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Coffee and Conservation

Join us May 3 at our Conservation and Environmental Center 8 a.m. to noon to learn from our experts.

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\$100 rebate for your toilet

Did you know toilets installed before 1980 use four times more water than efficient models today?

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LEAP deadline

If you need bill assistance, apply for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program by April 30.

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Adjusting our energy future

Recent developments related to power purchase agreements for renewable energy and transmission line capacity are shifting our energy transition strategies moving forward.

In October 2023, we fielded requests for proposals to explore options for an additional 1,500 megawatts (MW) of new electric generation and up to 200 MW of battery energy storage. With energy providers around the nation pursuing similar resources, obtaining current market prices and timelines for wind and solar projects was critical. This data will help us as we work with state regulators on emission reduction requirements.

After receiving more than 200 proposals, prices are at least 50% higher than expected. With rising energy costs already a challenge, we cannot ask you to also pay for these inflated prices. While many of the proposals will not be signed, a solar and battery energy storage contract will be pursued.

Two initiatives will help us navigate these challenges:

1. We will pursue energy resource and transmission partnerships with other utilities.
2. We will join the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization in 2026 to expand access to regional resources and transmission line capacity.

Despite this strategic shift, our five-year financial plan does not change as related to energy investments. We must continue to modernize our electric grid and resource mix to meet evolving state regulations and changing customer needs.

Collaborative effort for Pikes Peak recreation

With critical water supplies and utilities infrastructure on Pikes Peak, we have long-standing relationships with key partners to protect and conserve the Peak’s resources for the benefit of our customers and regional stakeholders.

Recently, we joined other Pikes Peak landowners and managers to announce our collaborative endeavor with Colorado Parks & Wildlife to explore enhanced recreation opportunities on Pikes Peak. A future proposal would be specific to recreation within a completed Ring the Peak Trail corridor.

This collaboration will allow each landowner/manager to emphasize their responsibility and ensure balanced oversight, environmental conservation, watershed protection, recreation, operational needs and other associated opportunities.

Gov. Jared Polis shared the news of the collaborative effort at a press conference held in Colorado Springs Feb. 10. The initiative is in the early stages of development. We look forward to continued discussions that will yield sustainable recreation alternatives for consideration.

Natural Gas Safety



We ensure safe delivery of natural gas through underground pipelines. Know these basics to stay safe.

Gas Leak Signs: Natural gas smells like rotten eggs. If you detect this, leave immediately and call 911.



Call 811 Before You Dig: For any digging project, call 811 or visit colorado811.org three days in advance to mark utility lines for free.

Pipeline Awareness: Keep in mind that underground pipelines are marked with special signs.

Learn more at csu.org or scan the code for additional safety tips.



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Powering our community

As a community-owned utility, we enjoy giving back to make life better for all who live and work in the Pikes Peak region. Here are a few results of our 2024 community support.

2024 Community Outreach



5,040
Volunteer hours served



230
Community projects



923
Employee, family and friend volunteers



87
Nonprofits supported



48
Grants awarded