

# Western Renewable Energy Zones Project

## Environment & Lands Work Group

Hilton Portland & Executive Tower

921 SW Sixth Ave.

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March 11 – 12, 2009

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

#### Objectives:

- Review subgroup recommendations and make decisions on “areas for further consideration.”
- Develop recommendation for Technical Committee on how wildlife categorizations should help refine QRAs into REZs.
- Provide initial feedback on elements of WREZ Phase One report and Phases 2-4 participation.

Wednesday, March 11, 2008		
8:30 – 9:00am	<b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions (Breakfast)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions and overview of meeting</li> <li>• Overview of STG objectives and how wildlife categorizations will input into the WREZ process.</li> <li>• Overview of E&amp;L role in recommending REZs.</li> </ul>	<i>Pam Eaton, The Wilderness Society, Brian Weber, MidAmerican Energy Paul Orbuch, Orbuch Consulting, Rich Halvey and Madeleine West, WGA</i>
9:00 – 10:30am	<b><u>Review E&amp;L Public Comments Received</u></b> <i>Review comments received through the WREZ public comment process and consider new information.</i>	<i>Paul Orbuch</i>
10:30 – 12:00pm	<b><u>Review Areas for Further Consideration</u></b> <i>E&amp;L will review subgroup recommendations on areas for further consideration and make decisions.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review E&amp;L subgroup recommendations and any outstanding areas.</li> <li>• Develop recommendation for exclusion/inclusion in a REZ or other treatment.</li> </ul>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group with Josh Finn, Black &amp; Veatch &amp; WGA staff</i>
12:00 - 1:00pm	<b><u>LUNCH Provided – Work Group Members and Staff Only</u></b>	<i>Hilton Portland</i>
1:00 – 4:30pm	<b><u>Review Wildlife Categorization Maps (Webcast available)</u></b> <i>Mapping exercise to review wildlife categorizations and intersection with QRAs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display different data layers to view and discuss intersection with QRAs.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Which QRAs still have enough MW potential to become REZs?</li> <li>○ Which need closer examination?</li> <li>○ Which may not have enough potential to become REZs?</li> <li>○ What are technical options for adjusting QRAs?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group with Patrick Crist, NatureServe, Josh Finn, Black &amp; Veatch &amp; WGA staff</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brainstorm consideration and options for recommending REZs.</li> </ul>	
4:30 – 5:00 pm	<b><u>Observer Comments and Discussion</u></b>	<i>Observers and Work Group</i>
6:00pm	<b><u>GROUP DINNER – Jake’s Grill</u></b> <i>Dinner will have to be paid for by each individual.</i>	611 SW Tenth Avenue 503-220-1850

Thursday, March 12, 2009		
7:45 – 8:15am	<b><u>BREAKFAST – Work Group Members and Staff Only</u></b>	<i>Hilton Portland</i>
8:15 – 8:30am	<b><u>Overview of Day One, Review Objectives and Agenda for Day Two</u></b>	<i>Pam Eaton, The Wilderness Society, Brian Weber, MidAmerican Energy  Paul Orbuch, Rich Halvey &amp; Madeleine West, WGA</i>
8:30 – 10:30am	<b><u>Continue Wildlife Categorization Map Review</u></b> <i>Develop recommendation to Technical Committee for how wildlife sensitivities will revise QRAs into REZs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Which QRAs can be adjusted slightly to be more appropriate as REZs?</li> <li>○ Should a QRA not become a REZ if it does not meet the MW threshold once certain lands are excluded?</li> <li>○ Should an “adder” for mitigation costs in the supply curve analysis be considered?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group</i>
10:30 – 10:45am	<b><u>BREAK</u></b>	
10:45 – 11:15am	<b><u>Finalize Items for E&amp;L Recommendation to Technical Committee</u></b> <i>Review E&amp;L recommendation to the Technical Committee and finalize.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional areas from “areas for further consideration” list to exclude/avoid from REZs; and</li> <li>• Wildlife application to QRAs, and REZ outcome.</li> </ul>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group</i>

11:15 – 11:45am	<b><u>Review Wildlife Mapping of REZs - Forthcoming Public Comment Period</u></b> <i>Discuss components of April public comment period for REZs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific aspects open for comment.</li> <li>• Timing</li> <li>• The best ways to communicate decisions to public.</li> </ul>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group</i>
11:45 – 12:15pm	<b><u>E&amp;L Chapter of Phase One Report</u></b> <i>Discuss significant issues to include in Phase One report and process for completion. Issues might include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary for Governors</li> <li>• Detailed E&amp;L Report on Process (Attachment)</li> <li>• Appendix Documents</li> <li>• Additional resources for developers to use in siting decisions.</li> <li>• Establish a Drafting Review Group</li> </ul>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group</i>
1215- 1230 pm	<b><u>Observer Comments and Discussion</u></b>	<i>Observers and Work Group</i>
12:30 – 1:30pm	<b><u>WORKING LUNCH</u></b> <i>E&amp;L discuss input into future WREZ Phases</i>	<i>E&amp;L Work Group</i>
1:30 – 2:00pm	<b><u>Wrap-Up &amp; Adjourn</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Action Items</li> <li>• Future conference calls and meetings</li> </ul>	<i>Pam Eaton, The Wilderness Society, Brian Weber, MidAmerican Energy WGA staff</i>