



Real Possibilities

AARP is asking for your NO vote on HB 1313
by Representatives Becker and Hansen and Senators Winter and Priola

HB 1313 is becoming a “Christmas tree” bill with all sorts of ornaments hung on it.

Please slow this process down! Amending a complicated bill at end of session will lead to unforeseen consequences.

A better solution is to set up an interim study committee to slow down the process and do the job right.

AARP is fuel neutral, we are concerned about the additional cost to ratepayers, especially low income and older Coloradans who can't afford to leave the grid.

Since Xcel announced last year that it will close down billion dollar electric generating stations with useful lives remaining – that business decision should be paid for by Xcel and not Colorado utility consumers.

Adding securitization, similar to refinancing a mortgage, to the bill will cost consumers more money because interest was paid up front and will be have to be repaid if refinanced.

If an RTO (Regional Transmission organization) is amended into this bill it will also a place additional costs on utility customers for annual administrative costs, exit fees, uplift and other surcharges.

An RTO will cause a loss of state energy policy control to FERC, with the cost of having utility earn higher rates of returns under FERC jurisdiction.

In other States with RTO's, there have been problems.

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