

Pathways to 100 (or darn close).

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Quite good with numbers & graphs.

When I speak to a general audience, I ask:

If the goal is 100% Renewables by 2030 how many would be satisfied with 95 or 98% by 2030?



My Daughter Bakes Really Great Cakes!

Like most bakers, she follows a recipe.

Colorado Energy Recipe

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1 part Electrify Everything Else

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Total		\$13.5 B	60%	\$9 B	per year!

Notes: Most of data from 2016 EIA with analysis by EnergyShouldBe.org The electricity use to electrify transportation is conservative. 10 cents per kWh is the blended cost of Colorado electricity. Divide EIA Table 10 all Colorado revenue by MWh Sales,



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Electricity (all coal + gas used for electricity)	40%	\$5.5 B	-	No Change \$5.5 B	
Oil (gasoline & diesel)	35%	\$6.5 B	40%	\$2.3 B	~ 15 years
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Modeling Electric Grids and Renewables





Models don't predict THE FUTURE.

They SUGGEST POSSIBLE FUTURES based on assumptions.







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The Cost, Use, and Generation Data Came From...

Xcel Colorado

Platte River Power Authority - PRPA

EIA (DOE)



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Compare For and Non-Profit Self-Generators. Colorado.

	Long Term Goal	50% Renewable	100%	% Colorado Served Retail	Blended Rate (cents/kWh)	
PRPA non-profit	100% non-carbon	2020	2030	6%	8.0	Lowest Rates in CO. Excellent Reliability.
Xcel for profit	100% reduction in carbon dioxide	2023	2050	54%	9.5	If Xcel charged PRPA's rates we would save
Tri-State non-profit	(none)	?		15%	11.0	About \$400
Colorado Springs Muni non-profit	(none)	?		9%	9.2	Million per year on electricity.
IREA non-profit	(none)	?		6%	12.4	Bigger is not
Black Hills for profit	(none)	?		4%	12.8	better.

Source: EIA Table 10 2015 retail sales by utility. Blended rate for Tri-State and PRPA are a weighted average for Colorado retail utilities by MWh sales. % Colorado served is by number of customers (meters). Number of customers turns out to track well with MWh sales. "?" means data not available.

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100% Renewables by 2030

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How Many Hours of Year Renewables Meet Load



Filling in With Gas

95% Renewable Hourly.

PRPA's Rawhide Station



Craig Coal 154 MW

Image: Google Satellite View





How Many Hours of Year Renewables Meet Load

Reliable Cheap 100%



A modified load duration chart. Load is shown as a percentage. The big horizontal purple line is 100%. Note the long flat section of the curve is caused by use of storage.



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Solar Wind Hydro & Storage





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						ShouldBe.org	

Long Term Storage

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Low capital Use surplus

Make a Fuel?



Reliable Cheap 100%

"The (plan) includes **unprecedented** low pricing across a range of generation technologies including wind at levelized pricing between \$11-18/MWh, solar between \$23-\$27/MWh, solar with storage between \$30-\$32/MWh..."

- Xcel

In 2022, Xcel Colorado 55% Renewables

Left 95% of bids on the table.

Xcel Energy (bottom P 51) <u>https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/</u> 4546891-Xcel-Energy-Electric-Resource-Plan-120-Day-Report.html



What are the Cheapest Sources of Electricity in Colorado?

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Solar Wind Hydro & Storage

95% Renewables 700 600 500 35% Surplus 300 200 365 Days 100 1-Jan 8-Jan 15-Jan 22-Jan 29-Jan 5-Feb 12-Feb 19-Feb 26-Feb 5-Mar 12-Mar 19-Mar 26-Ma 16-Apr 23-Apr 30-Apr 7-May 14-May 21-May 28-May 4-Jun 11-Jun 18-Jun 25-Jun 2-Jul 9-Jul 16-Jul 23-Jul 30-Jul 6-Aug 13-Aug 20-Aug 27-Aug 3-Sep 10-Sep 17-Sep 24-Sep 1-Oct 8-Oct 15-Oct 22-Oct 29-Oct 5-Nov 12-Nov 19-Nov 26-Nov 3-Dec 10-Dec 17-Dec 24-Dec 31-D Baseload Renewables Peaking (backup) Storage Out (discharge) Storage In (charge) Surplus —Load



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Just the Surplus Electricity

Reliable Cheap 100%





Using Natural Gas to Fill in a Small Amount Makes Selling Surplus Easier

Reliable Cheap 100%







Just the Surplus









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How much did you pay per gallon or equivalent?





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Do EV chargers exist today that allow charging when the sun is shining or wind blowing?





Ken's New Charger





Ken's New Charger & App





PRPA EV Charger <u>Rebates</u>





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Electric vehicle distributed charging study



Photo credit: eMotorWerks

https://www.prpa.org/ev-study/

Of the light-duty vehicles registered in Platte River's service territory, 0.4 percent are EVs, nearly twice the Colorado state average, according to the 2018 City of Fort Collins' EV Readiness Roadmap. Ultimately, EV energy usage could reach 60 <u>GWh</u> per year by 2026, and peak demand for EV charging may be as much as 99 <u>MW</u> (assuming all vehicles are charged simultaneously).[1]

Why are we conducting this study?

To better understand the effect of clustered EV adoption on the distribution system, Platte River is conducting an EV distributed charging study to evaluate vehicle energy consumption patterns and test smart charging technology. The study will be the first large-scale residential smart EV charging initiative in Colorado, serving Platte River's owner communities of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont and Loveland. Data collection and analysis from up to 300 charging load monitoring and control devices will focus on:

What's in it for study participants?

Platte River is offering a \$200 rebate on conart Level 2 chargers through the <u>Efficiency Works Store</u>. The first 100 people to purchase a JuiceBox Pro 40 plug-in charging station will receive an additional \$154 instant manufacturer's rebate, discounting the smart device by more than 60 percent.











Ken's New Charger & App



Rewarding Flexible Demand EV Charging on the Surplus.



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Rewarding Flexible Demand Beyond Charging Plug-ins.

A Reverse RFP - The Goal is Innovation

Bidders are offering to buy energy at a specific capacity. Reverse - high bids win.

Perhaps in 5 MW blocks of capacity.

Only when there is surplus.

New load so there is minimal cannibalization of existing load.

They must use power when directed to (with penalties?)

They must be located where there is adequate transmission & distribution.

Even with 10,000 Plug-Ins at 50% renewables, 1250 hours of surplus (14% of the year)

Examples:

Fixing nitrogen. Instead of using natural gas, make ammonia/fertilizer with surplus electricity.

Conversion of gas appliances to electric heat pumps.

Creation of green natural gas. Electricity to methane, inserted into existing nat gas distribution & storage system.



Image: <u>pixabay.com</u>





A few short items: Reliable,

Cheap,

100% Renewables by 2030

As we use less and less... What happen\$ to natural ga\$ pipeline\$ and \$torage?



Source: EIA map https://www.eia.gov/state/maps.php?v=Natural%20Gas

Recently Released California Gas Future Study

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Energy+Environmental Economics

Draft Results: Future of Natural Gas Distribution in California

High Building Electrification Scenario: Bill Impacts with targeted gas pipeline retirements



For ALL Colorado: Is There Enough Renewables?

PUBLIC VERSION Updated Attachment A

					Median Bid	
	# of		# of	Project	Price or	Pricing
Generation Technology		Bid MW	Projects	MW	Equivalent	Units
Combustion Turbine/IC Engines	29	6,365	19	4,436	\$ 5.08	\$/kW-mo
Combustion Turbine with Battery Storage	7	804	3	476	6.21	\$/kW-mo
Gas-Fired Combined Cycles	3	873	3	873		\$/kW-mo
Stand-alone Battery Storage	28	2,144	24	1,945	10.53	\$/kW-mo
Compressed Air Energy Storage	1	317	1	317		\$∕kW-mo
Wind	96	41,915	42	16,949	\$ 19.30	\$/MWh
Wind and Solar	5	2,601	4	2,151	19.96	\$/MWh
Wind with Battery Storage	11	5,700	5	2,700	20.63	\$/MWh
Solar (PV)	148	28,382	78	14,085	30.96	\$/MWh
Wind and Solar and Battery Storage	7	4,048	7	4.049	20.41	¢/M/M/h
Solar (PV) with Battery Storage	79	14,980	57	10,098	38.30	\$/MWh

RFP Responses by Technology

Use Only "Wind" & "PV + storage" --> All Colorado: 95% Renewable. 60% Surplus.



Questions & Policy 1

20 to 25% of natural gas in the US is "associated" - produced from oil extraction. Suppose EVs do take a big whack out of oil sales. What happens to natural gas prices?

Big new investments in

- · CCS,
- · Combined cycle natural gas generation,
- nuclear,
- transmission,
- · or distribution

may be doomed to being stranded and cause needless high costs to consumers as we rapidly change to renewables. And cheap storage is a threat to all of these as well. This is because the utilization rates will probably be much lower than optimistic projections.

Our dependence on the electric system will be increasing rapidly with extreme heat. At the same time, the grid will become more difficult to make resilient in the face of extreme storms. Perhaps new transmission, and over time, old transmission needs to be buried to increase resiliency as well as make siting transmission easier. Our species is clever at reducing costs when forced to. Perhaps mandate a portion of transmission be underground.

100s of cities have taken the 100% pledge and yet have no practical way to get there because they have little control over their monopoly IOUs. Are there ways to make CCE - Community Choice Energy (AKA CCA) easier to accomplish?

CARPA - like DARPA but for fighting catastrophic climate change.

- a replacement for SF6 Sulfur Hexa-Flouride. 50,000 x CO2
- atmospheric methane reduction. Catalyst on blades of wind turbines, or outdoor fans.

The amount of space needed to sequester the billions of tons of CO2 being discussed may be wildly above the amount of storage space available in depleted natural gas reservoirs - CO2 may prove to be much tougher to store than the much smaller methane molecules. In addition, our history of burying our wastes has been checkered at best. And CO2 needs to be sequestered for as much as a 1000 years. Making a renewable liquid like oil and sequestering that may be much more practical.



All 3 - Great on the whole. In some cases, not thinking through the practicalities and costs of recommendations on nuclear, transmission, other giant new capital projects.

Cohen. Clean Air Task Force. Some ways the most interesting and controversial. Firm energy. Several data points pretty far out of date. Limited actionable policy recommendations.

Hausker. World Resources Institute. Clearest presentation. Thoughtful and interesting. Limited actionable policy recommendations.

Cleats. Union of Concerned Scientists. The most policy recommendations, but in something of a jumble.

If it would truly be useful, I'm willing to go through them point by point.



I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been.

- Wayne Gretzky





Q: How much rooftop high yield solar in the city of Boulder?

A: 630 MW. About 65% of Boulder's Total Annual Electricity Use.

Boulder is 4% of Colorado's population. By population - **16 GW** rooftop solar statewide.

mapdwell.com





Maps made using a combination of LIDAR data (very accurate elevation, shows trees and shading, and slope of roofs), assessor data, and city graphic information system data plus NREL analysis. Barriers to 100% Clean Energy. Does Colorado Need Electricity Competition?

"Don't Believe Everything You Think!"

This idea needs to be researched.





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January 10, 2017

Image: NASA

<u>EnergyFreedomCO.org</u> - Research & Education on Electricity Competition

Working to bring electricity competition to Colorado.

A bunch of white papers.





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Example Choice States: Illinois | Texas | Massachusetts

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GREENING THE GRID through COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION Shawn Marshall, LEAN Energy

Community Choice Aggregation is a local energy model and a shared-service model with investor-owned utilities that enables cities and counties to combine their electric load, offer customers lower rates and a choice of electricity provider, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

LEAN Energy (Local Energy Aggregation Network) is devoted to accelerating the expansion and competitive success of the CCA model nationwide. **LeanEnergyUS.org**

EnergyFreedomCO.org

"Cheaper and cleaner electricity through competition and consumer choice"

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Interim committee Interim committee Investor-owned Utility Review Interim Study Committee

(last bullet point)

• the role of community aggregated choice in the consumer price of energy.