

**Summary of Actions
Taken at April 1-2, 2008 Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Western Interstate Energy Board
San Diego, California**

With 11 states (AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY) and three provinces (AB, BC, SK) participating on April 1-2 the Board:

- Approved the minutes of the last Board meeting in Tucson with modifications identified by Bill Chamberlain (CA) and Lori Faeth (AZ).
- 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; Steve Ellenbecker (WY), Second Vice Chair; and Dianne Nielson (UT), Treasurer. The new officers for the Western Interstate Nuclear Board are Tony Usibelli (WY), Chair; Lori Faeth (AZ), Vice Chair; and Dianne Nielson (UT), Treasurer.
- Approved a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2008-09 work plan and budget with amendments. The FY 2008-09 budget provides an estimated restricted income of \$303,000 and unrestricted income of \$250,000 (excluding carry over funds), and expenditures of \$491,000. The Board adopted a motion to:
 - 1) Approve the proposed FY 08-09 Board budget and work plan;
 - 2) Authorize 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;
 - 3) Authorize 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;
 - 4) Authorize the Executive Committee to approve in the fall merit increases and the exact cost-of-living increase for employees based on the increase in the consumer price index for the Denver region;
 - 5) Adopt, 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;
 - 6) Authorize the Executive Director and Treasurer to act as the financial agent of the Western Interstate Energy Board;
 - 7) Direct the Executive Committee to consider suggestions from Board members and present to the Fall Board meeting a proposal on the potential allocation of Board resources to priority issues; and
 - 8) Between April and the Fall Board meeting direct the Executive Committee to identify any potential short-term needs the Board may want to address.

- Received briefings from:
 - Steve Ellenbecker (WY) on WGA priorities including the annual WGA meeting in June at Jackson Hole, the wildlife corridors initiative, the proposed Western Renewable Energy Zone initiative, reports from the advanced coal and energy efficiency groups, and completion of the Transportation Fuels for the Future project.
 - Doug Larson (WIEB) on Board and Committee activities and the 2008-09 proposed WIEB work plan and budget.
 - Sharon Irwin (WIEB) on the WIEB private website and Alison Wilson (WIEB) on the WIEB climate change website.
 - Kevin Moran (WGA) on federal proposals on climate change and prospects for extending federal tax incentives for renewable energy.
 - Representatives of the Western carbon sequestration partnerships including Jim Sorensen from the Plains partnership, Larry Myer of West Coast partnership, and John Talbott of the Big Sky partnership.
 - Doug Larson on the proposed Western Renewable Energy Zone project.
 - Terry Penney (NREL) on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) and Michael Kintner-Meyer (PNNL) on the potential impacts of high penetration of PHEVs on the U.S. power grid.
 - Board members on recent developments in their respective state/province during a round table discussion on climate change issues.

Presentations made at the meeting have been linked to the meeting agenda on the WIEB web site and can be found at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/meetings/boardsprg2008/04-08agen.htm>

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