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Community Prosperity Through Renewable Energy

A Case for Member- Controlled Generation

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- CHEN advocates for Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) projects that are:
 - Small scale: 30MW or less
 - Preferably Locally-owned
- HB10-1418: another legislative step in this direction
 - 2.0 x REC multiplier for projects interconnected with rural electric coops or municipal utilities.
 - A new revenue source until December, 2014.

The CHEN Request

- We request that Tri-State establish community-based development as the sole means for deploying renewable technologies.
- The Policy 115 five percent self-generation allowance totals 76MW for Colorado member coops.

Why C-BED

- C-BED combined with Demand Side Mgmt. Keeps energy dollars in the local community.
- The democratic coop structure is ideally suited for C-BED
- Utilizes existing infrastructure
- Potential system benefits

Scenario modeling

- We request that Tri-State model a scenario containing 76MW of member-controlled generation.

Action Plan Recommendations

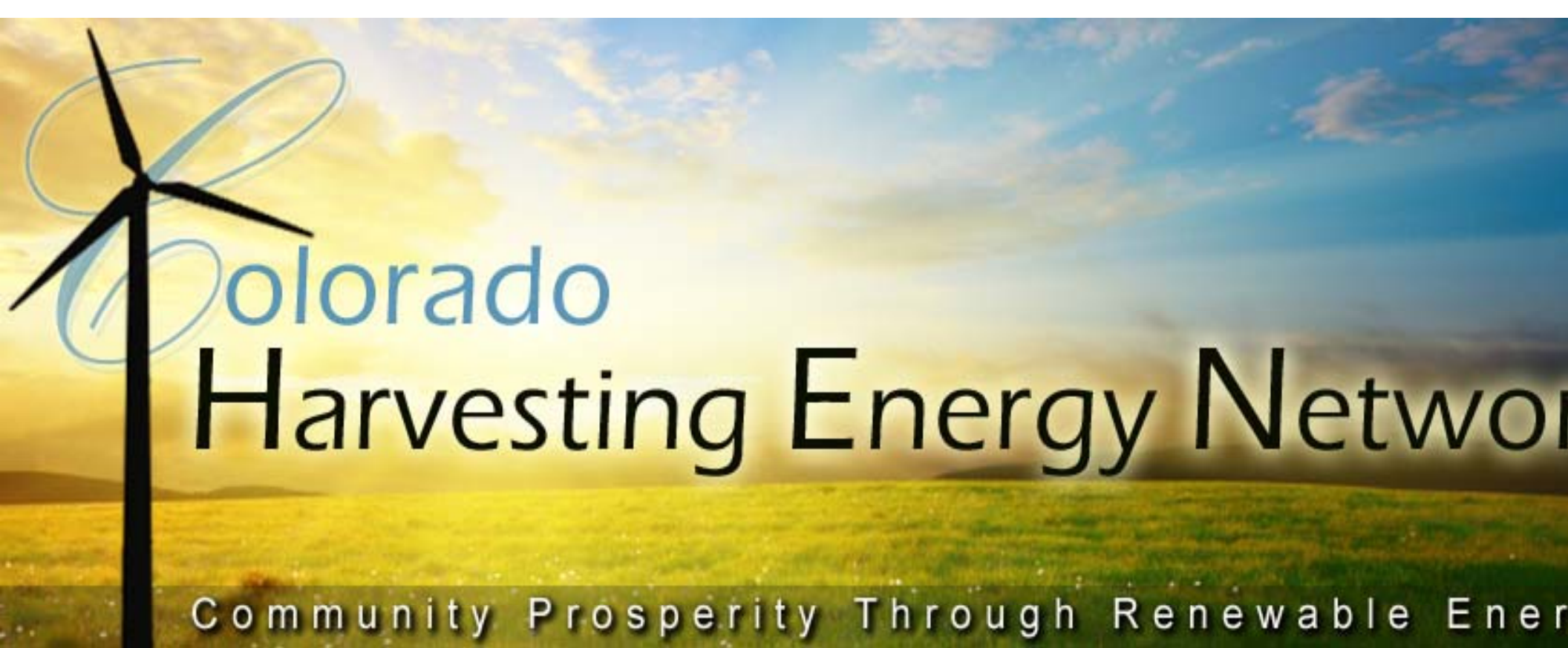
- In response to local demand, Tri-State has taken positive steps (policies 117 and 118).
- Now, we need to create standard contracts that will result in deployment of C-BED technologies.
- Examine integration costs and benefits of C-BED projects in parallel with Xcel Energy and the Governor's Energy Office.

Conclusion

- An opportunity to benefit rural economies
- We support the Seven Cooperative Principles

Number Seven: Concern for Community

“While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities.”



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