

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Amanda Perkins	Adams County
Jonathan Koehn	City of Boulder
Susie Strife (Chair)	Boulder County
Jeff Wong	Jefferson County
Adam Sanderson	Longmont Power and Communications
Gabrielle Rink	Non-Profit Special Interest Seat
Flo Raitano	DRCOG

DRCOG staff: Robert Spotts, Mac Prather, Luke Charbonneau

Call to Order

Chair Susie Strife called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

May 5, 2026 Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee Summary

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Items

Building Policy Collaborative Road Map, Robert Spotts

Robert Spotts, Power Ahead Colorado Manager, alongside Kim Schlaepfer, Managing Director at Lotus Engineering & Sustainability, updated the committee on the Building Policy Collaborative Road Map. The Road Map describes the long-term vision of the Building Policy Collaborative and the shared regional aspiration of reducing climate pollution from new buildings, measuring energy use in existing buildings and taking steps to reduce pollution from existing buildings, with an emphasize on regional collaboration for policy consistency. Kim discusses the three policy actions that the Roadmap addresses, which are advancing building codes, building transparency policies and building improvement policies. Advancing codes would update requirements for new construction to ensure buildings do not contribute to carbon pollution with energy efficiency and electrification. Building Transparency Policies would implement energy use disclosure policies to help residents, building owners, and governments track and disclose energy use. Lastly, building improvement policies would set specific rules for energy upgrades or long-term improvement thresholds for existing buildings to reduce energy waste and carbon pollution over time.

Flo Raitano inquired if Lotus and Power Ahead Colorado are interacting with DOLA and CEO on their building code efforts. Kim replied that yes, they are directly working with CEO but have had less direct engagement with DOLA. Flo added that she's curious if the rise of electricity costs and the risk of passing down costs to consumers has been top of mind to which Kim replied that yes, it's something that the team is keeping top of mind and that DRCOG is working with the PUC on regulations. Flo additionally asked around the home disclosure of energy scores and if DRCOG has considered the legal risks of this. Kim replied that yes, various legal avenues are being analyzed. Flo followed up about how this would effect multi-family to which Kim replied that the energy disclosure would apply only to commercial properties with shared systems.

Jonathan Kohen asked if Lotus plans to reach out to jurisdictions who have enacted the more progressive building codes. Kim noted that for each of the proposed three focus areas, DRCOG has been working with focus groups comprised of local jurisdictions to create these suggestions. Especially as the frameworks are developed this fall, jurisdictions will be an essential component of these deliverables.

Incentives and Energy Advising Program Launch, Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Low-Income Communities Program Manager

When designing the program, Keith Cronin, Senior Consultant at VEIC who is the project lead on designing and implementing incentives and energy advising on behalf of DRCOG and Power Ahead Colorado, consistently received feedback from contractors to: keep incentives simple, reduce administrative friction, provide clear and predictable incentives, avoid shifting risk onto contractors and ensure incentives are large enough to matter. Existing factors that were considered when developing the program were existing programs, equipment costs and participant experience. The first incentive will be for cold climate air source heat pumps. Additionally, Energy Advisors were launched last month and are available to help customers navigate questions, engineering support and on-site energy advising. Mac discussed customer eligibility which, at a high level, requires that the customer is within the DRCOG boundary, is an existing single-family, multifamily or commercial buildings, emphasizing that at this time new construction is not eligible. The contractor must be part of the Colorado Contractor Hub and the incentives are stackable with utility/municipal incentive costs but cannot exceed total project cost.

Jeff Wong asked Mac that from a consumer prospective, how helpful is it to provide out-of-pocket cost? Mac replied that it will be one of many data points provided for the consumer, so that should someone want that information, it will be available to them. The idea is to provide as much educational information as possible.

Shawn Lemons inquired about how Power Ahead Colorado got to the suggested rebate amount. Mac acknowledged that the suggested amount is aligned with more simple math and that the customization component comes in with the Energy Advising piece. Mac also answered Shawn's question around all electric vs. dual fuel and noted that as long as the heat pump is Energy Star cold climate, it will apply to the suggested incentive amount.

Adam asked what incentives look like for income qualified customers. Keith replied that the Energy Advisors have the necessary reference material about all of the incentive opportunities across the state and how those can be stacked.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

There were no further comments.

Next Meeting – July 7, 2026

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.