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**ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN TAOS ON SEPTEMBER 8th**

**TAOS ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO** TO SHOW THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF CLEAN-ENERGY TRANSPORTATION

"Gas No Mas!"

Don’t miss our big event coming to Taos on Saturday, September 8th. Join us at the UNM-Taos Bataan Hall on Civic Plaza Drive for an unforgettable experience in clean energy transportation.

See and learn about:

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**RENEWABLE TAOS NEWSLETTER**

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Please donate and support our Taos Electric Vehicle Expo.

Become a Renewable Taos member.

Your membership and donations support our educational efforts on electric vehicles and
• Northern New Mexico auto dealers exhibiting their new EV models;
• New Mexico State Government’s first all-electric vehicle - a Chevrolet Bolt EV;
• Taos area EV owners with their vehicles to talk with you about EV ownership and driving;
• Electric bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, ATVs and other EV transportation;
• EV charging demos and locations of Taos area charging stations;
• Speakers and exhibitors talking about EVs, powering them with clean energy, and clean energy growth in our local area.

We’ll be just down the street from Michael Hearne’s Big Barn Dance, so come to both events!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need people to help manage parking for all the EVs as they arrive. Civic Plaza Drive will be closed to all other traffic. Your task is to meet and greet our exhibitors and their EVs at the closure points. Escort EVs to their assigned spaces outside Bataan Hall. Watch for pedestrians and keep them safe.

Contact us at:
info@renewabletaos.org

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XCEL ENERGY GETS APPROVAL TO REPLACE COAL-FIRED POWER WITH WIND AND SOLAR IN COLORADO

XCEL PLAN WILL PHASE OUT COMANCHE 1 AND 2 COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS IN PUEBLO, CO

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on August 27, 2018 approved Xcel Energy’s Colorado Energy Plan. Xcel’s plan will result in almost 60 percent of its electricity coming from renewable energy sources by 2026.

CLEAN ENERGY

TAOS ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO, SEPTEMBER 8TH

ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION GAS NO MAS!

JOIN US NOW FOR THIS BIG EVENT! WE NEED YOU!


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THE 2018 ALL-ELECTRIC CHEVROLET BOLT HAS AN EPA ESTIMATED RANGE OF 238 MILES ON A SINGLE CHARGE

SEE THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION’S NEW CHEVY BOLT AT THE TAOS EV EXPO ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

READY FOR SOLAR POWER TO CHARGE YOUR NEW EV AT HOME?

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Xcel Energy plans to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions in Colorado by nearly 60 percent by 2026.

The PUC/Xcel decision has great implications for the growth of clean energy throughout our region. Xcel Energy is an investor-owned utility (IOU), with operations in eight Western and Midwestern states including Colorado and New Mexico. Xcel’s moves towards higher amounts of clean energy are resulting in replacing coal-fired power for New Mexico as well as Colorado.

NEW RMI REPORT URGES TRI-STATE TO ADOPT CLEAN ENERGY

TRI-STATE CAN CUT COSTS TO ITS MEMBER RECs WHILE INCREASING ITS WIND AND SOLAR POWER GENERATION

A new and significant report from the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) focuses on the economics of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State).

Tri-State is the wholesale electricity provider for 43 Rural Electric Cooperatives (RECs) with 1 million customers in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming. Most of Tri-State’s electricity generation comes from coal-fired power plants built between 1959 and 2006.

Utility Dive reported on August 27, 2018: "Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) looked at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association to develop a case study, concluding the utility’s 1 million consumers could save more than $600 million through 2030 by retiring some of its fossil-fuel plants and moving towards renewables."

Progress towards a cleaner and lower-cost energy future for Tri-State and its member RECs will be “complex and challenging,” according to RMI.

Nonetheless, Tri-State and other electricity wholesalers nationwide must make the transition in response to undeniable market forces — the “attractive economics” of alternatives to expensive fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Renewable Taos will continue to report on the implications and impacts of the RMI report as
analysts from around the USA - and Tri-State itself - respond to RMI’s findings and recommendations. Meanwhile, please read the RMI report, and feel free to contact us with your questions.

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OUR MISSION

Renewable Taos is dedicated to promoting and facilitating a full transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency in Taos County and our surrounding region.

We advocate for local generation of renewable energy with an emphasis on local ownership.

We build community partnerships to facilitate the transition to renewables, and propose and support projects.

We recognize that energy efficiency is integral to the transition to renewable energy.

We also work with other organizations to change the political climate in the state and country to facilitate the transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

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EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO PURSUE CLEAN ENERGY AT A COST SAVINGS TO THEIR MEMBERS

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