



Our Perspective

Xcel Energy is committed to providing our customers the safe, clean, and reliable energy services that they want and value at an affordable price. The driving force behind the company's actions is to protect the best interest of our customers, both in Boulder and the entire state of Colorado. Our highly skilled employees work around the clock to keep our system running safely and reliably for all customers. This expertise and knowledge means you have reliable service and fast restoration when emergencies arise.

Xcel Energy delivers clean, renewable energy at the lowest cost possible. Renewable energy sources play a vital and growing role in our energy supply and our future plans for meeting customer energy needs.

For more than a decade, Xcel Energy has collaborated with regulators, legislators, community leaders, clean energy advocates and other stakeholders to steadily increase the use of renewable energy. Xcel Energy's clean energy strategy serves as a model for how utilities and government can work together to significantly reduce emissions at the lowest cost to customers.

We are fortunate to operate in regions rich in wind and sun for producing electricity, which we are putting to use. Not only are we responding to customer interests, but we are reducing carbon emissions and other environmental impacts, diversifying our energy supply, and even, saving customers money. Under our "steel for fuel" strategy, we are building new wind farms—including the Rush Creek Wind Project on Colorado's eastern plains—that will result in billions of dollars in future fuel savings for customers.

We are approaching solar with the same level of commitment as wind. Last year we brought the 120-megawatt Comanche Solar project online. Located in Pueblo, Colorado, it is the largest solar project east of the Rocky Mountains.

Xcel Energy is committed to doing what is right for our customers and the environment. Sustainability is keenly important to residents and businesses that call Colorado home. In 2016, Xcel Energy reduced carbon emissions by 30 percent from 2005 levels. This significant milestone is the product of our clean energy strategy, as well as our commitment to stakeholder engagement.

We expect to significantly reduce emissions further over the next five years, achieving at least a 45 percent reduction in carbon emissions from 2005 levels by 2021.

Xcel Energy also brings the expertise to take advantage of all efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. Our customers can participate in over 40 energy efficiency programs to help use less energy, reduce energy use during periods of peak demand or increase renewable generation—and are rewarded with rebates and energy savings.

Just as our customers want more control over their energy use, they also want more choice in how their energy is produced, making it possible for them to choose their own personal energy options that best fit their individual interests and needs. Boulder participates in Xcel Energy's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs at a rate of a city several times larger than its size.

Every day, we are reminded of how privileged we are to be in the energy business. It starts with the essential basics, with our electric and natural gas service providing 24/7/365 convenience for millions of customers. Doing that well will always be a key priority for us.

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