception of consensus on global warming by scientists has grown from 43% to 52% over the last year.

G8 Climate Scorecards

Nice graphical scorecards of some of our favorite countries from the World Wildlife Fund.

http://www.panda.org/downloads/climate_change/g8scorecardsjun29light.pdf

Sundance Getaway Converts Mayors into Climate Activists?

<http://grist.org/news/muck/2005/07/14/little-sundance/>

From Larry Kinney.

Arnold Schwarzenegger: It's not a time for talk. It's a time for action.

"Many people have falsely assumed that you have to choose between protecting the environment and protecting the economy. Nothing could be further from the truth. In California we will do both."

<http://comment.independent.co.uk/commentators/article296377.ece>

One-Liners on Climate Change

Sea-life in peril. Plankton vanishing.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/07/12/MNG8SDMMR01.DTL>

The acid ocean -- the other problem with CO2 emissions.

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php?p=169>

How Britain will burn up.

<http://observer.guardian.co.uk/carbontrust/story/0,16099,1512907,00.html>

Stanford MBA students write a primer on CC.

http://www.gsb.stanford.edu/pmp/pdfs/ClimateControl_2005PMI.pdf

Disaster costs have been rising even factoring in inflation and Munich RE (large global insurer) believes CC is at least partly to blame.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/printedition/la-fi-climate3jul03.1.4592532.story?coll=la-headlines-pe-business&ctrack=1&cset=true>

From Ross Vincent & others.

Risky Diet 2005 - Global Energy Resource Adequacy

A report by the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT).

<http://www.ceert.org/pubs/crrp/natgas/RiskyDiet2005.pdf>

Kyocera's 'Solar Trees' Offer Filtered Shade for parking lots and generate power

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/business/20050625-9999-1b25solar.html>

From Morey Wolfson.

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