

LARGE-SCALE SUBCOMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

COSSA's large-scale subcommittee meets every two weeks for a 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 large-scale subcommittee meets every other **Tuesday at 10am 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

- **Xcel's 2021 Electric Resource Plan, Phase II** – COSSA is monitoring the resource solicitation and ensuring fair treatment of third-party bids to ensure our Phase I gains are carried out in Phase II.
- **Tri-State's 2023 Electric Resource Plan** – Tri-State will be seeking significant new renewable energy capacity to replace retiring thermal assets. COSSA will engage to shape that conversation as well as keep members up-to-date on acquisition developments.

- **Statewide Transmission Planning** – COSSA is engaged with the Colorado Electric Transmission Authority (CETA) as it looks to develop new, independent transmission lines in the state. COSSA also participates in the utility-led Colorado Coordinated Planning Group (CCPG) as it explores expansion.
- **Shaping Colorado's Future RTO** – SB 21-072 requires Colorado's Transmission Utilities to join a Regional Transmission Organization by 2030. COSSA is engaged in the rulemaking to implement SB21-072 at the Public Utilities Commission and is in conversations about market formation, be they East, West, or something in between.

PAST WINS

- **Xcel's 2021 Electric Resource Plan, Phase I** – COSSA fought for fair treatment of renewable energy in the ELCC valuation used in the utility modeling process. COSSA also assured a level playing field for third-party IPP contracts and utility-owned resources in the Phase II solicitation.
- **San Luis Valley Transmission Investigation** – Due to COSSA's advocacy work on Xcel's Power Pathway, the Commission has agreed to explore transmission solutions in the San Luis Valley in 2023.

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.