

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SUBCOMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

COSSA's commercial and industrial subcommittee meets every two weeks for half an hour to review legislative, regulatory, and permitting developments and decide on COSSA actions. Meetings are a combination of staff summaries of key developments, member discussions of policy ramifications, and industry consensus building on appropriate next steps. At times, these discussions are responsive to new developments, at other times these meetings are for COSSA members to initiate policy campaigns and spearhead change in the industry.

For 2023, COSSA's C&I subcommittee meets every other **Thursday at 11am MT**.

BENEFITS

- **Stay in the know** – frequent, reliable communications about industry happenings
- **Easily digested** – thousands of pages of regulatory filings and dense legislative initiatives summarized, referenced, and digested for you
- **Get a seat at the table** – COSSA is the first stop for decision-makers, lobbyists, and industry groups when policy issues touch on solar and storage. We are the trusted and formidable voice for the industry in the state.
- **Shape policy in the state** – campaigns start (or die) in our subcommittees. This is where the real policy work gets done.
- **Your presence under the Gold Dome** – COSSA has lobbyists and attorneys at the State Capitol who work hard to pass laws that move the industry forward.

2023 PRIORITIES

- **Fighting for Net Metering** – COSSA is working hard to ensure net metering compensation remains consistent and predictable for the industry for all of Colorado's 55 utilities. This is COSSA's top priority for 2023. COSSA is engaging in conversations with the Governor's office about net metering stability, and will have a presence in all necessary forums to ensure this bedrock of the industry remains secure.
- **Building the Building Electrification Market** – As Colorado's building stock faces new requirements to decarbonize, the demand for new renewable energy to offset emissions is increasing. COSSA is fighting to ensure that distributed generation is one of the tools in the toolbox to decarbonize buildings.

- **Xcel Phase II rate case** – Xcel has filed a case to set the rate design for all customer classes. COSSA is engaged to ensure stability in the time-of-use peak time windows and refine demand charges for the larger C&I customers.
- **Xcel Distribution System Planning Stakeholder Process** – Xcel and Gridlab are holding a series of technical stakeholder meetings to discuss the implementation of the DSP. COSSA will continue to push for accurate and available hosting capacity tools, a cost sharing mechanism for system upgrades, and reasonable equipment utilization rates.
- **Xcel Secondary General Time-of-Use Pilot** – forged out of COSSA's advocacy work in a 2021 rate case, COSSA will continue to monitor this pilot as it enters its second year of operation. The pilot provides an opportunity to test time-of-use rates for larger C&I customers and move away from static demand charges.

PAST WINS

- **Passing Interconnection Penalty Legislation** – Thanks to COSSA's efforts, utilities that violate interconnection timelines now face statutory penalties.
- **Ending Problematic Rate Designs** – COSSA pushed back on regressive demand charges imposed on the SG customer class, which improperly devalue solar during peak times. Xcel is pivoting away from this historic approach in its Phase II rate case filing.
- **Aggregated Net Metering** – COSSA successfully fought to change Colorado law to allow master-metered properties and individually-metered multi-unit properties to be allowed to participate in net metering programs. This ensures access for residents in multi-family dwellings to go solar.

INVESTMENT

- \$5,000/annually. Payable in two installments (March/September)

MAXIMIZING YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALUE

- **Arrive prepared** – with only thirty minutes to review everything that has happened in the industry in the last two weeks, it is important participants arrive ready to discuss agenda items.
- **Keep confidentiality** – maintaining confidentiality is vital to the effectiveness of COSSA's subcommittees. Meeting comments and subcommittee work products are not to be shared with those outside of the policy subcommittee.
- **Respond quickly** – COSSA staff depend on the expertise of our members. Your wisdom and experience will be vital to ensuring sound policy throughout Colorado. Many times we need a quick turnaround, and we ask that you respond expeditiously.