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Colorado Energy Office Requests Public Feedback on Building Performance Standard (BPS) Recommendations

DENVER, Friday Jun. 10, 2022 - The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and the Building Performance Standards (BPS) Task Force are requesting the public's input on draft recommendations of the State's building performance standards.

The "Energy Performance for Buildings" Statute (or <u>House Bill 21-1286</u>) established building performance standards, in addition to <u>benchmarking requirements</u>, for the building sector. The goal of this law is to help building owners increase energy efficiency, lower energy costs, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions in the building sector.

The law established building sector-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets of 7% by 2026 and 20% by 2030 (from a 2021 baseline), which are to be met with the building performance standards. Building Performance Standards (BPS) create energy performance targets, such as specific levels of energy or GHG emission performance, for buildings to meet after a set amount of time. These standards help drive energy efficiency improvements and reduction in energy use and GHG emissions in building stock over time.

In order to help the State develop the BPS, House Bill 21-1286 directed CEO to convene a BPS Task Force composed of 18 members that represented a variety of interests and expertise, to develop draft recommendations for the BPS. After an opportunity for public input, the Task Force's recommendations will be finalized and presented to the Colorado Energy Office's Executive Director, the Governor, and the Air Quality Control Commission, which will provide more detailed rules of the BPS through a rulemaking. There will be additional opportunities for public comment during the rulemaking process. The final BPS rules will be published by June 2023.

Consistent with its mission, the BPS Task Force has developed draft recommendations for the State's BPS. The BPS Task Force is requesting public input, including input from building owners and tenants, workforce and tradespeople, local government representatives, environmental justice groups, energy efficiency and building experts, as well as any other members of the public. The Colorado Energy Office has created a <u>survey</u> in which you can provide your feedback, and this accompanying <u>presentation</u> explains the BPS recommendations and process in greater detail. This survey will be open until **July 6th**.

The Colorado Energy Office will also host three virtual public meetings to provide the public more opportunities to provide feedback on the BPS recommendations. Please see the dates and registration links for those meetings below.

- July 12, 2022: 3-5pm (<u>register here</u>)
- July 14, 2022: 3-5pm (<u>register here</u>)
- July 20, 2022: 3-5pm (<u>register here</u>)

Please visit the Colorado Energy Office's <u>website</u> for more information about the BPS and the Task Force.

About the Colorado Energy Office

To deliver on the vision of a prosperous, clean energy future for Colorado, the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and consumer energy costs by advancing clean energy, energy efficiency, and zero emission vehicles to benefit all Coloradans. Go to <u>energyoffice.colorado.gov</u> to learn more.