SB13-252 Price Competition Amendment

- Issue: How to create a market structure that enhances price competition, thereby driving down the cost of renewable energy.

- Solution: Create renewable energy competition by statutorily granting buyers the right to purchase incremental (to meet the increased standard) renewable energy in the public's interest and by requiring wholesale plus retail price transparency.

- Terms:

  - The buyer will have the option to freely buy energy from the existing provider, or another provider, or to install generation (Purchase Rights) to meet the increased renewable energy standard, the Purchase Rights may be a minimal or substantial impairment of a contractual relationship and if a substantial impairment then x) the Purchase Right will be for a significant and legitimate public purpose and y) the Purchase Right will be reasonable and appropriate to the public purpose.

  - At wholesale or retail delivery meter, sellers will provide time-of-use price structure that includes generation (peak, intermediate, base, and renewable), transmission, distribution, surcharges, hourly and seasonal pricing structure. Purchase Rights will offset time of use energy cost of the seller.

  - Net metering will be updated for time-of-use offsets and provide for the aggregation of meters by a circuit as an offset. Renewable distributed generation would count toward the renewable standard.

  - Out-of-state purchase from renewable energy that qualified for 2013 production tax credit will not be penalized.

Attachment D