

Written Comments: Climate Action Plan Update

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Previous plans stressed buying new energy-efficient equipment to reduce energy use. This approach is expensive and rarely produces the hoped-for reductions since energy use is not measured before or after purchase and installation. The only way the State can meet its goals is by addressing the operational efficiencies of buildings, which have measured and documented 15-50% reductions in energy use using equipment and fuels already in place.

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Recently Canarey Media, an off shoot of the Rocky Mountain Institute, featured a story describing that either through politics (proposed tariffs) or drought conditions the delivery of electricity has been severely reduced. My question is, should either of these conditions be the reason, how are we as a state going to respond so that we don't replace this potential loss with the burning of natural gas?