

# *Board and Committee Activities*

Following are:

- I. A synopsis of Board actions, and Board activities in support of WGA initiatives since the April meeting in Albuquerque;
- II. A review of the committee structure of the Board; and
- III. A report on the activities of the Committees since the Albuquerque meeting.

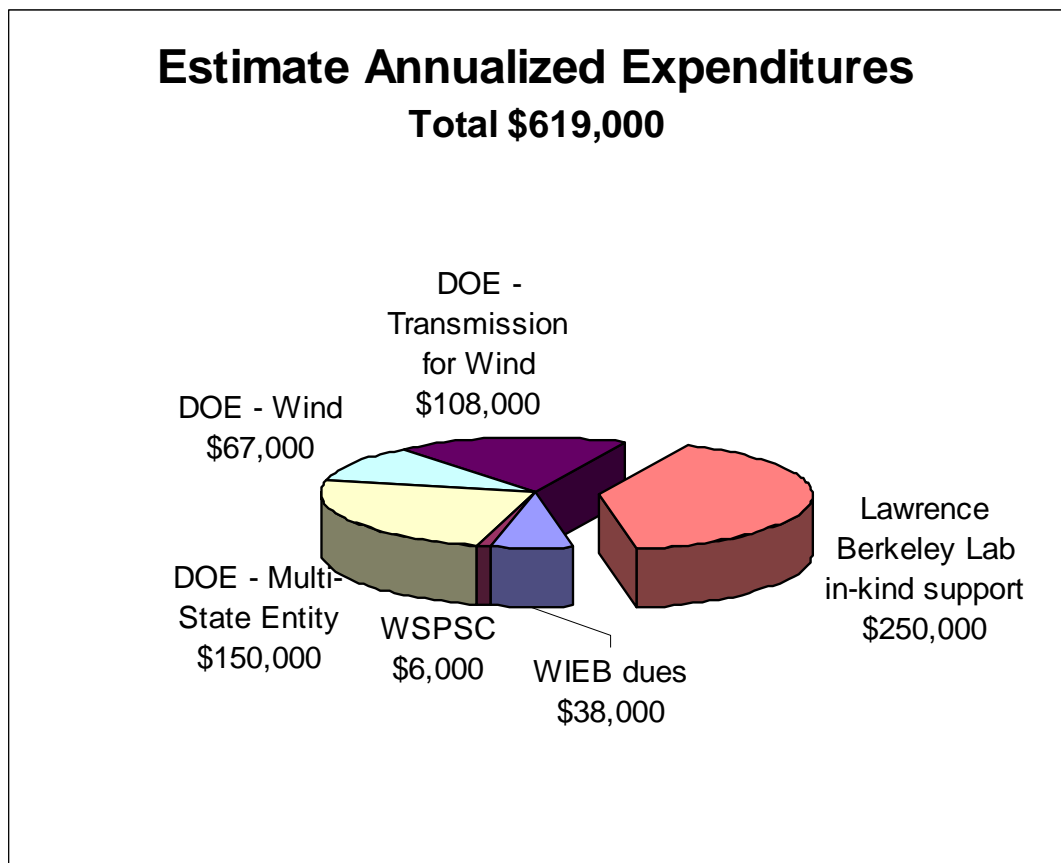
## **I. Synopsis of Board Actions Since April Meeting in Albuquerque**

### **Work with Western Governors**

- WIEB staff was an essential part of the development and execution of the WGA [North American Energy Summit](#) on April 14-16 in Albuquerque that resulted in [stakeholder recommendations](#) from 18 breakout sessions.
- WIEB has been assigned the responsibility for supporting implementation of the [WGA Transmission Permitting Protocol](#).
  - On April 14, WIEB hosted an [ad hoc meeting of state and federal designees](#) under the Protocol to review the status of its implementation, state permitting processes, and potential projects that may trigger the Protocol.
  - At the North American Energy Summit, Alberta Premier Klein and WGA Chairman Richardson (NM) and WGA Vice-Chairman Owens (CO) signed an addendum to the Protocol under which Alberta now participates in the Protocol.
  - The Protocol has not yet been exercised because no new interstate transmission lines have been proposed.
- At their June annual meeting, Western Governors accepted CREPC's recommendations for an **enhanced state/provincial regional electricity function** and directed that the Governors be presented with recommendations on how to fund the required activities. The Governors also accepted the recommendation that stakeholder input be sought on the concept on an enhanced state/provincial regional electricity function.
  - Staff, working with the Chair of CREPC and the heads of five CREPC work groups on reliability, resource adequacy, market monitoring, transmission planning and expansion, and transmission permitting have developed a [funding proposal](#) that will be presented to CREPC in Vancouver.
  - Also in Vancouver, a public meeting has been scheduled after the end of the CREPC meeting and before the beginning of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) to

receive comments on an enhanced regional electricity function. This work is being done with resources from a grant WGA received from DOE which is being passed through to WIEB.

- The future of CREPC and Board work on regional electricity issues is at a crossroads. The graph below shows that DOE, through grants and in-kind support from Lawrence Berkeley Lab, has provided the bulk of the resources for regional electricity resources over the past year. Contributions from WIEB dues have diminished somewhat from past years and no contributions have been received from the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners or directly from PUCs, outside of those states where PUCs pay part of the state's dues to WIEB. The graph below provides an estimate of the annualized contribution of funds to WIEB and CREPC work on regional electricity issues.



- Three existing DOE grants provide support for WIEB and CREPC electricity activities. Two of those grants -- support for exploration of a multi-state electricity entity via a grant to WGA and transmission for wind development via a grant to the Wyoming Energy Office -- expire in March. A third grant to WIEB on wind issues continues into 2006.
- The way the western industry has been organized to deal with regional electricity issues may also be approaching a crossroads. Over the past several years, the WECC has addressed reliability issues and the Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection (SSG-WI) has dealt with

commercial issues (e.g., transmission expansion planning and market monitoring). It is unclear if SSG-WI, which consists of three nascent RTOs (California ISO, WestConnect and Grid West) will continue. This will leave a large gap in the capability to address important regional electricity issues.

- Pursuant to the decision of the Board in April, a **state/provincial Natural Gas Assessment Team** has been organized and is working with the California Energy Commission on the adequacy of natural gas supplies and infrastructure to supply the needs of gas-fired electric generation in the Western Interconnection.<sup>1</sup> The Team has held ten conference calls to review data and provide guidance to the CEC modeling team. A [web site](#) has been created to support the project. In June, the CEC also hosted a training sessions for states on the North American Regional Gas model and a public meeting. An expert work group that includes industry representatives has been formed to advise the WIEB Natural Gas Team on appropriate modeling reference cases, scenarios and sensitivity analyses. Pursuant to a decision of the Team, in May, WIEB staff approached DOE's Office of Fossil Energy for \$100,000 to support contractors to help with the CEC modeling work. At the Vancouver meeting, WIEB's Federal Representative, Jim Geringer, will report on his efforts with DOE to secure such funding. There will also be a report at the Board meeting by Dave Maul, head of the CEC effort on the initiative, and on the afternoon of October 19 a joint WIEB/CREPC workshop to present preliminary modeling results and secure feedback on the afternoon of October 19. WIEB staff's participation in the project has been funded under the DOE grant to WGA to explore the value of a multi-state electricity entity. Seven states (AZ, CA, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA) and three provinces (AB, BC, SK) have been active participants on the Team.
- In June, Western governors adopted a ["clean and diversified energy" resolution](#) that creates a working group to examine the actions necessary to develop 30,000 MW (nameplate) of new renewable energy in the WGA states by 2015 and improve energy efficiency by 20% by 2020. The work group would examine the goals in the context of ensuring resource adequacy and expanded transmission capability. The work group is to make recommendations to Governors in 2006. Staff for the WGA lead governors for energy (CA, NM, ND, WY) and Staff Council have had several conference calls to discuss the organization of the working group and how to implement the resolution. A meeting of interested Staff Council members or their designees is set for October 25-26 in Denver to receive briefings on energy issues and begin to address decisions necessary to launch the working group sometime after the election.

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<sup>1</sup> In re-adopting their [Energy Policy Roadmap](#) resolution in September 2003 (see subsection B.II.m of the resolution), the governors asked CREPC, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and the Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection for assistance in developing a **comprehensive assessment of the adequacy of electricity resources** to meet demand. CREPC and WECC are working on electricity adequacy issues. The Board agreed to work on related natural gas adequacy issues.

- Staff is assisting WGA in the implementation of WGA Resolution 04-15 [\*Ensuring Adequate and Stable Natural Gas and Petroleum Supplies\*](#) adopted by Governors in June. Letters have been sent to DOE, the Department of Transportation, and major pipeline companies and refineries in the Western states. The resolution explicitly highlights WIEB's role in assisting in sharing information among states on best practices. The resolution also contains a number of specific policies, including support for new product pipelines from Texas to Arizona and Southern Nevada.

On July 20, the Executive Committee held a conference call to discuss Board actions in response to the resolution. The Committee decided that:

- The Board needs to discuss the range of actions it is willing and able to undertake in support of the policies in the resolution;
- Staff should begin identifying information that may already exist on best practices; and
- California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico, the states most directly and indirectly affected by a new product pipeline to serve Arizona and Southern Nevada, should discuss next steps to advance the Governors' goal.

WIEB staff has begun to develop a [web page on best practices](#). At the Vancouver Board meeting, Tony Usibelli (WA) will lead a discussion on addressing energy emergencies. The Board will need to decide what activities it wants to undertake to assist in the implementation of the resolution.

WIEB staff continues to be the contact for WGA's appointments to a pipeline safety project by the National Fire Marshals. Ron Law from the Idaho PUC and Rebecca Post from Washington State Department of Ecology are WGA's representatives to this project.

- WIEB staff continues to assist [WGA in coordinating](#) the four **western regional carbon sequestration partnerships** (West Coast partnership, Southwest partnership, Big Sky partnership, and Plains partnership) that were chosen by DOE. WIEB will receive \$74,000 of the \$150,000 DOE grant to WGA. WIEB helped organize the participation of the four partnerships in the WGA North America Energy Summit in April. In May, staff participated in DOE's third annual conference on carbon capture and sequestration. Staff organized a June 20 workshop in conjunction with the WGA annual meeting in Santa Fe to discuss sequestration issues and the work of the partnership. South Dakota Governor Rounds chaired the meeting. Staff has also been participating in monthly conference calls. In October, staff participated in a meeting of the Plains partnership and will participate in a meeting of the West Coast partnership. The Southwest will hold a meeting in January. The DOE grant supporting this work ends in December 2005.

- WIEB staff continues to help with the execution of WGA's **Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) project**, which is a collaborative process between WGA and the California Energy Commission. WIEB staff maintains a [web page](#) for the project and participated in successful efforts to secure the agreement of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Board of Directors to host the WREGIS system, conditioned on development of the system and signing of appropriate contracts. The goal is to have the system operational in early 2005. Jeff Burks (UT), who chaired the WREGIS committee, has left the State of Utah. Rasa Keanini, project director from WREGIS at the California Energy Commission, will brief the Board in Vancouver on the WREGIS project.
- WIEB staff continues to provide technical support to WGA's Washington, D.C. office on pending legislation, particularly the pending **energy legislation and legislation to reauthorize the abandoned mine land fee**.
- Staff efforts to develop a plan to implement the **Regional Reliability Advisory Body** provisions of pending federal electric reliability legislation as required by the [WGA resolution on reliability](#), have been on hold because of Congressional inaction.

### **Transmission Planning**

Through September, WIEB staff continued its intensive support of the [Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study](#) (RMATS) using funds provided by DOE under a grant to the Wyoming Energy Office. Staff participated on the project Steering Committee, co-chaired the report writing effort, helped organize the final Phase I stakeholders' meeting, and was the financial conduit for contributions to finance the project facilitator. WIEB, using funds from the grant, contributed \$37,000 of the \$92,000 cost for the facilitator.<sup>2</sup> Phase I culminated in the release of the study findings and a September 29 stakeholders' meeting attended by more than 100 people, including three governors and one FERC commissioner. There are no funds remaining in the DOE grant to support Phase II activities. Some recommendations, such as development of multi-state transmission pricing principles, could be most efficiently performed by a work group of CREPC.

WIEB staff has been participating in a Keystone Center dialogue on transmission development that includes four case studies, including RMATS

WIEB staff and several CREPC members have been active in the [SSG-WI interconnection-wide transmission planning process](#) by:

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<sup>2</sup> Other contributions were from the State of Wyoming (\$20,000), State of Utah (\$10,000), American Wind Energy Association (\$10,000), WRAP (\$10,000) and Kennecott Energy (\$5,000).

- Supporting the transfer to WECC of the public database developed by PacifiCorp for the SSG-WI transmission planning effort;
- Helping to organize and participate in a September 14-15 conference on improving transmission modeling tools;
- Participating in SSG-WI efforts to prepare to conduct a second interconnection-wide study of transmission needs based on a “realistic” generation scenario, as opposed to the past “bookend” scenarios that emphasized gas generation, coal generation, or renewable energy generation; and
- Representing CREPC on monthly SSG-WI conference calls among SSG-WI, CREPC, RMATS, SWAT, NTAC and STEP.

CREPC participants continue to be active in all sub-regional transmission planning efforts in the Western Interconnection (Southwest Transmission Expansion Planning effort ([STEP](#)), Southwest Area Transmission Planning Committee ([SWAT](#)), Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study ([RMATS](#)), Northwest Transmission Assessment Committee ([NTAC](#))).

WIEB staff will continue to be active in SSG-WI planning efforts at least through the expiration of DOE grants supporting the effort in March 2005.

### **Western Interconnection Wind Evaluation Team (WIWET)**

The Western Interconnection Wind Evaluation Team (WIWET) is a WIEB workgroup whose mission is to identify, evaluate and promote policies supporting the development of wind resources in the Western Interconnection. Most wind-related work since April has been done through the RMATS process. RMATS examined transmission usage on three paths, TOT3 between Colorado and Wyoming, West of Bridger in Southwest Wyoming, and the Montana/Northwest path. The RMATS Phase I report recommends that: “The physical transfer capacity on existing lines be better utilized by requesting that transmission owners develop conditional firm or priority non-firm transmission products that quantify curtailment risks and place curtailment priority for conditional firm ahead of any non-firm transactions and curtailment priority for priority non-firm ahead of any non-firm transactions except secondary network resource service.”

At the September 29 RMATS stakeholders’ meeting, FERC Commissioner Brownell and FERC staff held a sidebar meeting with states to receive suggestions on the topics to be addressed in a FERC technical conference on wind transmission issues to be held in Denver in early December. During its meeting in Vancouver, CREPC will be considering recommendations to FERC on the organization of the Denver technical conference.

Staff continues to actively participate in the transmission-related activities of the National Wind Coordinating Committee (NWCC), including assisting NWCC in organizing its Western Transmission Workshop tentatively scheduled to be held in Sacramento on February 1-2. A [working draft agenda](#) has been developed.

## People

- Governor Napolitano has appointed **George Seitts**, Director of the Arizona Energy Office, the new Board member from Arizona.
- **Jeff Burks**, alternate from Utah and former chairman of the WIEB Board has retired from the state and taken a position with the Public Service Company of New Mexico.
- Two new staffers have joined WIEB. **Tom Carr** has replaced Matt Lowry as WIEB's chief policy analyst on electricity issues. **Tim Holeman** is the manager of WIEB's nuclear waste transportation program funded under a cooperative agreement with DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. **Alison Wilson**, WIEB financial manager and jack of all trades, has decided to reduce her hours of work to 28 hours per week.

## Funding and Grant Status

- Thirteen states and provinces have paid or are in the process of contracting to pay dues in the current fiscal year.
- No new federal grants have been awarded to WIEB since April, but the HLW grant was increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per year. Other existing outside funding comes from:
  - A subcontract with WGA to pass through funds from DOE to evaluate a multi-state regional electricity entity;
  - A subcontract with WGA using DOE funds to coordinate Western regional carbon sequestration partnerships;
  - A subcontract with the Wyoming Energy Office using DOE funds to support work on transmission for wind issues, including the RMATS process, participation in SSG-WI transmission planning work, linking utility resource plans to regional transmission planning, and investigating potential improvements in the transmission interconnection queuing process.
  - A DOE grant to WIEB on wind issues that supports the Western Interconnection Wind Evaluation Team and related staff work on wind issues.

## Other Staff Presentations

- August 5 presentation on Western transmission issues to a tour of Congressional staff organized by the Legislative Institute at the University of Colorado.
- September 14 briefing of the Western Power Trading Forum in Portland on CREPC activities.
- September 28 participation in a roundtable on energy efficiency in the inland Western states organized by the Wirth Chair at the University of Colorado.

## **II. Committee Structure**

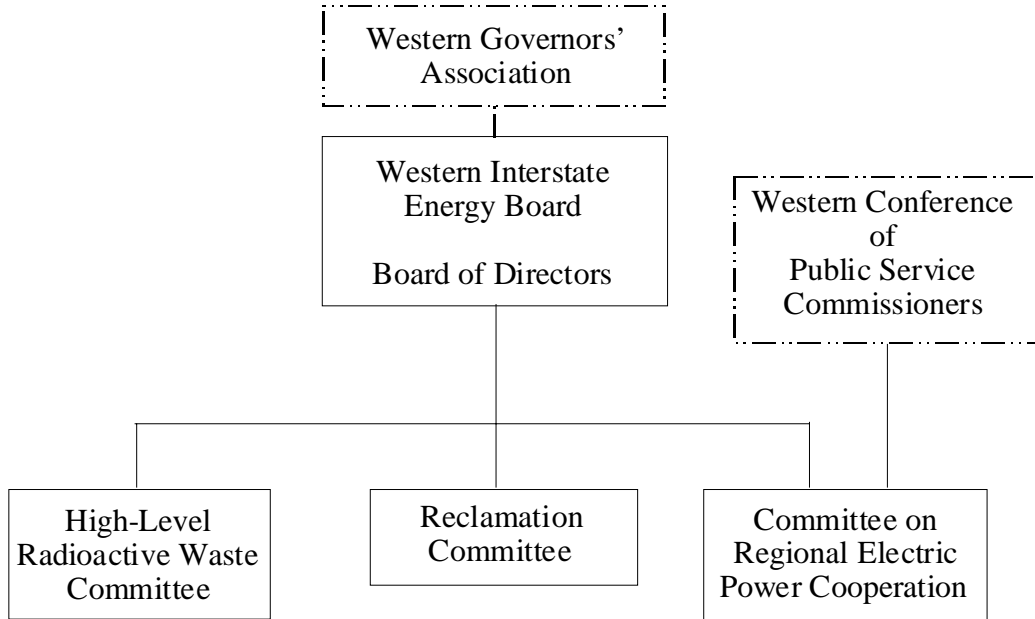
The Board has three committees. The committee structure allows subgroupings of states/provinces to pursue particular issues in depth. One committee, the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, is a joint committee of the Board and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners.

The Board chair appoints committee chairs. (The exception is the chair of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation who is jointly appointed by the chairs of WIEB and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners.)

Board members make appointments to committees of interest to their state/province. Typically, Board members have appointed the state/provincial experts in a particular topic to such committees. Often committee appointments are from agencies other than the Board member's agency.

In pursuing their issues, the committees have developed working relationships with outside parties, such as: the Reclamation Committee's work with the Office of Surface Mining and the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (which represents eastern states); the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation's relationship with the Western Electricity Coordination Council, proposed western regional transmission organizations, DOE, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and the High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee's relationship with DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, the Department of Transportation, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The following chart shows the Board's committees.



## Committee Activities Since April

### *Reclamation Committee*

[The [Reclamation Committee](#) includes the states of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Rick Chancellor, Director of the Wyoming Land Quality Division, chairs the Committee.]

### Activities Since April

**Active coal mine regulation:** The Reclamation Committee met in Salt Lake City on June 10. Jeff Jarrett, Director of the Office of Surface Mining and other OSM regional staff joined the meeting. The meeting focused primarily on the next steps to implement the Committee's "Vision Paper" that provides a roadmap of activities needed to apply new technologies (e.g., electronic permitting, geographical information systems)

to improve the quality and efficiency of the regulation of coal mines. This is a goal that OSM and Western states share. Other topics discussed include: the work force plan for the agency given impending retirements; proposed revisions to metrics to measure the performance of state regulatory programs; Western state bond release experience; and agency budget issues affecting Western states. A [follow-up letter](#) was sent to OSM summarized key discussion points from the meeting.

**Abandoned mines:** Statutory authorization of the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) fee on coal production expired at the end of September, but was temporarily extended to November as part of the Continuing Resolution adopted to keep the government operating. In June, Western Governors amended the existing WGA policy [resolution on the reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Land fee on coal production](#). Little progress has been made by Congress in moving long-term fee reauthorization legislation. OSM has proposed regulations to continue to collect sufficient revenues to make required transfers to the retired miners' Combined Benefit Fund. The authorization to collect revenues for the fund is not part of the AML fee that would have expired in September. Expiration of the major portion of the fee, which is to clean up abandoned mines, will impact Eastern states first, since, theoretically, states will continue to draw on their share of the existing surplus in the Abandoned Mine Land Fund. Western states have the largest portion of the unexpended state-share funds. However, the expenditure of such existing surplus funds will continue to require annual Congressional appropriations. WIEB is providing technical assistance to WGA's Washington, D.C. office on AML legislation.

### ***High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee***

*[This Committee focuses on issues related to the transportation of commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive defense waste (SNF/HLW) under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA). Ken Niles of the Oregon Office of Energy and Joe Strolin of the Nevada Nuclear Waste Office co-chair the Committee. Eleven [states](#) participate in the Committee's activities. ]*

### **Activities Since April**

- On April 21-23, staff and members of the HLW Committee participated in DOE's Transportation External Coordination Working Group meeting in Albuquerque. Staff presented the position of Western Governors on key transportation issues. At a sidebar meeting with the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), WIEB, the Southern States Energy Board, the Midwest Office of the Council of State Governments, and the Northeastern Office of the Council of State Governments the state groups and OCRWM agreed on language for new standardized cooperative agreements between OCRWM and each region to address transportation under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.
- On May 12-13, staff made a presentation to the Nuclear Waste Transportation Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures explaining the policies positions of Western Governors and the HLW Committee.

- On July 6 and August 25, DOE and the HLW Committee held a webcast during which representatives of DOE, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratory briefed the Committee on the Department's routing and logistics models. The Committee is particularly interested in understanding whether the Sandia logistics model would be a useful tool in updating the Committee's strategic plan of actions needed to prepare for shipments.
- In mid-July, the Board executed a new \$250,000 standardized cooperative agreement with OCRWM. The agreement also rolled over an additional \$20,000 in unspent funds from the existing cooperative agreement. The incremental funds are to be used to hire a contractor to develop a scoping paper on the application of the DOE models to the Committee's strategic plan. In September, the Board executed a contract with Daniel Nix to develop the scoping paper. Nix, who retired from the California Energy Commission in 2000 and led the Committee's work on strategic planning as a member of the HLW Committee in the 1980s and 1990s, is uniquely qualified to develop the scoping paper.
- The fall TEC meeting, held in Minneapolis on September 22, focused on a variety of transportation issues, in particular questions regarding funding for emergency responders along the transportation routes. WIEB was able to reach a compromise with the three other State Regional Groups regarding how federal emergency response funding will be distributed to over 40 states. Distribution of monies will be based on the following: 30% Population; 30% number of shipping miles; 30% Number of shipments; 10% Originating location of a nuclear reactor. The meeting also addressed issues regarding Safeguards and Security of shipments, and a new working group on security was formed at the meeting. A new working topic group on rail routing issues also met.
- On October 13, staff will make a presentation on the Western states' position on routing of spent fuel and HLW shipments to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board in Salt Lake City. Staff will describe previous WGA resolutions dealing with routing issues and will list those routing criteria which should be included in any future routing methodology used by the DOE.
- Under the new standardized cooperative agreement there has been improved coordination among the four regions through regular conference calls of regional staff and through attendance at each others' meetings. WGA and WIEB staff are also closely coordinating work with DOE on transportation of nuclear waste under the NWPA and other DOE shipments (e.g., shipments to the WIPP facility in New Mexico).
- The Committee will meet in Portland on November 4-5 to discuss several current issues facing the HLW Program. States will provide briefings on their activities in the last nine months. WIEB and DOE will hold a working session on DOE's new logistics planning and investment model, which will help determine the timing of and scale of procurement of shipping casks. The committee will provide a list of "what if" scenarios to be applied to the DOE models. The committee will also receive presentations from the NRC regarding cask development and from the Private Fuel Storage proposal in Utah.

## ***Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC)***

*[CREPC is a joint committee of the Board and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners. It includes all the states and provinces in the electrically-synchronized western grid, plus Saskatchewan. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council is also a member of the Committee. Marsha Smith, Commissioner of the Idaho Public Utility Commission, chairs the Committee.]*

### **Activities Since April**

- In response to the Governors' acceptance of CREPC's recommendations for an enhanced state/provincial regional electricity function and their direction to develop a recommendation on how to fund it, the Chair of CREPC and the heads of the CREPC work groups on reliability, resource adequacy, market monitoring, transmission permitting and expansion and transmission permitting developed a funding proposal. CREPC will consider the proposal in Vancouver and a report will be made to Western Governors for their December meeting. CREPC's activities over the past year have been heavily reliant on monies from three grants WIEB has received from DOE and the in-kind contributions of DOE's Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. Two of those grants expire in early 2005.
- Staffers from all Western PUCs and WIEB staff have signed non-disclosure agreements with FERC to enable them to receive general market monitoring information FERC staff compiles for their regular briefings of the Commissioners. In addition, WIEB staff and several Western states are regular participants in quarterly conference calls organized by FERC's Office of Market Oversight and Investigations to discuss recent market developments. This has been a productive step in improving the states' understanding of the Western electricity market and in building a constructive dialogue between the Commission's market monitoring staff and states.
- On September 13, CREPC filed [comments with DOE](#) in response to its request for comments on the designation of national interest electric transmission bottlenecks (NIETB). The draft CREPC comments were used by the Organization of Midwest ISO States in the development of their comments. WIEB staff also participated in FERC's workshop on transmission bottlenecks in Salt Lake City on July 14.
- CREPC's West-wide Resource Assessment Team (WRAT) has been working with Lawrence Berkeley Lab to explore alternative metrics to assess the adequacy of the Western electricity system to meet demand. The WRAT has engaged WECC's Reliability Policy Issues Committee and the WECC Reliability Subcommittee in resource adequacy discussions and examined WECC's latest Power Supply Assessment. The WECC Board has directed its committees to

develop a resource adequacy standard. CREPC is sponsoring with WECC a workshop on October 21 in Vancouver to examine resource adequacy issues. (Note that the WIEB/CEC natural gas assessment work will plug into the WRAT and WECC efforts on electricity resource adequacy.)

- At the Vancouver CREPC meeting, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory will be presenting its findings on how Western utility resource plans address natural gas price risk. Natural gas price risk is the largest uncertainty in utility resource planning. LBL's work is part of DOE's continuing in-kind contribution to CREPC's work.
- CREPC has been addressing data needs for transmission expansion planning and resource adequacy.
  - In May, CREPC wrote [WECC asking that load forecast data at the control area level be made public](#). WECC has asked its members to allow it to release such data. None has been released so far.
  - CREPC and WIEB staff have been supporting the proposed transfer of the SSG-WI transmission expansion modeling database to WECC. Two years ago, at the urging of states, SSG-WI developed a public database on loads and resources to use in modeling transmission needs. Much of the same information will be needed to do resource adequacy assessments. In July, the WECC Board approved a resolution enabling WECC to maintain and update the public production cost database developed SSG-WI. WECC and PacifiCorp, the holder of the database, still need to sign a transfer agreement. Execution of an agreement between WECC and PacifiCorp is likely, but not a sure thing because of the long standing "religious" wars over WECC's role in transmission planning.
  - In Vancouver, CREPC will be considering a proposal from the WRAT under which PUCs in the Western states and provinces would agree to require that future resource plans by load serving entities (LSEs) under their jurisdiction include three information items:
    1. A comparison of the LSE's analysis of generation and transmission choices with the applicable sub-regional and interconnection-wide transmission plans;
    2. A reconciliation of the LSE's load forecast in the IRP and load forecast submitted to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. As part of this reconciliation of load forecasts, LSEs should provide information on treatment of and underlying assumptions used for energy efficiency (e.g. base case forecast without energy efficiency, naturally occurring energy efficiency, impact of codes and standards, and utility energy efficiency programs) and demand response.

3. A reconciliation of “committed” resource additions through IRPs or other state processes (e.g., RFPs for power, mandatory renewable generation purchases outside of IRP processes) with resource additions submitted to WECC.

Those states and provinces that do not require LSE resources plans (Alberta, Arizona, New Mexico) would be encouraged to take parallel actions. CREPC would encourage public power utilities to adopt parallel practices.

- CREPC’s Market Monitoring Workgroup continues to work with SSG-WI’s Market Monitoring Work Group to explore the tools and alliances necessary to ensure the transparent operation and oversight of the Western electrical system in order to avoid the types of market manipulation that led to the crisis of 2000. The SSG-WI proposal will be presented at the CREPC meeting in Vancouver.
- The final WIEB report on demand response that was developed under a WIEB contract with DOE has been posted on the WIEB web site. See “[\*Demand Response in the West: Lessons for States and Provinces – A WIEB Report \(6-25-04\)\*](#)”.