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Colorado Energy Office releases Customer-Sited Energy Study

DENVER – June 7, 2016 – The Colorado Energy Office announces the release of the [Colorado Customer-Sited Energy Study](#) that provides a preliminary understanding of how much distributed energy is contributing to Colorado’s energy supply, identifies gaps in energy system data, and describes opportunities to improve coordination efforts with local permitting jurisdictions. The study targets energy technologies that are eligible under Colorado’s renewable energy standard, such as solar photovoltaics and small wind systems.

“This study is our first step toward developing a future statewide energy information database,” said Christopher Worley, director of policy and research at the Colorado Energy Office. “As the market for distributed energy resources grows, it becomes more apparent that a coordinated public planning process is necessary. A comprehensive, transparent database will give local governments, community planners and the real estate industry consistent, accurate energy system data to make informed decisions.”

Local government is increasingly interested in understanding the deployment of renewable energy in its geographical area. Developing a more consistent and complete way of accounting for these resources will help guide the planning process and climate action activities.

Currently, accurate information on distributed energy systems is not consistently available to the real estate industry. Therefore, these assets often are left out of property valuations. Establishing an energy information database that interfaces with the multiple listing service or MLS will give real estate professionals and consumers more accurate information about properties with on-site energy systems.

The data collected through the study shows the rapid growth of solar photovoltaics throughout the state and the need to streamline the permitting process and standardize procedures to allow for consistent data collection and reporting. A key recommendation noted in the study is to include the system capacity as a field in permitting documents. This would enable the state to track total installed capacity of distributed generation technologies.

To download a copy of the study, please visit the Colorado Energy Office website link at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/energyoffice/reports>

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