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Pueblo's Energy Future Group to Engage in Colorado Energy Plan Proceeding at the PUC

Pueblo, CO – Pueblo's voice for a just and competitive energy future, *Pueblo's Energy Future*, officially intervened yesterday in Xcel Energy and partner's Colorado Energy Plan proposal for cleaner air and energy that's in front of the Colorado Public Utility Commission (PUC) for consideration.

The Colorado Energy Plan is expected to secure long-term, low-cost clean power for Xcel's customers and reduce carbon emissions in Colorado. Under the plan, Xcel would early retire 660 megawatts of coal-fired generation at units 1 and 2 of the Comanche power plant in Pueblo. They would push for more balanced, diverse energy mix by adding 1400 + megawatts of new wind and solar and natural gas-fired resources to replace the retired coal capacity. They would also add a large switching station to accommodate the new renewables, which would provide property tax revenue and exciting new employment opportunities.

The Colorado Energy Plan is projected to take advantage of historically low clean energy prices and available tax incentives for renewable power thus protecting and saving customer's money over time. The plan would accelerate the transformation of our energy resources at no net cost to consumers, spurring economic development opportunities in rural Colorado communities and across the state. The Plan and plant retirements should also reduce carbon emissions, regional haze and help improve the air quality in Pueblo.

Pueblo's Energy Future looks forward to engaging in this conversation at the PUC and in the community. Pueblo deserves energy justice including clean air, affordable, clean and reliable electricity and good paying jobs.

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