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Chairwoman Buffie McFadyen  
Colorado House of Representatives  
Transportation and Energy Committee


Dear Representative McFadyen,

Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is one of 22 rural electric associations in Colorado. Our membership consists of the residents and businesses in Delta and Montrose Counties.

DMEA supports SB09-039 and encourages your committee to approve the advancement of this bill. DMEA has been a leader in Colorado promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. We find the provisions of this bill to be a supportive step and a viable tool in helping our association further increase the efficient use of electricity.

The future of our country and state depend on implementing the prudent development of alternative energy and the proper pricing for and the utilization of the energy we already depend on. Stepped rate structures like the one proposed in this bill help us move forward toward the ultimate of providing real time pricing of electricity and the development of the smart grid.

Sincerely,

  
Dan McClendon  
General Manager  
Delta Montrose Electric Association

Cc: Les Renfrow, DMEA Board President