From: Grueneich, Dian
To: State-Provincial Steering Committee;
Subject: Invitation to join DSM Workgroup
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State and Provincial Steering Committee Members,

As you may recall, at our November 6 kickoff meeting, we established 3 Working Groups to assist in our efforts in the DOE transmission analysis and planning effort. I was asked to chair the Demand Side Management (DSM) Working Group, which will encompass energy efficiency, demand response, and local distributed generation.

The purpose of this email is to solicit members from the Steering Committee for the DSM Working Group, as well as recommendations for participants beyond our Steering Committee. If you are interested or have others to recommend, based on the information below, please let us know as soon as possible. I hope to have an initial conference call the week of December 14.

The focus of the DSM Working Group will be twofold.

This position will require a sustained commitment of one conference call per month plus preparation.

In addition I am asking for you to identify the organizations and individuals in your state who have expertise in energy efficiency or demand response that would add value to the Working Group. These entities will support the tasks we undertake and the coordination of our work with TEPPC.

The DSM Working Group will hold its initial meeting the week of December 14th, with an agenda and details to follow to those who respond to this invitation.

Both DOE and the FERC, through the FOA and through Order 890, have identified the inclusion of DSM resources as of critical importance to the comprehensive study of transmission needs. In discussions with the TEPPC Technical Advisory Subcommittee, strong support exists for the DSM scenarios to take a high profile in the overall 2010 TEPPC/WECC modeling process.

During the next year the members of the DSM Working Group will devote themselves to two primary tasks. The first will be development of a set of high DSM scenarios which will be fed into the TEPPC Study Request process for incorporation into the modeling and analysis for the 2010 Regional Transmission Study. The second task will be the development and execution of a WECC-wide

DSM resource potential study or equivalent in order to compile a consistent and comparable database at the state and regional level in preparation for a more robust and varied set of DSM scenarios in the 2011 and future transmission plans. We anticipate that we will be able to rely upon LBNL for considerable analytical support.

I am very enthusiastic about the role DSM can play in the 2010 Regional Transmission Plan and future plans as well as the expanded DSM information that will be available to state decision makers. In terms of time commitment, I envision participation in the DSM Working Group will require participation in one conference call per month, a quarterly in person meeting, plus preparation. There will be additional effort required vis a vis the TEPPC process, which we will determine after this Working Group forms.

In addition, I ask for help in identifying organizations and individuals in your state who have expertise in energy efficiency or demand response that would add value to the Working Group. These entities/individuals will help support the tasks we undertake and the coordination of our work with TEPPC. Please let me know whether you suggest they would be on the Working Group itself or, if their expertise is primarily technical, and thus could be used as part of the ad hoc technical advisory group we will need to assist us in reviewing LBNL, TEPPC, and other work going forward. Please provide contact information and a bit of background on anyone you suggest.

The DSM Working Group will hold its initial conference call meeting the week of December 14, with an agenda and details to follow to those who respond to this invitation.

Please respond, with either your own name or suggestions of others, by Friday, December 11.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to support this critical part of the DOE FOA process.

Regards,
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