



## Southwest Energy Efficiency Project

*Saving Money and Reducing Pollution through Energy Conservation*

### **Energy Efficiency Program Funding House Bill 05-1133**

- HB 1133, sponsored by Rep. Tom Plant (D-Nederland) and Sen. Ken Gordon (D-Denver), will facilitate and expand energy efficiency programs in Colorado.
- HB 1133 requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to conduct a rulemaking to establish a cost recovery mechanism so that natural gas utilities can recover expenditures on energy efficiency programs for their residential consumers. It also directs the PUC to provide gas utilities with positive financial incentives for implementing cost-effective efficiency programs for their customers.
- Once this rulemaking is completed, the bill directs gas distribution utilities to implement cost-effective energy efficiency programs for their residential customers.
- Gas utilities must report annually to the PUC on the impacts of their energy efficiency programs.
- Estimated natural gas savings: 3 billion cubic feet per year by 2010, 15 billion cubic feet per year by 2020.
- Gas savings by 2020 is equal to 10% of natural gas use by all residences in the state.
- Estimated net savings for households: \$700 million.
- Lowering natural gas demand will put downward pressure on gas prices and reduce U.S. dependence on imported natural gas.

**HB 1133 WILL SAVE CONSUMERS MONEY AT A TIME WHEN  
NATURAL GAS BILLS ARE SKYROCKETING. PLEASE SUPPORT  
THIS BILL!**

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