



State of Colorado

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The state of Colorado, through the Governor's Energy Policy Council and a Citizens' Committee on Energy Conservation, has been working for the last several months on developing a statewide energy conservation plan with funds made available by the Federal Energy Administration. The Committee assisted in studying the state's energy conservation needs and compiling information relating to the substance and structure of the energy conservation plan. The group was comprised of persons representing a wide variety of interests, divided into different work teams to study the areas of conservation in buildings, transportation, state and local government and education. The result of their work is a draft state energy conservation plan, which will now be presented to the citizens of Colorado in a series of public hearings around the state for the purpose of review of the plan and solicitation of comments from the public. Following is a list of the dates and locations of these hearings:

Monday, Dec. 13 -- Holiday Inn, Pueblo, 5:00-8:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 -- Holiday Inn North, Colorado Springs,
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 16 -- Hilton Hotel, Denver, 1:30-7:30 P.M.
Monday, Dec. 20 -- Ramada Inn, Grand Junction, 1:30-7:30 P.M.

The hearings will be organized as follows:

- I. Introduction of Chairperson (30 minutes)
- II. Summary of plan proposals (30 minutes)
 - a. Transportation
 - b. State government
 - c. Buildings
 - d. Education
 - e. Plan supervision
- III. Public Testimony (2 hours)

The two hearings running from 1:30 to 7:30 P.M. will allow a break from 4:00 to 5:00 and then begin again.

The purpose of the hearings is to determine what changes, corrections or additions to the plan might be necessary. This notice is being sent to you in the hope that you will be able to attend the hearing nearest you. Your input would be appreciated. Copies of the draft energy conservation plan are available for your review in public and college libraries and the mayor's office in your town. If you would like your own copy of the plan or desire further information about the hearings, please call the Governor's Energy Policy Council in Denver, 892-2507.

You will find a summary of the plan on the reverse side of this letter.

Summary of the State of Colorado

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Energy Conservation Plan

This plan was created in response to the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), signed into law December 22, 1975. That act offers funding to states (in Colorado's case approximately \$2 million for the four-year life of the plan), contingent upon the Federal Energy Administration's (FEA's) acceptance of their plans and requires that the states incorporate into their plans programs in carpooling and vanpooling, in government purchasing practices, and in thermal and lighting efficiency for buildings. To qualify for EPCA funding, Colorado must also comply with the law's stated goal: that the states should conserve, through their plans, 5% of each state's projected energy consumption for the year 1980.

Colorado's plan goes well beyond the minimum federal requirements. Our projected energy consumption for 1980 amounts to 802.2 trillion British Thermal Units (BTU's, a measure used as a common denominator for all energy sources), of which 5% would equal 40.11 Trillion BTU's. The proposals contained in the plan should earn at least 52.80 Trillion BTU's, thereby exceeding the federal requirement by 25%.

There are twenty-two proposals. To fund costs above EPCA funding, the plan draws on other federal funds, makes several proposals self-funding, uses private resources and asks the state legislature for some direct funding. Several proposals, including the thermal and lighting efficiency codes, will require action by the Colorado Legislature before they can be implemented. Some other programs of interest include a statewide bikeway construction proposal, a utility-sponsored insulation program, an energy-saving irrigation proposal, an energy use awareness program, and proposals considering staggered work hours and four-day work weeks for metropolitan areas.

Implementation of the proposals will be shared by the public and private sectors, with the predominant responsibility held by various departments of state government.