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Colorado commits to state climate action

DENVER – Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – Gov. John Hickenlooper today signed an executive order committing the state to climate action. He also announced that Colorado will join the U.S. Climate Alliance.

“Coloradans value clean air and clean water and want to see our state move forward toward a clean and affordable energy future,” said Governor John Hickenlooper. “Now is a critical moment in our country’s history where states must recognize their responsibility to provide leadership and forge a path to address climate change while protecting household pocketbooks.”

The executive order amends the Colorado Climate Plan to include the following goals:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions state-wide by more than 26 percent from 2005 levels by 2025;
- Reduce CO2 emissions from the electricity sector by 25 percent by 2025 and 35 percent by 2030 from 2012 levels;
- Achieve electricity savings of two percent of total electricity sales per year by 2020.

Colorado also is committing to:

- Work strategically with any interested utility or electric cooperative on a voluntary basis to maximize use of renewable energy without increasing costs to taxpayers;
- Create a statewide electric vehicle plan by January 1, 2018;
- Develop a greenhouse gas emissions reporting rule through the Department of Public Health and Environment that mirrors the federal rule;
- Identify opportunities to partner with local governments on locally-led climate resilience actions;
- Institutionalize the state’s greening government initiative;
- Formalize and expand upon cross-agency actions to provide economic development strategies and other supportive services to communities impacted by the changing energy landscape, and submit a written annual report detailing those efforts and accomplishments.

To view the complete executive order, [click here](#).

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