

TO: WIEB Natural Gas Assessment Team

FROM: Doug Larson

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SUBJECT: **Notes from April 28 Conference Call**

With representatives from eight states (CA, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY) and three provinces (AB, BC, SK) on the call, the WIEB Natural Gas Assessment Team:

1. Agreed to develop a contact list of state/provincial members of the team. Attached is the draft contact list based on emails received thus far and staff information. PLEASE COMPLETE THE MISSING DATA FOR YOUR STATE/PROVINCE IN THE ATTACHED FILE AND EMAIL IT TO mlowry@westgov.org.
2. Decided to hold its next conference call on May 14 at 10 a.m. (PDT)/11 a.m. (MDT). PLEASE ADVISE ME (dlarson@westgov.org) if this time will NOT work for you.
3. Agreed on the following organization of the study effort:
 - a. A core team will be established of state/provincial representatives. DOE and FERC would be invited to join the core team. FERC is doing a separate, but parallel study. A representative of the Potential Gas Committee (e.g., John Curtis) would also be invited to participate.
 - b. An email listserv of interested stakeholders beyond the states and provinces will be developed in order to keep them apprised of the study effort. This outreach effort will begin with the larger natural gas associations in the West.
 - c. Hold workshops during the study effort to allow for broader input. The CEC will take the lead in organizing the workshops. The workshops may be held in California or elsewhere in the West. States/provinces will need to help organize participation in the workshops by interested stakeholders.
 - d. It would be desirable to utilize the CEC web cast capabilities for the workshops and to keep the core team briefed.
 - e. After more frequent initial conference calls, the team will hold monthly conference calls.
4. Discussed the questions the study will address, except for the gas storage questions which will be addressed in Phase II of the study. Explanations of the questions and suggestions were made [e.g., limit the analysis under A.3. on impact of energy efficiency, conservation and renewable resource utilization on gas demand; LNG-related issues (Questions B4-6) will be difficult and should include information on siting and permitting difficulties some of which may be contained in an LNG study the CEC expects to release next month)].

5. Discussed potential sources of data and analysis that would be appropriate to use for the 10-year study period, including:
 - a. The CEC will begin their analysis with supply information from the National Petroleum Council 2003 report, but is interested in states/provinces comparing the NPC data with their own.
 - b. Provinces maintain data on gas resources.
 - c. A Canadian Gas Potential Study is underway, but won't be available until next year.
 - d. Utah can deliver information on gas use in the state by consuming sector.
 - e. New Mexico is undertaking a study on gas supply and pipeline capacity in the state which will be completed in the fall. A 1999 study prepared by New Mexico will be provided to the CEC.
 - f. B.C. will provide information on whether offshore gas resources need to be considered in during the assessment period.
 - g. The CEC has extensive information on LNG on its [web site](#).

6. Prior to the next call, the CEC will:
 - a. Identify the financial assistance needed in the areas of outreach and initial analytic efforts.
 - b. Identify project milestones and the types and timing of information needed from other sources.
 - c. Rework the questions to be addressed in the study and include additional detail.
 - d. Assemble a chart of potential base scenarios and sensitivity analyses for discussion.

Regarding expectations for this joint WIEB-CEC project, we need to understand early on what each state/province needs to derive from the study in order that the effort adds value for all states/provinces. Therefore, PLEASE E-MAIL ME (dlarson@westgov.org) YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT AND REPORT ANY CRITICAL NEEDS YOU HAVE THAT CAN BE FULFILLED BY THIS EFFORT? If we know what your target is in advance, we have an increased chance of hitting it.

In other actions, Grace Anderson (CEC) and Doug Larson (WIEB) will discuss the interface between the WIEB gas assessment and the WRAT/WECC electricity assessment work, particularly related to demand resulting from extreme temperature events. Grace also urged the Team to take a conservative approach when identifying future gas-fired electric generation plants, pipelines, etc. Larry Charach (AB) will secure the involvement of the necessary people to address gas demand from oil sands development.

Thanks to all for a product, if hurried, first call.