



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

Climate Change Policy Will Cost Jobs and Increase Rates

The Colorado General Assembly is moving forward with a homegrown version of Carbon Cap and Trade. HB1365 in it's current form will cost jobs at coal based utility companies, coal mining jobs, railroad workers jobs and increase energy costs for families throughout the state.

In an effort to get on over the EPA, Colorado House and Senate members are ramming through a bill that clearly states " THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IN DESIGNING A CORDINATED EMISSION REDUCTION PLAN AND TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ACCELERATE COAL PLANT RETIREMENTS, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR UTILITES TO GIVE PRIMARY CONSIERATION TO REPLACING OR REPOWERING THEIR COAL GENERATION WITH NATURAL GAS GENERATION..."

If a company wants to install a natural gas generation plant the PUC currently has the authority to grant the permit, however the proponents of HB1365 want the government to pick winners and losers in the energy sector and in this case most of the legislators have decided natural gas is the winner and coal is the loser.

Yes, natural gas is a cleaner technology; however it is much more expensive than coal. Coal is our cheapest form of energy. It has kept the lights and heat on throughout Colorado for generations and now power plants such as Comanche,

) or setting up a Medicaid Ombudsman office to help families sort through the red tape of government, this list of legislation will benefit HD19 and all Colorado citizens. Transparency and disclosure are important and I hope this information is useful and demonstrates my commitment to the families of HD19.

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