



## *State of Colorado*

### **LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE**

**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Senator Garcia

**Re:** Request for interim study committee regarding investor owned utilities energy choices.

**Date:** 4/5/2019 (Updated 4/15/2019)

#### **Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.**

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study investor-owned utilities' rates, reliability, and energy choice during the interim between the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Investor-owned Utility Review Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied are an ongoing examination of the programs and practices of electric investor-owned utilities (IOUs) in Colorado with a particular focus on issues involving consumer choice and affordability in electric supply including:

- the IOUs' administration of energy assistance programs and the sufficiency of those programs based on best practices;
- the IOUs' administration of time-of-day or time-of-use metering programs, including pilot programs;
- whether an audit of any IOU consumer programs is warranted and, if so, to formulate the document to request the audit;
- what new or augmented reports an IOU should be required to provide the commission or the General Assembly; and
- the role of community aggregated choice in the consumer price of energy.

The interim study committee would need to meet four times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of six members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- three members of the Senate, with two appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and
- three members of the House of Representatives, with two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

Nonlegislative members will have a role in the interim study committee. The study committee will look at the rates for services, disconnection rates and customer service levels and seek to

leverage the expertise of those individuals working daily in the space. The role and responsibility of nonlegislative members will be to answer questions regarding their field of expertise and to represent earned knowledge within the field.

The interim study committee will include eight nonlegislative members appointed by the President of the Senate by June 30, 2019, as follows:

- a representative of investor-owned utilities;
- a member of the legal staff of the Public Utilities Commission or the Colorado Attorney General's Office;
- a member of the city council of a city served by an IOU;
- a county commissioner of a county served by an IOU;
- a representative of the Office of Consumer Counsel; and
- three geographically diverse citizens.

The interim study committee will need four bills to address the issues it studies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.