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Progressive 15 Energy Principles

Energy development has been and will continue to play a very important role in the economic development of the Progressive 15 region and the state of Colorado. Colorado must maintain its place as a key global energy resources provider. Energy in the state is a vast portfolio that ranges from biomass, coal, geothermal, hydroelectricity, natural gas, oil, solar, wind, and uranium resources. Energy development and maintaining a reliable energy infrastructure is a complex task. These principles are designed to assist policy makers in maintaining and enhancing this critical segment of Colorado's economy and to protect Colorado's energy consumers.

Principle Statements

- Supports the promotion, usage, and development of all energy resources in the Progressive 15 region.
- Opposes regulation that would add materially to the cost of energy extraction and production operations, unless such regulation is deemed necessary by industry expertise and business realities.
- Supports expediting the review, permitting, and development process for the construction of energy related infrastructure.
- Opposes any efforts to divert severance tax dollars away from the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund.
- Opposes any rules and regulations from the United States Environmental Protection Agency without specific legislative authorization by Congress.

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