

Getting Rights of Way Right

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Sponsored by:

- **Western Governors' Association**
- **Sonoran Institute**
- **Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**
- **Headwaters Economics**

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

12:00 p.m. **Registration Table and Meeting Room Open**

12:30 p.m. **Introductions and Meeting Goals, Kristi Parker Celico, Facilitator, Kearns & West**

Proposed Goals:

- Understand current ROW process, key legal changes, and new compensation models;
- Learn creative new approaches for improving the process from all perspectives; and
- Identify methods for implementing new approaches either by interest group or across groups.

12:45 p.m. **Opening Comments**
Western Governors' Association

1:00 p.m. **Establishing a Common Understanding**

- Dave Ditto, Associated Legal Group, LLC. "Overview of Current Practice and Procedure: Negotiation and Acquisition of Real Property for Rights of Way"
- Mark Stermitz, Crowley Fleck, PLLP. "Eminent Domain and Impacts on ROW Compensation in the Western States"
- Van Jamison, Vice President of Strategic Operations, Gaelectric North America. "Transmission Project Development Finance Models: Implications for ROW Compensation"
- Questions/Discussion

2:30 p.m. **Break**

Panel Discussions: What's working, what's not and suggested changes

2:45p.m.

Landowners Perspective:

Introduction: Brent Orr, Cornerstone Energy

Panel:

- Mark Fix, Northern Plains Resource Council
- Bill Midcap, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association

3:45 p.m.

Developer and Regulatory Perspective:

Introduction: Pat Asay, Northwestern Energy

Panel:

- Marian Wolcott, Bonneville Power Administration
- Doug Dockter, Manager, Delivery Projects, Idaho Power Company
- Carl Borgquist, Grasslands Renewable Energy
- Lynn Greene – Lucky Corridor (Northern New Mexico)
- Kelly Kraushaar, Manager, Major Projects & Substation Acquisition
Transmission & Distribution - Real Properties, Southern California Edison
- Jim Tarpey, Colorado PSC

5:15 p.m.

Major ah-ha's and topics of interest to explore tomorrow

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

5:30 p.m.

No host open bar

Wednesday, January 16th

8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast Available

8:30 a.m.

Recent Transmission Projects: ROW and Compensation Strategies

Sunrise Powerlink

- Pete McMorris, Principal Right of Way Agent, San Diego Gas and Electric, Sunrise-Powerlink Project
- Todd Voorhees, Public Affairs, San Diego Gas and Electric
- Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental, Sunrise Powerlink

Minnesota Buy-the-Farm Statute

- John Lupo, Manager, Siting & Land Rights, Xcel Energy Midwestern Projects
- Tim Carlsgaard, Public Affairs Manager, Xcel Energy Midwestern Projects

10:30 a.m.

Break

- 11:00 a.m. **Small Group Discussions: Moving Forward Collaboratively**
- Identifying and promoting solutions individual sectors can take to ensure better ROW negotiations
 - Developing and implementing policy solutions to improve ROW negotiations
- 12:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. **Small Group Discussions Continue**
- 2:15 p.m. **Report Backs and Synthesis**
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**