

RESIDENTIAL SUBCOMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

COSSA's residential 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 residential subcommittee meets every other **Tuesday at 1:30pm 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 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.
- **Improving Interconnection Processes** – COSSA is engaged in Xcel Energy's Interconnection Tariff proceeding, which will impose symmetrical penalties and incentives based on the time it takes to interconnect residential solar customers to the grid. COSSA will fight hard to make sure Xcel's Performance Incentive Mechanism structure will change its problematic practices for good.

- **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.
- **Implementation of the Renewable Energy Standard Plan** - the fall 2022 approval of Xcel's latest RES Plan extended program offerings and authorized the creation of a pay-for-performance battery program. COSSA continues to press Xcel to ensure these programs are adopted consistent with our agreement.
- **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.

PAST WINS

- **Passing Interconnection Penalty Legislation** – Thanks to COSSA's efforts, utilities that violate interconnection timelines now face penalties prescribed by statute.
- **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.
- **Distribution System Planning** – COSSA and allies advocated for statutory changes that impose distribution system planning requirements on investor owned utilities. This increases the transparency in how utilities spend ratepayer dollars to maintain and expand the distribution system.

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.