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**SB25-299 Consumer Protection Residential Energy Systems**

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<p>Marilyn Stansbury For IECRM, independent electrical contractors Rocky Mountain</p>	<p>May 2025</p> <p>Testimony in Support of SB25-299: Consumer Protection Residential Energy Systems</p> <p>Thank you Representative Valdez and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee.</p> <p>Thank you Representative Brown and Representative Soper, and Senator Wallace for your sponsorship of Senate Bill 25-299.</p> <p>I am Marilyn Akers Stansbury, CEO, Independent Electrical Contractors Rocky Mountain (IECRM).</p> <p>IECRM is an industry trade association serving the electrical contracting and renewable energy industry and a four-year Registered Apprenticeship Program training the next generation electrician for JourneyWorker licensure.</p> <p>We represent more than 300 electrical contractor companies and industry partners in the electrical trade in Colorado and Wyoming. We are the largest apprenticeship program across all industries in Colorado and the largest independent electrical contractor - merit shop - apprenticeship program in the country.</p> <p>IEC Rocky Mountain's current apprenticeship enrollment is 2800 students.</p> <p>On behalf of our organization's solar contractor community - which includes some shared crossover membership with COSSA - we testify in support of Senate Bill 25-299. This bill is a key step forward for consumer protection in Colorado's rapidly growing residential solar and battery storage market.</p> <p>As more Colorado homeowners turn to clean energy solutions, they deserve confidence that the products and agreements they enter into are transparent, fair, and reliable. This legislation ensures that solar sales companies provide clear disclosures on pricing, performance expectations, warranties, and financing terms—</p>

	<p>empowering consumers to make informed decisions before signing a contract and making a decision on a long-term investment.</p> <p>This legislation addresses common challenges and complaints in the marketplace—such as misleading savings claims, unauthorized utility affiliation, and unclear cancellation rights. Through written warranties and standardized contract terms, this bill promotes trust in the clean energy transition while holding bad actors accountable under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act.</p> <p>Importantly, this bill does not stifle innovation or solar growth—it strengthens the marketplace by setting consistent expectations that benefit both consumers and ethical businesses alike.</p> <p>SB25-299 is a smart, balanced, and important consumer protection policy. IECRM asks for your support of this bill.</p> <p>I am happy to be a resource and answer any questions about this or other legislation impacting the electrical trade, the construction industry, general business, or workforce development.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Marilyn Akers Stansbury</p> <p>CEO, Independent Electrical Contractors - Rocky Mountain (IECRM)</p> <p>11429 Pearl Street, Northglenn, CO 80233</p> <p>Direct: 303.848.2513   Office: 303.853.4886   Cell: 404.435.6487</p> <p><a href="mailto:marilyn@iecrm.org">marilyn@iecrm.org</a>   <a href="http://www.iecrm.org">www.iecrm.org</a></p>
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200 E Colfax Ave.,  
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Dear Chair Valdez and Members of the House Energy & Environment Committee,

On behalf of Colorado Springs Utilities, I'm writing to express our support for SB25-299 Consumer Protection Residential Energy Systems. Colorado Springs Utilities is a four-service, not-for-profit, municipal utility with more more than 254,000 electric meters.

Our organization supports a network of over 90 commercial solar installation companies in our service territory who install over 1,000 new systems each year. By the end of 2023, 4.0% of our customers had interconnected behind-the-meter renewable generation systems, providing approximately 40MW of distributed solar generation capacity on a clear, sunny day. We are proactively adding requirements for advanced inverter features to enable additional future solar hosting capacity and distribution system stability to allow more solar to be installed on our system in the long term.

Springs Utilities would like to thank the Colorado Solar & Storage Association (COSSA) for including us as a stakeholder in the drafting of SB25-299 and incorporating our feedback into the bill before you today. This bill will provide our customers greater transparency, enabling them to make informed decisions with the added requirements for solar sales companies to disclose they are not affiliated with, sponsored by, or approved by a consumer's local utility, as well as requiring a statement encouraging customers to contact their local utility for questions regarding rates and preventing sales materials from including the names or logos of public utilities without direct authorization.

Solar installations can be expensive, and we feel that it's important that our customers can trust the information before them while considering a substantial investment. We believe SB25-299 puts forth important minimum standards that promote trust with our customers and protects them from falling victim to fraudulent actors.

For these reasons, we ask that you and members of the committee support SB25-299. Please let me know if there are any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

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