

April 30, 2010
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Municipal Building Lobby

Discussion Topics

1. Recap of recent events

April 13 Study Session

- Xcel was surprised by the information presented in the April 13 Study Session. They believe that the “whole story” was not told to City Council regarding the Franchise discussions.
- Council was clear with staff that they are not interested in 2010 franchise renewal unless Xcel is willing to partner on clean energy future in a meaningful way.

April 20 meeting with Xcel

- City Manager Jane Brautigam, David Driskell and City Attorney David Gehr met with Xcel staff including Colorado President David Eaves. City staff presented the draft proposal to partner on a clean energy strategy. Xcel agreed to review the proposal and respond to the City.
- In response to several requests by Xcel to meet with individual City Council members, Council requested that Xcel address the Council publicly to discuss the clean energy strategy. This public discussion has been scheduled for May 4. Tech Team members are encouraged to attend, as there will be an opportunity for the public to provide comments to Council after the Xcel presentation.

2. Process Discussion

What are the objectives for the next two months?

July/August: Ballot language will need to be solidified by Council. This could include a revised franchise agreement, an occupational tax of some sort in lieu of a franchise fee, or both.

Questions and comments:

- *How does Xcel come up with the 1% undergrounding charge?*
- *Needs to be a coordinated strategy at the Public Utilities Commission*
- *What is the status of the list of questions that was to go to Xcel?*
- *Susannah from Xcel...was the data (usage by zip code) sent to the city?*
- *Staff should complete a list of “what life looks like without a franchise”, and forward to the tech team for comment.*

- *We should look at other models e.g., Highlands Ranch, Nederland (Marin County will be here May 24)*
- *Risk: Is there worry that by walking from Xcel, we walk away from the potential of Smart Grid?*

How are we working towards the development of a strategy to meet the long term decarbonization goal?

Developing a Clean Energy Strategy

1. Strategy to engage Xcel in a constructive conversation
2. Talk with Xcel “behind the scenes”
 - a. Who would they believe?
 - b. Who at Xcel? Dick Kelly via Governor Ritter?
3. Work on HB-1365 with Xcel
 - a. No agreement on lower NOx from coal
 - b. Valmont has to be included
 - c. 900 MW renewables by 2015
4. We want to see Xcel WANT to be a partner
5. Is Xcel willing to join in a strategy?
 - a. City going up the chain
 - b. Residents talking to Dick Kelly
 - c. We need to include the State
 - d. CEO’s from large Xcel customers
 - e. Multi-jurisdictional leaders
 - f. NREL
6. Need to highlight opportunities for Xcel (triple bottom-line)
7. begin conversations with other power providers (WAPA, Black Hills)
8. Plan should be to extend franchise and engage in plan development
 - a. 30% by 2012, 80-100% by specific date
 - b. Include experts (NREL, others?)
 - c. We want Xcel to enter into this accelerated clean energy plan in a spirit of partnership
9. Need to ask high level Xcel folks to partner with a regional coalition
10. Should propose an agreement to develop:
 1. A plan/strategy
 2. To move toward/beyond Kyoto
 3. Beyond= accelerated
 4. Need to take rate impacts into account
 5. Rate decisions will be up to CPUC and voters (as far and as fast as we can as long as the voters accept)
11. Need to review legislative barriers and technological solutions
12. Steve Pomerance will gather names (from the Tech Team) of folks who might have access to Dick Kelly to involve the Governor.