



## UTILITY CONSUMERS' BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

3/10/2025

#### Attendance:

UCB: Bill Steele, Terry Hart, Ron Lehr, and Parks Barroso

Absent: Sondra Young and Josh Bufmack

A quorum of UCB members was present.

UCA: Cindy Schonhaut, Joseph Pereira, Hector Arreola, Chris Neil, Kerry Kuykendoll, Leslie Henry-Sermos, and Ron Fernandez

AG: Tom Dixon and Greg Bunker, Kate Crampton, and Patrick Witterschein

MEETING START: 10:04 AM

#### I. WELCOME

- **Approve March Meeting Agenda and February Meeting Minutes**
  - UCB Chair Bill Steele requested for a motion to approve both the March meeting agenda, and the February meeting minutes.
    - Terry Hart motioned to approve the March meeting agenda. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.
    - Terry Hart motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### II. GUEST SPEAKER

- **Matt Gorenc, Director of Legislative Affairs, DORA Executive Director's Office**

DORA Dir. Of Legislative Affairs Matt Gorenc provided an update on the midpoint of the Colorado legislative session.

### **75<sup>th</sup> General Assembly: Leadership**

- **Senate:**
  - President: James Coleman (D-Denver)
  - Majority Leader: Robert Rodriguez (D-Denver)
  - Minority Leader: Paul Lundeen (R-Monument)
  
- **House of Representatives:**
  - Speaker: Julie McCluskie (D-Dillon)
  - Majority Leader: Monica Duran (D-Wheat Ridge)
  - Minority Leader: Rose Pugliese (R-Colorado Springs)

**75<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the makeup of each chamber is as follows:**

- **Senate:**
  - 23 Democrats
  - 12 Republicans
  
- **House of Representatives:**
  - 43 Democrats
  - 22 Republicans

### **Energy Legislation this Session**

- HB25-1126 Public Utilities Commission Membership Geographic Representation
- HB25-1234 Utility Consumer Protection
- HB25-1260 Electrical Generation & Distribution Resiliency
- HB25-1040 Adding Nuclear Energy as a Clean Energy Resource
- HB25-1268 Utility On-Bill Repayment Program Financing

Board discussion was focused on energy related legislation, the roster of the Energy Committee and Colorado's budget shortfall.

Matt Gorenc's presentation can be found in the shared UCB Google Drive folder: 03/10/2025 UCB meeting.

### **III. PENDING CASE STRATEGY**

- **24A-0296E: PSCo - Wildfire Mitigation Plan - Leslie Henry-Sermos**
  
- **25A-0036E: PSCo - On-Bill Financing Program - Ron Fernandez**

The Pending Case Strategy summaries can be found in the shared UCB Google Drive folder: 03/10/2025 UCB meeting.

#### **IV. OTHER ISSUES / MISC. UPDATES**

- **Discuss Election for 2025 UCB Chair and Vice Chair**
  - Bill shared his current role as UCB chair and requested for other UCB members to volunteer to serve as UCB Chair and/or Vice Chair.
  - If any UCB members are interested in serving, please notify him, Cindy, and Hector.
  - This issue was tabled for further discussion at the April 2025 meeting.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS / MISC. UPDATES**

- **Guest Speaker Suggestions**
  - Bill reminded the Board that if they have any suggestions for future UCB meeting guest speakers to notify him and Cindy.
  - There is also a spreadsheet in the shared Google Drive in which Board members can input suggestions. The spreadsheet can be found here: [UCB MEETING FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS \(UCB SUGGESTIONS\)](#)

MEETING ADJOURNED

UCB Chair Bill Steele requested for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting ended at: 11:29 AM

The next UCB meeting is on April 14, 2025, at 10:00 AM

The meeting will be a remote meeting only. A Zoom link will be available to join virtually.

The Google UCB Shared Drive may be found at:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1szjAWFk1F-VztVxx\\_7YbSpxqFelXjw\\_W?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1szjAWFk1F-VztVxx_7YbSpxqFelXjw_W?usp=sharing)