

<b>Paper 2: The Xcel / Lamar wind decision</b>
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Due: Monday 2/14

You are on the staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. None of the three current Commissioners were in office during the 2001 Xcel/Lamar decision. The Chair of the Commission is thinking about revisiting this decision (Note: I made this up. It's not true!). She asks you for your analysis, with full hindsight, of the decision: was it the right one?

The usual rules: one page memo, clearly written, in memo format. Assume she is familiar with the decision and the issues, has read the NREL report, and doesn't need much background information. Remember that you are an Analyst, not an Advocate.