

TO: WIEB Natural Gas Assessment Team

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SUBJECT: **Notes from May 26 Conference Call**

With representatives from seven states (CA, MT, NV, NM, UT, WA) and two provinces (AB, SK) on the conference call, the Team agreed on the actions described below.

- The Team discussed the DOE [funding proposal](#), the revised [list of questions](#) and issues to be addressed in the report and the overall [project schedule](#).
- Todd Peterson (CEC) will email the Team a document describing the project. This document can also be found at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/natgas/project.pdf> .
- In the next 7-10 days, the CEC will email the Team a data acquisition template and the initial data they have (e.g., EIA consumption data). States/provinces will be asked to review the template and data.
- To avoid duplicative requests for data, the CEC will email the Team a list of the people who have been asked to supply data and the data they have been asked to supply.
- A [NARG model](#) training meeting and public workshop on the project will be held in Sacramento on June 28-29. States/provinces intending to be in Sacramento are asked to forward to Todd ([tpeterso@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:tpeterso@energy.state.ca.us)) the earliest time they can arrive in Sacramento on June 28. This will determine the starting time for the model training meeting. The public workshop will be held on June 29. The CEC will email or post on the Internet presentation material prior to June 28 and arrange an audio-only web cast for both meetings. The CEC will be providing logistical information for the meetings, including nearby hotel accommodations.
- The CEC will review the project schedule to ensure supply-side data collection and modeling tasks mesh. They will provide a detailed schedule, as well as a simplified schedule of major events. To the extent possible, Team members should highlight times in the schedule where they believe Team discussion is needed (e.g., base case assumptions and sensitivity analyses).
- The CEC will email to the Team in the next 7-10 days a description and summary of assumptions for the base case and potential sensitivity analyses.
- A work group was created to examine the impact of oil sands development in Alberta on natural gas demand and the supply of electricity into the Western grid. Members of the work group are: Larry Charach/Matthew Foss (AB); Todd Peterson and other members

of the CEC modeling team; and Terry Morlan, Northwest Power and Conservation Council. The work group will develop a scenario and discussion paper on potential impacts of oil sands development on gas demand and electricity generation.

- Team members should review the project's website at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/natgas/index.htm> and send any suggestions to Matt Lowry at WIEB ([mlowry@westgov.org](mailto:mlowry@westgov.org)).
- The CEC will provide a written description of the modeling approach discussed on the conference call.
- The Team will need to develop a description of the information price formation elements of the model compared with a "price forecast."
- The consultants who are being hired to assist WIEB/CEC in the project will be invited to participate in future Team conference calls, except if the Team decides they are not needed for a particular call. However, other non-state/provincial parties will not be invited to participate in Team calls.
- The next Team conference call will be held on Monday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. MDT/1:00 p.m. PDT. At a minimum, the agenda for the call will include:
  - Data acquisition template and data presently available to the CEC modelers.
  - Assumption in the base case and proposed sensitivity analyses.
  - Preparations for the June 28-29 meetings.