

UTILITY CONSUMERS' BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

5/12/2025

Attendance:

UCB: Michael Carter, Jessica Lau, Terry Hart, Ron Lehr, Sondra Young, Josh Bufmack and Parks Barroso

Absent: Bill Steele

A quorum of UCB members was present.

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

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

MEETING START: 10:02 AM

I. WELCOME

- **Approve May Meeting Agenda and April Meeting Minutes**
 - UCA Director Cindy Schonhaut requested a motion to approve both the May meeting agenda, and the April meeting minutes.
 - Terry Hart motioned to approve the May meeting agenda. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - Terry Hart motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. GUEST SPEAKER

- **Commissioner John Gavan, Former PUC Commissioner**

Former PUC Commissioner John Gavan provided an overview of data centers, their impact on electric load growth, potential locations for data centers in Colorado, and the rapid development of artificial intelligence.

Board discussion focused standard metrics of cooling loads for different kinds of data centers, water shortage concerns, availability of contractor capacity to build data centers, consideration for climate resiliency, and data center rate class and economic development rates for data centers.

Commissioner Gavan's presentation can be found in the shared UCB Google Drive folder: 05/12/2025 UCB meeting.

III. PENDING CASE STRATEGY

- **24A-0296E: PSCo - Wildfire Mitigation Plan - Joseph Pereira**

IV. OTHER ISSUES / MISC. UPDATES

- **Cybersecurity Training for Board Members - Bindu Miriyala, DORA Boards and Commissions Coordinator, Ginny Brown, DORA Executive Deputy Director**
 - Bindu shared a presentation on the required cybersecurity training for Board members. This year there are 12 cybersecurity courses with monthly training modules.
 - All training will be delivered through SOC Learns.
 - Training assignments will be emailed during the first seven days of each month.
 - Participants must log in using their state credentials to complete their assigned courses.
 - If participants experience login or access issues, they should use the SOC Learns password reset option on the login page.
 - Non-Compliance Actions: Board or commission members who fail to complete training may face restrictions on their access to state systems and cannot fulfill their work obligations.
 - If further assistance is needed, or you need assistance with resetting your Gmail password, please contact bindu.miriyala@state.co.us
 - If you need assistance resetting your state Gmail password, please contact <mailto:bindu.miriyala@state.co.us>
 - Ginny shared that there are 44 Boards and Commissions within DORA
 - Ginny shared the importance of the state email account for Board members, state email accounts have a safer level of security, and help comply with open records requests from the public.
 - Ginny shared that the PUC is going through the sunset review process. She shared the following link to provide input on the PUC's sunset review: <https://coprrr.colorado.gov/reviews-in-progress>

Bindu's presentation can be found in the shared UCB Google Drive folder: 05/12/2025 UCB meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting ended at: 12:00 PM

The next UCB meeting is on July 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_7YbSpxqFeIXjw_W?usp=sharing