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City of Boulder – Xcel Energy Partnership Community Advisory Panel Members

Erik Abrahamson, Term Expires 2022

As a First Vice President for CBRE, a Fortune 500 real estate services company, and with properties such as Boulder Commons in his leasing portfolio, Erik brings leadership in green leasing and energy efficiency to the panel and serves as a conduit to a vast network of Boulder businesses.

Dennis Arfmann, Term Expires 2023

Dennis brings decades of experience in environmental law and currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the Center for a New Energy Economy at Colorado State University. Dennis has also served on the Boards of several non-profits, including Bridge House, Earth Day Network, Denver Regional Air Quality Commission and American Lung Association-Colorado. He brings the perspectives of a small business owner, an energy and environmental advocate, a residential energy advocate and a single-family homeowner to the panel.

Ramesh Bhatt, Term Expires 2023

As a relatively new member of our community, Ramesh brings the experience of a homeowner and technology adopter. Having installed solar and electrified homes in both Colorado and Kentucky, Ramesh brings a unique perspective on the customer experience created by two differing utilities' programs. Ramesh also brings an environmental justice perspective through his role as an Executive Committee Member of Sierra Club's Indian Peaks Group.

Justin Brant, Term Expires 2023

Justin is the Utility Program Director for Southwest Energy Efficiency Project and the outgoing Chair of the city's Environmental Advisory Board. He brings the experience of a south Boulder single-family homeowner and will also be able to lend his expertise in state and local energy policy and regulation.

George Craft, Term Expires 2025

George brings both the perspective of a long-time resident and also a landlord to the panel. He also lends his project management skills and experience in community outreach and communications having worked for the Census Bureau and Boulder County Elections.

Eli Feldman, Term Expires 2024

Eli is the President of Conscience Bay Company, a Boulder-based real estate investment and management company that owns and operates both commercial properties and rural agricultural lands. With a diverse portfolio including office, industrial and apartment buildings, as well as working farms and ranches, Eli has long been a leader in adoption of renewable energy and sustainability practices. Eli will also lend his experience as a past Boulder Downtown Management Commissioner and the current Chairman of the Board for Western Resource Advocates.

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Kenny Gillis, Term Expires 2024

As the Homeowner's Associate President for an affordable housing community, Kenny will help connect the panel with many of the community members who are largely underserved by current utility programs. A community connector, advocate and teacher, Kenny will help the panel as it strives to ensure equity is centered within the partnership's activities.

Bryn Grunwald, Term Expires 2025

As a recent graduate of the University of Colorado engineering school and early career professional, Bryn brings the perspective of today's emerging climate leaders and first-time utility customers. Bryn's point of view will help represent Boulder's rental community, ensuring that they can also benefit from programs and services offered under the new partnership.

Patrick Hillmeyer, Term Expires 2025

A veteran and leader in the systems engineering field, Pat brings the perspective of a residential technology adopter, having undertaken the decarbonization of his own home. From the Gunbarrel area, Pat lends his leadership, collaboration and engineering expertise to the panel.

Stephanie Hsiung, Term Expires 2023

Stephanie brings both her experience as a Senior Customer Analyst for a leading energy utility customer experience provider and as a renter and now homeowner in Boulder. Stephanie lends her perspective on influencing utility customer behavior and driving technology adoption, and as an eight-year Boulder renter/homeowner to the panel.

Peter Lilienthal, Term Expires 2025

As the founder of HOMER Energy and a long-time leader in distributed energy, Peter brings both his technical expertise and experience as a successful small-business start-up to the panel. Before launching HOMER, Peter worked at the National Renewable Energy Labs for 17 years. Both a long-time resident and globally recognized expert, Peter will help the panel as it synthesizes input it receives from the energy working groups that will also be supporting the partnership.

Brian Lindoerfer, Term Expires 2024

As the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management at the University of Colorado Boulder, Brian brings decades of experience in facilities, utilities, and energy management. Brian will represent the partnership opportunities and priorities of the university to the panel and lends vast experience in energy and utility operations and leadership in sustainability.

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Andy Saylor, Term Expires 2023

A resident of North Boulder, Andy brings the perspective of a homeowner and early technology adopter. Andy is a graduate of the Dept of Computer Science at the University of Colorado and also lends his information security and privacy experience to the panel. He has been actively engaged in several community initiatives and looks forward to helping Boulder achieve its energy goals.

Wayne Seltzer, Term Expires 2025

Wayne brings the perspective of a long-time homeowner and technology adopter. Wayne also volunteers his time as coordinator of the Eco-Cycle-sponsored Boulder U-Fix-It Clinics and will lend his experience engaging with diverse community members.

Emily Swallow, Term Expires 2024

A first-time homeowner of a townhome and past renter, Emily brings the perspective of residents who are limited or more challenged in how they can participate in utility programs since they do not own and/or control all aspects of their home. As a teacher and leader in cultural and linguistic diversity, Emily will also help the panel as it seeks to bring in the voice of those under-represented and under-served.

Jack Vultaggio, Term Expires 2023

Jack serves as the Energy Manager for Kyndryl where he leads energy management efforts in support of the company's corporate commitment to net zero by 2030. Jack brings the perspective of Boulder's large industrial campuses and of global industry to the panel.

Julie Zahniser, Term Expires 2024

Julie is a long-time Boulder resident and leader in advocating for energy consumers. Julie previously served as a member of the Energy Future Communication and Engagement Working Group, where she offered her expert advice to help the city improve its efforts to inform and involve the community in its municipalization effort.