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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-93
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE COLORADO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SUPPORTING XCEL ENERGY'S RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached letter on behalf of the City of Northglenn to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) supporting Xcel Energy's Rush Creek Wind Renewable Energy Project, PUC Proceeding No. 16D-0168E, and PUC Proceeding No. 16A-0117E.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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August 22, 2016

Chairperson Joshua Epel
Commissioner Frances Koncilja
Commissioner Glenn Vaad

Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway, #250
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Proceeding No. 16D-0168E and proceeding No. 16A-0117E

Dear Chairperson Epel, Commissioner Koncilja, and Commissioner Vaad,

The Mayor, City Council, and senior leadership of the city of Northglenn, Co. are in support of Xcel Energy and the two important proceedings under review, 16D-0168E and No. 16A-0117E, and encourage approval of these proposals. Addressing implementation of increased utilization of wind energy, a cost effective renewable energy source, these renewable energy plans will stimulate economic development and create hundreds of jobs in Colorado.

Additional implementation of cost effective wind energy is a long term investment that will pay dividends well into the future. By increasing low cost renewable energy opportunities made possible by wind, the city sees more opportunities for our residents to have options that fit into their budget and match their values

The advantages of wind powered energy extend throughout the state of Colorado, keeping money in the pockets of Colorado homeowners and businesses. Wind is expected to save Colorado \$231 million over 20 years, and has already saved the state more than \$20 million in fuel costs.

Wind is one of the fastest growing energy sources in the world. It is an abundant clean fuel source and as a form of solar energy, is sustainable. According to the Department of Energy, over the past ten years, cumulative wind power capacity in the United States has increased an average of 30 per cent each year, outpacing the 28 per cent growth rate worldwide.

For these reasons, please strongly consider and support Xcel's application to support Colorado residents, the economy, and the future of the state through the provision of low cost wind energy.

Regards,

Joyce Downing
Mayor