Minutes
GCESG: Energy Committee Meeting
April 28th, 2020 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm


Members of Public: Maria Nájera, Jamie Allen

2. Meeting Minutes:
   - Introduction and opening statement from Chairman Pena
   - Discussion on previously discussed policy recommendations
     ○ Funding to support community resilience projects
     ○ Clean energy funding from the federal government to support state programs
     ○ Recommendation to look into funding or programs that would help utility providers use innovative energy technologies
     ○ Ask regulatory boards to look into different requirements for the energy sector and help make business operations manageable while still focusing on the health and safety of Colorado.
   - Discussion on newly proposed policy items (no determination on whether to advance as recs)
     ○ Issues related to energy taxes and the impact on local funding
     ○ Impact on energy industry and solutions to mitigate the current burden they are facing
       ■ Working group to continue to develop these concepts
     ○ Issues related to statewide pipeline corridor
     ○ Discussed expedited returns of sales/ use tax refunds to support businesses
     ○ Continued discussion on RTO and how/ if this type of program would be helpful to the state
     ○ Discussed a request for federal stimulus funds to go to utility providers to help support the cash flow of these companies as they deal with non-payment of bills.

3. Action Items:
   - Formalizing recommendation into a report to be reviewed by end of the week
   - Formalize working groups to continue to work on complex policy proposals around utilities and energy industry
   - Work on developing language around cooperative utility providers and digital voting
   - Continue discussions around taxes impacting industry