



April 21, 2024

Senate Transportation & Energy Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Re: SB24- 207 Access to distributed energy

Dear Members of the Senate Transportation & Energy Committee:

My name is Ann Sutton, living in Westminster CO. This testimony represents the Support of the League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) for the bill to expand and define various entities in the electricity supply chain that are now required to submit Clean Energy Plans that will achieve clean energy targets. The bill appears to be filling gaps in the supply chain for which greenhouse gas emissions may not be adequately accounted and providing descriptions of resources and activities intended to reach clean energy targets.

In 2019 LWVCO supported the Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution that sets statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals relative to 2005 statewide levels and requires the Air Quality Control Commission to adopt rules and regulations for statewide GHG reduction.

According to the *Colorado Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction* roadmap (2021) the 2005 baseline GHG emissions for the electricity generation sector were about 40 million metric tons of CO2 equivalents.

“Electricity generation emissions largely come from coal-fired power plants with a small portion from fossil methane gas-fired power plants. Achieving the 2030 goals will rely on deep reductions in pollution from electricity generation by continuing the transition to renewable energy....”

Coal plant retirements have contributed to progress in emissions reductions in the sector.

LWVCO supports the environmentally sound use of energy resources, with consideration of the entire cycle of energy production and action by appropriate levels of government to encourage the use of renewable resources through mandatory standards.

We encourage the collaborative approaches by the AQCC and PUC in addressing the urgent need for carbon-free electricity generation. We thank the sponsors for bringing this timely initiative to the legislature and the Committee for its careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

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