

Summary of July 21, 2006 WIRAB Conference Call Meeting

The following WIRAB members participated in the July 21, 2006 conference call and constituted a quorum of current WIRAB members:

Arizona – Lori Faeth, Governor’s Office
California – Bill Chamberlain, California Energy Commission
Colorado – Jeff Hein, Colorado Public Utility Commission
Idaho – Marsha Smith, Public Utility Commission
Nevada – Carl Linvill, Governor’s Office
New Mexico – Joanna Prukop, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
Oregon – John Savage, Public Utility Commission
Utah – Laura Nelson, Governor’s Office
Washington – Tony Usibelli, Energy Policy Office
Wyoming – Steve Ellenbecker, Governor’s Office

Ed Higginbottom (BC) and Ian McKay (AB) also participated in the meeting, as did Inez Dominguez from the Colorado PUC staff and Bob Dintelman, WIRAB consultant.

Summary of July 7, 2006 Meeting

Bill Chamberlain (CA) moved and Joanna Prukop (NM) seconded a motion to approve the draft summary of the July 7, 2006 WIRAB conference call meeting. The motion was approved.

Updates

Doug Larson (WIEB) reported on the July 20 action of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granting the Western Governors’ petition to establish the WIRAB. Next steps were discussed.

Lori Faeth (AZ) moved and Marsha Smith (ID) second a motion approving the draft WIRAB budget previously approved at the May 25 meeting and directing staff to reformulate the budget into a form required by the FERC Order. The motion was approved. Staff will be sending to WIRAB members a reformulated Calendar Year 2007 budget. The budget will then be conveyed to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

In light of FERC’s action, letters will be sent from the Western Governors’ Association to Alberta, British Columbia, South Dakota, Nebraska and Texas inviting those entities to join the WIRAB. WIRAB requested that Bill Chamberlain (CA) contact Mexico’s representative to WECC and determine the appropriate Mexican entity to invite to join the WIRAB.

It was decided to postpone the election of a WIRAB vice chair until the additional members of the WIRAB are in place.

Tony Usibelli (WA) reported on discussions between the Bonneville Power Administration and Northwest states regarding reliability standards.

Advice to FERC on Proposed Standards

WIRAB reviewed a second draft of potential advice to FERC on reliability standards and agreed to specific changes. Tony Usibelli (WA) moved and Marsha Smith (ID) seconded a motion to approve the revised second draft and convey the advice to FERC. The motion was unanimously approved with the following states voting: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. These states constitute more than one-half of the entities participating the WIRAB and represent more than one-half of the load of the participating entities. [Subsequent to the meeting, Art Compton (MT) also voted to support the advice.]

Staff will email WIRAB members the approved advice on July 21. Any additional editorial comments are due from WIRAB members by close of business on July 24. Thereafter, the advice will be conveyed to FERC.