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Subject: Speak Up for Solar at the PUC June 9
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**RE: Speak out for Solar Thursday, June 9th at PUC hearing 4-6 p.m. - speak out for solar/renewables!
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All,
Below is an announcement from Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association (COSEIA) **requesting your participation at the meeting and/or if you cannot make it a request to let yourself be heard.**
Ron Larson and I are both on the board for New Energy Colorado (NECO), a non-profit education arm of COSEIA:
<http://www.newenergycolorado.com/> - HAVE a look/give us feedback

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June 9 - 4 p.m. Denver at the PUC- Speak Out for Solar at a Public Hearing

When
Thursday June 9, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM MDT
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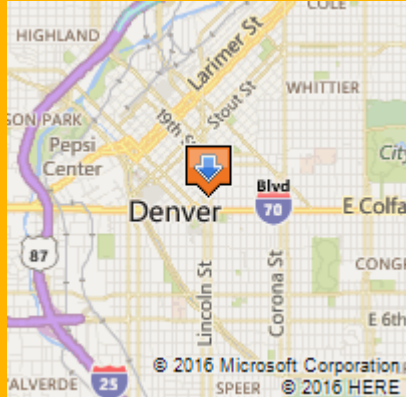
Greetings,

We're counting on solar advocates

We'd like to invite you to join us June 9 at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission for an

Where

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



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important public hearing. Xcel Energy is proposing major changes to rates for all customers as part of its "Our Energy Future" plan. **We believe these rates will make it more difficult for residents and businesses to go solar or to invest in energy conservation.**

Let the PUC know what you think:

1. Rates should encourage conservation and renewable energy.
2. Customers need the freedom to choose solar energy on homes and businesses without paying punitive charges.
3. The future of energy in Colorado should be determined democratically, not just by the monopoly utility.

Register Now!

I can't make it

If you can't make the hearing, please tell the PUC to encourage, not discourage, more solar energy in neighborhoods where you live.

Send your comments to the public utilities commission.

Learn more about Xcel's "Our Energy Future" plan.

Sincerely,

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- <http://www.newenergycolorado.com/#!/Speak-Out-about-Electricity-Rates-June-9/fop6f/573277460cf2eac0f520088a>
- <http://gosolarcolorado.org/>
- <http://solarcommunities.org/>

Even if you don't plan to speak, please take the time to show up in person.

History has shown us that it is very difficult for the PUC to ignore a packed room of respectful and clear solar advocates.

Back in 2005, the rules for Amendment 37 - Colorado's renewable energy standard - were being set. There was a public hearing in the fall, if memory serves me.

Prior to the public hearing, commissioners would literally roll their eyes and discount what renewable advocates were saying. We had some 50 people speak with more than a 100 people present. The PUC's attitude was significantly better after that hearing.

Best and thank you.

If you can't make it, do send a short, respectful email to http://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/CCTS_oWEB.comment_form.

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For sustainability, climate and related issues, including solutions

For those that say "it can't be done" I say: Stay out of the way of those that are DOING IT!

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