



**REOCA Newsletter
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**BHE Winter Storm Uri Extraordinary Gas Cost
Recovery Rider**

Remember the winter storm, Uri, in February 2021? Texas power and heat were lost for several days because of poorly weatherized energy infrastructure, causing a significant spike in natural gas (NG) costs. The Texas event caused utilities to pay high prices for NG.

Black Hills Electric (BHE) went to the Colorado Public Utility Commission (PUC) in November 2021 to request recovery from the storm Uri weather event in request 21A-0197E. Their request was lowered and approved earlier this year.

This adder will show up in your BHE bill as Extraordinary Gas Cost Recover Rider (EGCRR). EGCRR is a volumetric rider where the customer is charged for all power used. All customer classes will pay an added \$0.00579/kWh for 24 months starting in April 2022. A solar owner producing all the energy used shouldn't be impacted.

Information on this proceeding can be found [here](#). PUC's decision for this case can be found [here](#).



COSSA offers a free day of consulting to interested groups on April 26, 2022. REOCA wanted to inform you of this event as it could be useful for an organization needing help with a renewable energy project. An example might be a church wanting to install rooftop solar but undecided because of the complexities of becoming a net-metering customer.

Registration opens for COSSA's Spring Clean Energy Solutions Summit today, and you won't want to wait to sign up. Expert positions are first-come-first-serve.

Hurry now to make sure your organization has a seat at the table and is assisting interested solutions seekers in achieving their goals.

April 26, 2022, 9 am-4 pm MST, [Register Here](#)

Preview our list of Working Groups below.

- Group 1: A Front Range Community needs solar and storage solutions for their emergency community shelters.
- Group 2: A mountain town is seeking to create a community solar garden with a flagship garden within city limits, but is facing land constraints.

If you or any organization you know is interested in becoming a solutions seeker, contact Mike Kruger at mkruger@cozza.co.

Supporting collaborative summits such as this is a great opportunity to establish your business as an industry leader. Contact Jason Henderson at jhenderson@cozza.co to learn about the available sponsorship opportunities.

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If you have a story that you think REOCA members may be interested in please share it. Send to news@reoca.org

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