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New Energy Industry Task Force (NEITF)
September 19, 2012
1:00 p.m.

The New Energy Industry Task Force held a public meeting on September 19, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the following locations:

State Capitol, the Guinn Room, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89703, and via videoconference at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington, Suite 5100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

1. **Call to order and Roll Call.** Stacey Crowley, Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:07 p.m. and opened this agenda item

Task Force Members in Carson City	Task Force Members in Las Vegas (via videoconference)	Task Force Members Absent
Stacey Crowley		Matt Frazier
Ellen Allman		Tom Morley
John Tull		Tom Husted
Paul Thomsen		
Lawrence Willick (via teleconference)		
Ian Rogoff		
Jack McGinley		
Jim Woodruff (via teleconference)		

Advisory Members in Carson City	Advisory Members in Las Vegas (via videoconference)	Advisory Members Absent
Alex Gamboa	John Candelaria	Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Connie Westadt		Joni Eastley
Rebecca Wagner		Amy Lueders
Kathleen Drakulich (via teleconference)		Jim Baak
Rebecca Wagner		
Jason Geddes		
Senator James Settelmeyer		

Also present were Sue Stephens, NSOE; Shannon Hogan, Holland and Hart; Brenda Gilbert, BEC Environmental, Inc.; Jayne Harkins, Colorado River Commission (via videoconference); Catherine Elder, Aspen Environmental Group; and Wendy Ellis (via teleconference).

2. Public Comment and Discussion

Chair Crowley opened this agenda item. Hearing no public comments, this agenda item was closed.

3. Review and Approval of the Minutes from June 20th, 2012 Task Force Meeting.

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

4. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittees from Subcommittee Chairpersons.

Chair Crowley opened this agenda item.

Transmission Subcommittee - Rebecca Wagner updated the group with regard to the actions of this subcommittee. She noted a meeting has not been held since early August due to scheduling conflicts. At the August 10, 2012 meeting, presentations were provided by Victoria Ravenscroft from Western Governors Association, who provided a broad overview with regard to the energy imbalance market. She noted one meeting was held with the Renewable Energy Zone Working Group with regard to potential changes to the renewable energy zones. Lawrence Willick noted there was discussion with regard to the options related to transmission financing and explained that future meetings will identify more specific policy recommendations.

Business Case Subcommittee - Ian Rogoff provided an update by noting the group had produced an RFP (Request for Proposal) with the assistance of two consultants, which formed the basis for the consultant's work. He stated there are a number of suggestions, corrections, and amendments to the report that are needed from Synapse. Mr. Rogoff reviewed the feedback that was received, including suggesting limiting commentary, establishing an "apples to apples" comparisons between the cost to produce and transmit power in Nevada to California ISO, separating out private and public investment options, elaborating on revenue contribution to the state, and providing details on types of induced-benefits jobs that would be created. Additionally, there was feedback with regard to expanding on the resource benefits of resource sharing with California, limiting the benefits to American jobs with no funding for non-U.S.-based resources or jobs and guidance on the impact on rate base. Jason Geddes added that the group will discuss policy considerations once corrections are made to the report. Copies of the revised accepted report will be provided to all members. Hearing no further discussion, this agenda item was closed.

5. Presentation and Discussion on Natural Gas Market in the West.

Chair Crowley opened this agenda item. Catherine Elder, Aspen Environmental Group, provided a presentation with regard to the natural gas market. She discussed the differences between the electricity and gas markets, the infrastructure and constraints in

the West, explanations for volatility, the volume of gas currently being used for electricity generation, ways to fix the differences between gas and electricity, worldwide shale resources, and hydraulic fracturing. Ms. Elder then answered questions from the group, after which the agenda item was closed. After the meeting, Ms. Elder's PowerPoint presentation has been posted to the website:
[http://energy.nv.gov/Programs/Nevada Energy Assistance Corporation](http://energy.nv.gov/Programs/Nevada_Energy_Assistance_Corporation)

6. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Upcoming Meeting Topics.

Chair Crowley opened this agenda item. It was suggested that there be discussion at the next meeting with regard to policy ideas. Hearing no further comments, this agenda item was closed.

7. Set Time and Date of Next Meeting

Chair Crowley reminded the group that the next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., after which the agenda item was closed.

8. Public Comments and Discussion

Chair Crowley opened this agenda item. Wendy Ellis recommended a book entitled "Power Hungry." Hearing no further public comments or discussion, this agenda item was closed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.