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Jeffrey Ackermann, former Colorado PUC Chairman to Join the Center for the New Energy Economy at Colorado State University

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The Center for the New Energy Economy ([CNEE](#)) at Colorado State University is pleased to announce that Jeff Ackermann, former Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, will join the CNEE team on February 15, in the role of Senior Policy Advisor.



Jeffrey Ackermann

“We look forward to working with Jeff during this important time of energy transition,” said CNEE Director Bill Ritter, Jr. “This is a perfect time to have a former regulator of Jeff’s caliber join our staff. Jeff’s deep subject matter expertise will prove crucial in our efforts to help Western States and Western utilities improve regional energy system planning and expand renewable energy and storage resources.”

“I am eager to join Governor Ritter and the CNEE team on their [Western Interconnect Regional Electricity Dialogue](#) (WIRED) initiative. The Center is known for effective and non-partisan dialogue, and that’s what the West needs to ensure a future with reliable, affordable, and equitable energy systems,” said Ackermann. The WIRED initiative is an ongoing conversation with Western utilities and energy experts to address regional transmission planning, resource adequacy, and state energy and climate policies.

On February 11, Mr. Ackermann will be part of a national press conference hosted by The National Press Club highlighting his work as Co-Chair on the [National Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning](#) and the culmination of a two-year process focusing on how states can better integrate resource, transmission, and distribution system planning. This is a joint effort involving the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO).