

**Summary of Actions  
Taken at April 3, 2007 Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Western Interstate Energy Board  
Denver, Colorado**

With 11 states (AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY) and two provinces (AB, BC) participating, on April 3 the Board:

- Approved the minutes of the last Board meeting in Portland with modifications identified by Laura Nelson (UT).
- Elected officers for the coming year. The new officers for the Western Interstate Energy Board are: Tony Usibelli (WY), Chair; Lori Faeth (AZ), First Vice Chair; Laura Nelson (UT), Second Vice Chair; and Steve Ellenbecker (WY), Treasurer. The new officers for the Western Interstate Nuclear Board are Tony Usibelli (WA), Chair; Lori Faeth (AZ), Vice Chair; and Steve Ellenbecker (UT), Treasurer.
- Approved a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2007-08 work plan and budget with amendments. The FY 2007-08 budget provides an estimated income of \$1,299,944 and expenditures of \$619,944. The Board authorized:
  - The acceptance of funds in the areas of radioactive waste, regional electricity cooperation, mine reclamation, transportation (including alternative fuels), energy efficiency and renewable energy, fossil energy, and cross-border energy trade;
  - The Executive Committee (Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, and Treasurer) to approve, between meetings of the Board, the acceptance of funds in other areas, upon the written advice of members of the Board;
  - The Executive Committee to approve in the fall merit raises and the exact cost-of-living increase for employees based on the increase in the consumer price index for the Denver region;
  - The adoption, as a target, a fund reserve equal to 2 times the difference between the proposed annual budget for core Board functions and forecasted dues in the year; and
  - The Treasurer and Executive Director to sign bank and investment firm documents on behalf of the Board.
- The Board reviewed WGA energy resolutions about to expire by sunset terms. The Board agreed that the abandoned mine and CDEAC resolutions are replaced by new resolutions. The High Level Waste Committee will make a recommendation on a nuclear waste resolution by mid-April. Regarding the WGA resolution for ensuring adequate and stable energy supplies (WGA resolution 4-19), the Board agreed to set a deadline of Friday, April 20 for sending comments to WIEB staff regarding what aspects of the resolution should be recommended for renewal and identifying specific steps or action items that might be included in the resolution.

- The Board was briefed on past priority items:
  - Tony Usibelli (WA) provided follow-up on the energy emergency exercise held in Salt Lake City last June.
  - Thom Kelly (CA) reported on the status of the western natural gas adequacy project and the CEC modeling team.
  - Art Compton reported on work to resolve issues between Montana and Wyoming regarding coal bed methane water releases.
  
- Received briefings from:
  - Scott Field (WIEB staff) [presentation](#) on the High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee activities.
  - Jim Geringer (Federal Representative) on U.S. federal legislative proposals, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, federal grants and other topics.
  - Pam Inmann (WGA) on [WGA climate change initiatives](#), three future Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative workshops (energy efficiency, advanced coal, renewables), alternative transportation fuels, and the annual WGA meeting on June 10-12, in Deadwood, SD.
  - Patrick Cummins (WGA) on a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Registry
  - Phil Carver (OR DOE) on a [proposal](#) for estimating CO2 emissions from the electric sector;
  - Peter Ostergaard (BC), Kellan Fluckiger (AB), Tony Usibelli (WA), Joanna Prukop (NM) ([handout1](#)) ([handout2](#)), Tom Plant (CO), and Thom Kelly (CA) ([handout1](#)) on recent climate change-related developments in those jurisdictions.
  - Tony Usibelli and Steve Ellenbecker on the Board's Climate Change Task Force priorities based on the [WIEB Task Force Report](#).
  - Ryan Wisner and Galen Barbose (LBNL) [presentation](#) on the treatment of carbon risk in western utility resource plans.
  - Vicki Patton of Environmental Defense on the recent Supreme Court decision in *Massachusetts vs. EPA*.
  - Brian Parsons (NREL) on [western wind integration studies](#).
  - Doug Larson (WIEB) on the Board's [wind-advanced coal hybrid feasibility study project](#).
  - Gayle Gordon (WGA) on WGA's alternative transportation fuels program.
  - Kevin Moran (WGA) on federal [GHG legislation](#).
  - Joanna Prukop (NM) on the [five-state cap and trade proposal](#) among NM, CA, WA, OR, and AZ.

Presentations made at the meeting are being linked to the meeting agenda on the WIEB web site.

Formal meeting minutes will be prepared prior to the next Board meeting.