

Clean Energy Report for ROCC Membership Meeting, 01-27-2022

Changes to SMPA's Net-Metering Policy Go To the Board January 25, 2022

- Owner's electron bank gets zeroed out on April 1 every year with accrued kWh paid out at the avoided cost of energy to SMPA as determined by SMPA on an annual basis
- Carry-forward buffer allowed for 2022-23 up to 1,000 kWh
- Carry-forward provision expires at end of 2023 and all unused electrons go to the grid

Eco-Action Partners

- Kim Wheels and EAP will do an in-depth presentation on EAP's next 10 year Climate Action Plan (CAP) at CEC's meeting on March 17, 2022.
- And a request by EAP for Ouray County citizens to take its CAP survey:
- *EcoAction Partners and Sneffels Energy Board are excited to open the regional collaborative Climate Action Plan survey to the public for comment and feedback. This survey is a part of the Ouray and San Miguel County Regional Climate Action Plan, which was completed in 2021 and sets the stage for the next decade of climate action across our region. The survey lays out our commitment to taking action across all greenhouse gas emissions sectors applicable to our region. It is designed to capture your thoughts, ideas, and input as we implement our regional Climate Action Plan. Please visit [Ecoactionpartners.org](https://www.ecoactionpartners.org) to take the survey.*
- <https://www.ecoactionpartners.org/cap>

Ridgway School District

- Following RSD's successful bond election last November, it is exploring options for using renewable energy to power the elementary school's physical plant for heating and cooling including the possibility of thermal (ground) energy

Ouray County LEDs

- Earlier this month, the OC BOCC convened a work session on retrofitting all county less-efficient bulbs with LEDs to save \$ and reduce emissions – pay back is estimated in mere months

Good News of the Month and Beyond

- Ouray County, the Town of Ridgway, and the City of Ouray have all become participants in San Miguel Power Association's 'Totally Green' program. Participants pay 1 cent more for each kWh to guarantee that the electricity comes from renewable energy (Thus, a monthly energy bill of 387 kWh translates to an additional charge of \$3.87. The caveat being that the use of LEDs and energy-efficient appliances have lowered the consumption of electricity). All proceeds to the 'Totally Green' program are used by SMPA to support more renewable energy and the greening of the grid efforts. All SMPA customers are welcome to participate.