BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Docket No. 11A-917E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE HAYDEN EMISSIONS CONTROL PROJECT

ANSWER TESTIMONY

OF

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I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Q: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

A: My name is Leslie Glustrom. I live at 4492 Burr Place, Boulder, Colorado. My phone number is 303-245-8637 and my e-mail address is lglustrom(at)gmail.com.

Q: ARE YOU AN XCEL RATEPAYER AND HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN OTHER COLORADO PUC DOCKETS?

A: Yes, I am an Xcel ratepayer and I have been or I am an intervenor and active participant in the following dockets at the Colorado PUC:

- 05A-072E Comanche-Daniels Park Transmission
- 07A-421E Pawnee-Smoky Hill Transmission
- 07A-521E Interruptible Service Option Credit
- 07A-447E Xcel 2007 Resource Plan
- 07A-469E Fort St. Vrain Turbines
- 08S-520E Xcel 2009 Rate Increase
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- 10A-124E Smart Grid Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
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- 11A-833E Xcel Windsource Revisions
- 11A-869E Xcel 2011 Resource Plan
- 11A-917E Hayden Emission Control Project
- 11AL-947E Xcel Rate Increase

In addition, I have followed many other Colorado PUC dockets related to Xcel and have read much of the testimony and many of the decisions in these other dockets.
Q: HAVE YOU ATTACHED A COPY OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND? A: Yes, Attachment A is a summary of my background and qualifications.

Q: PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY.

A: The primary purpose of my testimony is to provide a public record of what is known about the current and future costs of the decision to add emission controls to the Hayden coal plant and to argue that it will be a mistake to add these pollution controls to aging coal plants for a wide variety of reasons.

Hayden is a two-unit 446 MW coal plant near the town of Hayden, west of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Xcel owns 135 MW of Unit 1 which was commissioned in 1965 and 98 MW of Unit 2 which was commissioned in 1976.

The Colorado PUC is presently facing the consequences of having ignored the data that was repeatedly entered into the record regarding the excess capacity on Xcel’s system and the result has been a significant rate increase for Black Hills customers (11L-382/387E)—and a request for a significant rate increase for Xcel customers (Docket 11AL-947E).

If the Commission continues to ignore the data that has been repeatedly entered into the record—as happened with the case of excess capacity- then the Commission and Xcel’s Colorado ratepayers will be paying the price for many years to come of the clearly non-economic decisions to make large investments in old coal plants such as the Hayden plants

Hayden Unit 1 is now 46 years old and Hayden Unit 2 is 35 years old. For the reasons explained below, it would be a bad investment for ratepayers to spend money on these aging coal plants. Given the large amount of excess capacity on Xcel’s system as well as an assessment of the full costs of maintaining these aging plants in operation for another 18-23 years, it would be
the better solution to retire these coal plants and then invest the money in 21st century demand and supply side solutions.

It is widely known that the addition of pollution controls to these plants was part of the (unwritten) Clean Air Clean Jobs “deal”—but if the Commission continues to cover its eyes and ignore the full impact of this decision on ratepayers, the Commission will be abrogating its fundamental duty to protect the ratepayers and to ensure that rates are “just and reasonable.”

Allowing Xcel’s faulty modeling and projection of coal costs to once again go unchallenged while forcing ratepayers to pay all the costs of operating these plants (including the opportunity costs of not investing in cleaner alternatives) will be to do a serious disservice to present and future ratepayers—to say nothing of the planet and Colorado’s air and water resources.

II. BACKGROUND ON THE HAYDEN PLANTS

Q: PLEASE SUMMARIZE WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE SIZE AND HISTORY OF THE HAYDEN COAL PLANTS.

A: Information on Xcel’s coal plants is provided in Exhibits LWG-1 and LWG-2. It is summarized below for the Hayden 1 and Hayden 2 plants.

Table LWG-1
Summary Data for the Hayden 1 and Hayden 2 Coal Plants

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<th>Net Plant Value for Xcel as of December 31,</th>
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As can be seen from Table LWG-1, Hayden 1 is presently 46 years old and Hayden 2 is 35 years old. As discussed below, these aging coal plants will need on-going capital investments to keep them operational in the coming years.

In this 11A-917E docket, Xcel has stated they intend to operate the Hayden 1 plant until 2030, while in the 10M-245E Clean Air Clean Jobs Docket, Xcel indicated they only intended to operate the Hayden plant until 2025. (See Exhibit LWG-1, Part 2, Spreadsheet)

### III. XCEL’S PROPOSAL FOR THE HAYDEN PLANTS

**Q:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE XCEL’S PROPOSAL IN THIS DOCKET FOR THE HAYDEN COAL PLANTS.

**A:** Xcel’s Application in this asks the Commission to grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) for installation of Selective Catalytic Reduction (“SCR”) for control of emissions on nitrogen oxides (‘NOx’) on Hayden 1 and Hayden 2. The Hayden 1 SCR would be installed by 2015 and the Hayden 2 SCR by 2016. The expected cost of the project is $164.9

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1 There are discrepancies between Exhibit LWG-1 and LWG-2 with respect to the initial capital investment for the Hayden coal plants. Table LWG-1 uses the information from Exhibit LWG-2.

2 The fact that Xcel intends to operate the Hayden 1 plant until 2030 was provided in the corrected response to Discovery Request LWG 2-11, provided on January 4, 2011.

3 As discussed on page 76, lines 13-21 of the Direct Testimony of Xcel Witness Karen Hyde in the 11A-947E rate increase docket, Xcel acquired ownership interests in the Hayden coal plants as a result of the 1992 Colorado Ute Electric Association bankruptcy.

4 The fact that Xcel intends to operate the Hayden 1 plant until 2030 was provided in the corrected response to Discovery Request LWG 2-11, provided on January 4, 2011.
million of which about $90 million would be Xcel’s share.\(^5\) Xcel’s projected share of the cost for Unit 1 is $55.8 million and for Unit 2 is $34 million.\(^6\)

As can be seen from Table LWG-1, above, the $55.8 million that would be spent for the SCR on Hayden 1 would approximately triple the value of the plant which currently has a net value of only about $27.4 million. In the case of Hayden 2, the relative cost of the SCR to Xcel’s share of the plant is not quite as large, but $34 million is still over half of the present net value of the plant.

IV. COST IMPACTS OF XCEL’S PROPOSAL

Q: PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COST IMPACTS OF XCEL’S PROPOSAL FOR THE HAYDEN COAL PLANTS

A: There is a host of likely cost impacts of Xcel’s proposal for the Hayden coal plants including (but not limited to) the following:

- “Return of” the capital investment
- “Return on” the capital investment
- Coal Cost and Supply Issues
- Increased Fixed Operating and Maintenance (“FOM”) costs
- Increased Variable Operating and Maintenance (“VOM”) costs
- Capital expenditures to maintain aging coal plants
- Possible increased costs due to more stringent environmental controls
- Possible costs related to carbon dioxide emissions

\(^5\) See Xcel’s Application in this 11A-917E docket, pages 3-4.
\(^6\) See Xcel’s Application in this 11A-917E docket, page 5.
Each of these cost impacts will be discussed below and then will be followed by an analysis of Xcel’s claim related to the costs

A. “Return of” the capital investment

The obvious cost impact of Xcel’s proposal for the Hayden plant is that Xcel’s ratepayers will be expected to pay the “return of” the capital investment of approximately $89.8 million ($55.8 million for Unit 1 and $34 million for Unit 2, as discussed above.)

B. “Return on” the capital investment

After making a capital investment, Xcel expects to recover not just that capital investment, but also a “return on” that investment which is typically Xcel’s weighted average cost of capital (“WACC”) times the capital investment.

Xcel’s analysis of the rate impact of the “return on” investment is found in Exhibit LWG-3.

C. Coal Cost and Supply Issues

1. Xcel Has Acknowledged the Clean Air Clean Jobs Coal Estimates Were Wrong

Xcel witness Susan Arigoni has acknowledged that the coal cost estimates used in the Clean Air Clean Jobs 10M-245E docket (as provided by the Wood Mackenzie consulting firm) were wrong and she has provided the following updated coal costs on page 12 of her Direct Testimony.
2. Xcel is Unwilling to Accept a Limit on Future Coal Cost Recovery

In response to discovery questions, Xcel has indicated that the coal cost estimates in Ms. Arigoni’s testimony were estimates and that Xcel is unwilling to accept a limit on future cost recovery for coal costs for the Hayden plants. Given Xcel’s extremely poor track record on predicting coal costs, as discussed below, there is no reason for the Commission, the parties or Xcel ratepayers to have confidence in Xcel’s coal cost estimates as discussed below.
3. Xcel Has a Very Poor Track Record of Predicting Coal Costs

Xcel has a long track record of failing to analyze coal cost and supply issues and of failing to analyze their coal supplies and of failing to accurately project future coal costs. See Exhibits LWG-13 and LWG-16 for Xcel’s acknowledgement that they had not conducted any analyses of coal supply in 2006 or 2008.


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From Exhibit LWG-18, Xcel provided that:

The following are Public Service Company of Colorado’s average delivered coal costs for 2011.

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As can be seen, the $1.75/MMBTU that Xcel paid for coal in 2011 was a price that in 2008 they projected they wouldn’t pay until approximately 2040.

4. Xcel’s Coal Costs Have Been Going Up Over 5% Per Year

As can be seen from the table below, Xcel’s coal costs have typically been going up over 5% per year.

**Xcel’s Coal Cost Escalation for 10M-245E Coal Plants**

*2005-2009 Average Cost Escalation*

(Using Data from Xcel found in Docket 10M-245E, Exhibits LWG 1-3, with Hearing Exhibit 121.)

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7 The apparently low cost escalation for the Pawnee coal plant was discussed at length in Ms. Glustrom’s testimony in the 10M-245E docket.
8 Exhibits LWG1-3 are Xcel’s Colorado coal costs as provided by Xcel. These are found as Attachments to the Answer Testimony of Leslie Glustrom submitted on September 17, 2010, Hearing Exhibit 121.
5. Nationally, Coal Costs Have Been Going Up About 10% Per Year

Nationally, coal costs have been going up approximately 10% per year since 2004 when many long-term coal contracts began expiring as shown in Exhibit LWG-19.

6. Colorado Coal Production is Dropping Dramatically Since Apparent Peak in 2004

An examination of Colorado coal production indicates that Colorado production likely peaked in 2004 just short of 40 million tons. Coal production data by state is available in the Energy Information Administration Annual Coal Reports available from [http://www.eia.gov/coal/annual/](http://www.eia.gov/coal/annual/). Since that time, Colorado coal production has dropped by over a third and in 2010 Colorado coal production was a little above 25 million tons. As can be seen from Exhibits LWG-6 and LWG-7 (showing Colorado coal production in 2004 and 2010 by mine) this drop in production appears to be driven by mines closing and production dropping at many other mines. As is typically the case with non-renewable resources such as coal, the more easily accessible resources are mined first and as they play out it becomes increasingly expensive to mine the coal, coal costs rise and production begins to fall off as the more easily accessible resources are depleted. This declining production does not appear likely to turn around and with declining supplies this could easily drive the prices of Colorado coal up.
D. Increased Fixed Operating and Maintenance (“FOM”) costs

Xcel’s analysis of increase Fixed Operation and Maintenance (“FOM”) costs is shown in Exhibit LWG-4. These costs will be passed on to ratepayers.

E. Increased Variable Operating and Maintenance (“VOM”) costs

Xcel’s analysis of increase Variable Operation and Maintenance (“VOM”) costs is shown in Exhibit LWG-4. These costs will be passed on to ratepayers.

F. Capital expenditures to maintain aging coal plants

Xcel has acknowledged that keeping these coal plants going will require on-going capital expenditures for the plants. These needs were detailed in Discovery Responses SC 2-7 and
Glustrom 4-5 and 8-1. Ratepayers will be responsible for return of and return on these investments.

G. Possible increased costs due to more stringent environmental controls

As we go through the next 25 years to 2036, there is good reason to believe that environmental regulations will become more stringent. Costs to comply with these increased costs are typically passed on to ratepayers.

V. PROBLEMS WITH XCEL’S ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Examples of problems with Xcel’s Retirement Option include:

- Failure to consider the excess capacity on Xcel’s system as shown in the Loads and Resources Table below. In years when there is excess capacity, then Xcel would not need to build new generic resources to replace the Hayden coal plant.

- Failure to consider the fact that Boulder may leave Xcel’s system freeing up additional excess capacity. (See Exhibits LWG 9 and 10.)

- Failure to consider the availability of gas turbines that have already been built and which would otherwise be stranded. These gas turbines (e.g. the Southwest Generation Resources) can be seen in the Loads and Resources Table below.

- Failure to consider the very serious impacts of climate change as underscored in 2011 by the Berkeley Earth study summarized below.

- Failure to consider the very likely cheaper option of managing demand instead of building new capacity to meet peak demand—which by definition occurs only
one hour of the year. (See exceedance data for Xcel’s load below.) Coal plants that operate almost around the clock are not good resources to meet peak demand.

- Failure to consider health and environmental costs of coal-fired generation as was done in the 10M-245E docket.

- Failure to consider the possibility of more stringent environmental regulations related to issues such as coal ash and mercury.

- Failure to consider the costs associated with locking in inflexible resources when in the 21st century increasing levels of renewable energy are best complemented by more flexible resources, including natural gas turbines—not inflexible coal plants.

- Combining a low coal cost escalation rate with a discounting of future fuel and chemical costs at 7.6% per year.

Data supporting these concerns is shown below.

### Loads and Resources from 11A-869E Showing Excess Capacity
(Resource Plan Docket; Volume 2; page 2-339)

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**Notes:**
- Data represents projected values for PSCo's Load and Resources Balance for the years 2011 to 2022.
- Figures are in megawatts (MW).
- Further details and sources are provided in the main document.
Percentage of Time that Xcel’s Load Was Exceeded in 2011

Data from LWG 1-10 in Docket 11A-869E

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Berkeley Earth Study on Climate Change Released in 2011.

Papers submitted for peer review in October 2011
http://berkeleyearth.org/available-resources/
http://berkeleyearth.org/study/

A New Assessment of Global Warming

The most important indicator of global warming, by far, is the land and sea surface temperature record. This has been criticized in several ways, including the choice of stations and the methods for correcting systematic errors. The Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature study sets out to do a new analysis of the surface temperature record in a rigorous manner that addresses this criticism. We are using over 39,000 unique stations, which is more than five times the 7,280 stations found in the Global Historical Climatology Network Monthly data set (GHCN-M) that has served as the focus of many climate studies.

Our aim is to resolve current criticism of the former temperature analyses, and to prepare an open record that will allow rapid response to further
criticism or suggestions. Our results include not only our best estimate for the global temperature change, but estimates of the uncertainties in the record.

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- The Lee and Juliet Folger Fund ($20,000)
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- Fund for Innovative Climate and Energy Research (created by Bill Gates) ($100,000)
- Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation ($150,000)
- The Ann & Gordon Getty Foundation ($50,000)

We have also received funding from a number of private individuals, totaling $14,500 as of June 2011.


In so doing, we find that the global land mean temperature has increased by 0.911 ± 0.042 °C since the 1950s (95% confidence for statistical and spatial uncertainties). This change is consistent with global land-surface warming results previously reported, but with reduced uncertainty.

A YouTube video graphic of global temperatures using the Berkeley data set can be viewed here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHZzACcYJRo&feature=related

If you are wondering how “global warming” can lead to record winters and snow storms in the higher latitudes go to this You Tube for an explanation of why Arctic warming is like “leaving the fridge door open” leading to cooling and anomalous winters in places like the United States.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBlLP6KTrsE&feature=related

Q: DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME

A: Yes
Summary of Qualifications for Leslie Glustrom

Leslie Glustrom is an independent energy consultant and the part-time Director of Research and Policy for Clean Energy Action, a non-profit group based in Boulder, Colorado that engages in fact-based energy education for the 21st century. She is a frequent intervenor at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission where, as a non-attorney, she represents herself.

From 1975-1977, Ms. Glustrom was a science writer for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From 1977-1983, she was a science policy analyst for the Wisconsin State Legislature. From 1983-1996 she taught chemistry, biochemistry and environmental chemistry at two colleges in Arizona. From 1996-2004 she managed a protein structure research lab at the University of Colorado-Boulder. In 2004, she began working full time on climate change and clean energy issues and has spoken throughout Colorado and in several other states on energy policy for the 21st century.

Relevant Publications

Selected Speaking Engagements on 21st Century Energy Policy

- 2006-2007—Numerous talks in Colorado on Concentrating Solar Power
- February 2007—IGCC—Asking the Hard Questions, Denver, Colorado
- November 2008—Environmental Protection Agency, Seattle, Washington
- February 2009—UN Association of USA, Denver, Colorado
- September 2009—Next Agenda Conference, San Francisco (Videotaped interview)
- October 2009—Harvard True Cost of Coal Conference, Washington, DC
- November 2009—Michigan Future’s Conference, Crystal Mountain Resort, Michigan
- April 2010—PLAN Boulder, Boulder, Colorado
- September 2010—Frasier Meadows, Boulder, Colorado
- June 2011—Environmental Protection Agency, Denver, Colorado
- September 2011—Environmental and Clean Energy Groups, Durango, Colorado
- January 2012—Coal and Finance Workshop, New York, New York
- January 2012—Renew Wisconsin Summit, Madison, Wisconsin

Awards for Energy Work

- 2006—Colorado Solar Energy Society--President’s Award
- 2009—Boulder County Audubon Society--Community Conservation Award
- 2011—PLAN Boulder County—Gilbert White Award
- 2011—Colorado Renewable Energy Society--Larson-Notari Award
- 2011—Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center—Peacemaker of the Year Award

Education

B.S. and M.S. Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison