

MINUTES
New Energy Industry Task Force (NEITF)
Subcommittee on Business Case
(Development of Key Metrics, Draft RFP and Manage Business Case)
January 15, 2013
11:00 a.m.

The New Energy Industry Task Force Subcommittee on Business Case held a public meeting on January 15, 2013, beginning at 11:00 a.m., by conference call.

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Jason Geddes, Co-Chairman, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and opened this agenda item.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ian Rogoff, Co-Chair	X	
Jason Geddes, Co-Chair	X	
Ellen Allman	X	
Tom Morley		X
John Candelaria	X	
Alex Gamboa		X
Dan Jacobsen	X	
Paul Thomsen	X	
Joni Eastley		X
Kathleen Drakulich		X
Jim Baak	X	
James Settelmeyer		X
Jack McGinley	X	
Stacey Crowley		X

Also in attendance were Dagny Stapleton, Brenda Gilbert, Lindsay Knox, Sue Stephens, and Bob Cooper.

2. Public comments and discussion.

Co-Chair Geddes opened this agenda item and noted that public comments will be permitted on agenda matters which are before the Subcommittee for consideration or action. He asked that comments be limited to three minutes. Hearing no public comments or discussion, this agenda item was closed.

3. Review and approval of minutes from December 17, 2012 subcommittee meeting

Co-Chair Geddes opened this agenda item. Paul Thomsen moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ellen Allman. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. The agenda item was closed.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding policy topics.

Co-Chair Geddes opened this agenda item and noted that there was one policy recommendation requiring further discussion before presenting that recommendation to the full task force. That item concerned the transmission. He also noted that proposed language was emailed to the committee members a couple of hours before this meeting (version 4). John Candelaria was asked to review the language in version 4 and explain differences between version 4 and previous versions. John Candelaria explained that the item dealt with resource sharing and the recommendation document was formatted to be consistent with the previously discussed Renewable Energy Zone recommendations. The recommendation is that the PUCN open an investigatory docket to identify benefits that might be associated with various aspects of resource sharing with adjacent states (primarily California); determine the associated regulatory effects on NV Energy; and identify regulatory and legislative impacts, including impacts and benefits for Nevada's customers.

Dan Jacobsen asked whether legislative changes were also being recommended. John Candelaria explained that the intent of the recommendation is to request assistance from the PUCN and that there was no proposed legislation associated with it; this recommendation would go to the Governor and the Governor would decide whether to make the request of the PUCN to open the recommended investigatory docket. Jim Baak indicated his support for the recommendation. Brian Whalen asked whether the PUCN would combine this request with other EIM (Energy Imbalance Market) studies and where the funding for the studies would come from. Jack McGinley also questioned what studies might be combined and whether NV Energy's studies with the California Independent System Operator would be affected. John Candelaria said that the PUCN would decide what, if any, studies should be combined and funding sources. A general discussion followed concerning the types of studies that might be performed and various approaches that might be followed as a result of the recommendation. Co-Chair Ian Rogoff questioned whether the recommendation would achieve any additional progress compared to studies that were already underway. Paul Thomsen noted that, based on experience, the PUCN would receive a wide variety of valuable comments and information as a result of opening the recommended investigatory docket. John Candelaria added that the scope of the request is broader than just an EIM investigation.

John Candelaria moved to approve the recommendation with two changes: 1) that the PUCN submit their report by March 1, 2014; and 2) that the report be submitted to the Office of Energy. Paul Thomsen seconded the motion. Discussion followed concerning whether legislation should, or should not be, recommended. The motion carried, except for a vote against the motion made by Dan Jacobsen. Co-Chair Geddes said that the next step would be to draft a letter to the PUCN similar to what was prepared for previous recommendations that have since been approved by the NEITF.

5. Set time and date of next meeting

Co-Chair Geddes recommended that the group meet as required based direction from Stacey Crowley, as Chair of the NEITF.

6. Public Comment.

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7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.