

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 9 - 12, 2019 HILTON DENVER CITY CENTER HOTEL, DENVER, CO Colorado's Electric Co-ops:

### Changing the "How" Not the "Why"

Executive Director's Report 2019 CREA Annual Meeting

# CHANGE? DISRUPTION?

- "The electricity sector at the start of 2019 is in the midst of **fundamental change**." (Utility Dive)
- "Change is constant, disruption is new." (Brad Kitchens, Scott Madden Consulting)
- "Disruption in the retail power sector isn't new, but its pace and consequences appear to be increasing." (Deloitte Insights)

# UTILITY DIVE SAYS:

- 10 trends that will shape the electric sector in 2019:
  - Bailout of coal and nuclear still possible
  - FERC will focus on resilience and fuel security
  - Rollback of environmental regulations will continue
  - States will continue push for clean energy/climate policies
  - Grid modernization/PBR will continue
  - Gas generation will continue to dominate
  - Energy storage will have biggest year yet
  - Electrification will continue
  - DERs will become trusted bulk power resources
  - Renewable energy will increasingly replace coal

# DELOITTE SAYS:

- Electric utilities should recognize five "blind spots":
  - Rapid development of battery storage
  - Ecosystem convergence
  - New market entrants
  - Changing regulatory environment
  - Cyberthreats



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116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION



(Original Signature of Member)

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

### RESOLUTION

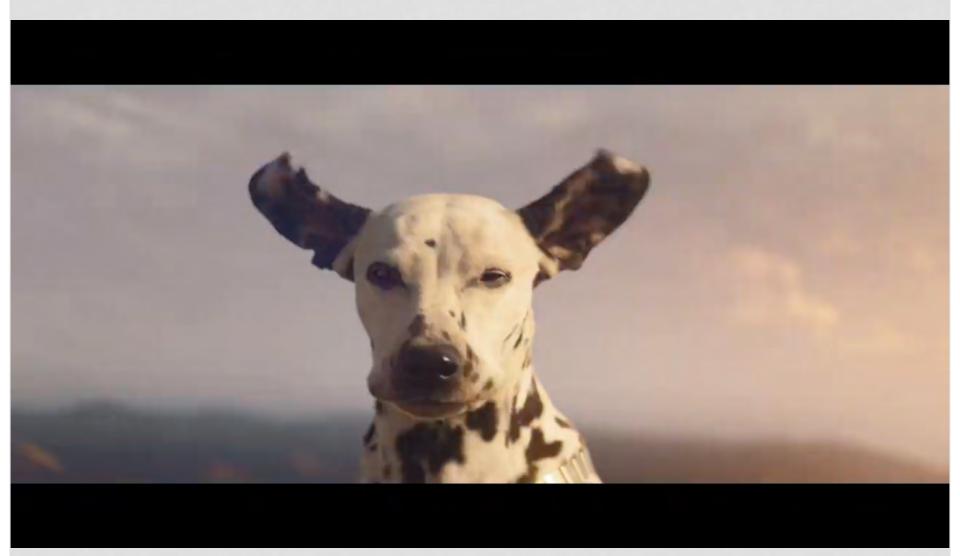
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Whereas the October 2018 report entitled "Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C" by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the November 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment report found that—

 human activity is the dominant cause of observed climate change over the past century;

(2) a changing climate is causing sea levels to rise and an increase in wildfires, severe storms, droughts, and other extreme weather events that threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure;





# ALWAYS THE "WHY"

- **Service**: keeping the lights on across 70% of Colorado at a reasonable cost.
- **Community**: co-ops care about their neighbors.
- Environment: providing power in a responsible way.
- **Safety**: protecting member-consumers and employees.
- **Trust**: member-consumers believe in the coop mission, trust us to the do the right thing.

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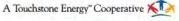
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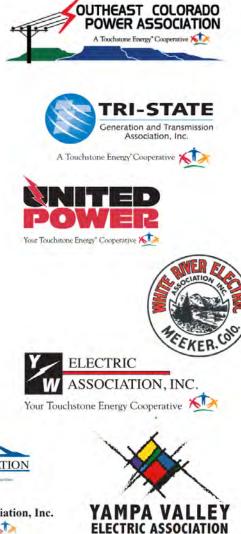
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