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New Energy Industry Task Force

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The New Energy Industry Task Force (NEITF) held a public meeting on May 26, 2016, beginning
at
9:04 AM. at the following location:

Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The meeting was also available via videoconference at:
Grant Sawyer State Building
555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4412
Las Vegas, NV 89101

1. Call to order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Chair Angela Dykema. The agenda item was opened up for roll call and a quorum was confirmed.

The following Task Force Members were present:

Task Force Members

Angela Dykema, Chair
Danny Thompson, Member (Las Vegas)
James Oscarson, Member (Las Vegas)
Jeremy Susac, Member (Las Vegas)
Josh Nordquist, Member
Kathryn Arbeit, Member
Kyle Davis, Member
Matthew Tuma, Member
Patricia Spearman, Member (Las Vegas)
Starla Lacy, Member
Tom Ewing, Member

Task Force Members Absent

Beth O'Brien, Member

2. Public Comment and Discussion: Chair Dykema opened Agenda item number 2 for public comment.

Richard Birt, a firefighter with the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue commented that he has been living off the grid for ten years. He stated his concern is that solar energy is our number 1 asset for national security, his concern is the safety of our citizens. He feels the energy company's job is to provide that energy, and create a grid that can sustain these new technologies. He does not want NV Energy to go away or be destroyed; he believes they play a very important part in creating a grid that will give the customers the choice to become independent.

Judy Treichel commented as follows: important data was released this week regarding the significant value of residential rooftop solar in Nevada. During the last meeting of the Distributed Generation Technical Advisory Board meeting the PUCN was asked to provide information on programs and policies being used in other states. They didn't have any. Both the SolarCity, NRDC, and Brookings reports contain complete peer review data that should have been presented at that meeting. And more importantly, that information that's in those reports should have been gathered and considered by both NV Energy and the PUCN before the December decision that essentially ended residential rooftop solar in Nevada. In addition to the direct benefits enumerated in those reports was the potential for water savings by the increased use of residential rooftop solar. Lake Mead is expected to reach levels that would prompt emergency actions next month. The Lake would then be at the lowest level since it was originally filled. Energy production is the second largest water user in the United States after agriculture. By phasing out and replacing the fossil fuel and nuclear power generating plants with renewables, our valuable and essential water resources can be saved. Please give very strong consideration to those reports.

James Katzen spoke about the report released by NRDC and SolarCity which show that rooftop solar energy gives a lot back to the community. He mentioned that we have been a gross exporter of power which people in Nevada built from Boulder City, not from Arizona and not from California. He believes it's time to renegotiate that deal. The rate on his bill has changed three or four times and the bottom line is he generates about as much electricity as he uses. However, Nevada Energy doesn't pay him the same amount of money for the kilowatt that he generates as the one that they sell back. He was told one thing when he originally spent the money, and in three years everything changed. He stated the city has committed to becoming 100 percent solar.

Denise Duarte stated she had attended the previous Task Force meeting where the Grandfathering issue came up. She mentioned she did not see anyone on the Task Force who was actually representing her or reaching out to her to find out what her thoughts are and she did not think there was anyone from consumer affairs on the Task Force. She questioned the 25 year limitation and reasons as well as the reasoning regarding the leases and contracts.

Chair Dykema thanked her for her comment and stated there is a member of the Bureau of Consumer Protection on the Technical Advisory Committee.

Arron Dougherty spoke about the report put out by SolarCity and NRDC. He mentioned he believes the PUCN made a faulty decision and now we have what the PUC at the time of the decision did not have. The report showed that there is actually a net gain of \$7 million per year to Nevadans, which is drastically different from what we saw before. He thinks we should reinstate net metering, and save Nevadans the money they deserve. He further analyzed savings to the state of Nevada as well as jobs.

Julio Ramirez sells solar systems for a living and wanted to encourage the Task Force to adopt policy recommendations that will renew Nevada's standing as a clean energy leader. He stated our state is powered primarily by natural gas, which is a cheap energy source right now, but it won't be that way forever. Natural gas is not an infinite resource and when prices for it go up, ratepayers will bear the cost. Additionally, fossil fuels like coal and natural gas are not harvestable within our state's borders. By relying on these outdated fuel resources, we're sending hundreds of millions of dollars out of state. By keeping this money in-state, we can invest in an industry which can diversify Nevada's economy and bring more jobs to the State. Renewable energy is better for Nevada's environment. Bottom line: We should invest in Nevada's abundant natural resources.

Annette Magnus, the Executive Director of Battle Born Progress presented a petition welcoming Ikea to Nevada with their rooftop solar. They are currently building a list of people who are clean energy voters who want to see more renewable energy in this state and they want to work with this Task Force to do that. They want to build a clean energy future for Nevada because it's an important thing to do.

Marlene Adrian stated she is very concerned about the work session framework that is number 1 on the New Energy Industry Task Force recommendations. She expressed concern for the method used to reach the 20 year or 25 year grandfathering clause. She would like to see the limitation on grandfathering eliminated for rooftop solar panels.

Christian Iusso stated NV Energy is making it unviable from a financial standpoint for renewables to succeed. He discussed the future rates NV Energy will be charging as well as natural gas and coal dependency.

Tom Dudas stated he has a solar system on his roof and he addressed issues raised at a recent PUCN meeting where they discussed the incentive program by NV Energy. He was concerned with the loss of jobs and he mentioned the Brookings Report. He referenced an article written by Kate Zerrenner

David Gibson discussed the human consumption of fossil fuels and its effect on the global ecosystem. He encouraged the replacement of fossil fuels, natural gas and nuclear power with renewable energy. He stated we must increase our Renewable Portfolio Standard not to 50 percent by 2040, but 100 percent by 2030. Powering ourselves with renewable energy by 2030 will put our energy system on track to export large amounts of solar power in the coming decades. He recommended increasing funding for programs that work such as the Governor's Office of Energy's Direct Energy Assistance Loan Program, providing 0-interest loans for State employees to make efficiency improvements to their homes. He stated this should be expanded to include all public employees and retirees at the local level as well as State.

The City Councilwoman commented as follows, I'm here to speak in favor of the 25-year grandfathering that you're considering for solar energy. And I'm here representing both myself and the City of Reno on an informal basis. At the City of Reno we have 14 installations of solar. Seven of these were affected by the PUC's decision. Many government agencies and nonprofits were also

affected by the decision. We installed solar purely on a practical basis at the City. Obviously, it saves money for all in terms of saving our expenditures on operating costs, allowing us to spend more on fire, police, and parks, things like that, but it also was done as to set a good policy. Since the decision I've had many citizens come to me and say that they felt very disappointed that they felt they had lost their opportunity. It was both for their personal self and for the State. After the PUC's final decision it became clear that this was probably a poor financial decision. You may want to make sure that you also encourage the PUC or others to address the battery storage issue which appears to be disallowed now. I just would like to wrap up again saying I would like to see some better transparency in the decision-making - and perhaps that's a recommendation that could come out from this organization - in terms of how PUC hearings are held, how testimony is taken, how the public gets to participate in that process.

Jeb Bateman encouraged the Task Force to pass a motion to grandfather current rooftop solar customers. He also brought up the analysis provided by NRDC examining the costs and benefits of deploying rooftop solar in Nevada.

Alejandro Romero spoke about Latinos stating almost nine in ten Hispanic voters prefer to invest in clean, renewable energy sources over fossil fuels. He stated Latino children have a 40 percent greater chance of dying of asthma, and almost half of all Latinos here in the United States live in one of the 25 most ozone-polluted cities in our country.

Chair Dykema thanked them all and closed Public Comment.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes: Chair Dykema opened Agenda item number 3 and asked for any correction or additions to the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Matt Tuma to accept the minutes, it was seconded by another Task Force member.

The motion carried and closed agenda item number 3.

4. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee on Clean Energy Sources: The Chair opened agenda item number 4, which is an overview of the Committee's work to date on their given policy areas including any proposals for the Task Force to consider recommending as bill draft requests. Chair Dykema introduced Jennifer Taylor to begin her presentation.

In her presentation, Ms. Taylor said that the Clean Energy Sources Technical Advisory Committee is bringing forth seven recommendations to the full Task Force on areas including Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard, our Integrated Resource Planning, energy efficiency, homeowner financing option, and the deletion of some obsolete statutes. In looking at the policies we wanted to bring forward we did focus on the underlying language of the Governor's Executive Order, recognizing that the health, safety, and welfare of consumers and businesses of Nevada depends upon the continued coordination of our State agencies, the energy industry, businesses and residents, to ensure that Nevada develops a comprehensive Clean Energy Plan to secure our growth and develop the best plan for our state's renewable, sustainable clean energy future. Additionally, the policies that our committee brings forward for consideration look to the guiding principles of the Accord for a new energy future that our Governor signed, along with 16 other Governors, and seeks to expand energy efficiency and renewable energy to strengthen Nevada's economic productivity,

reduce our air pollution, and avoid energy waste. The Accord recognizes that promoting energy savings through efficiency and conservation programs are the most reliable, cost-effective ways to meet energy needs. We recognize that technologies that capture our state's natural resources, including solar, wind, geothermal, and hydroelectric have become increasingly viable and cost-effective options to integrate into our state's energy portfolios, while also reducing carbon pollution and wasted energy. And we recognize that decreasing costs of renewable energy and rapid advances in efficiency allow us to diversify Nevada's energy portfolio for economic health and environmental benefits. The Governor's executive order provided, as you noted, Madam Chair, specific direction for our work, which specifically indicated that our task, our Technical Advisory Committee would be working to encourage the development of clean energy sources and integrate renewable energy technologies into our energy sector. Integrating Nevada's own natural resources puts additional monetary resources into our economy.

She went on to state their first recommendation, that they recommend the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to amend Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard, as set out in Nevada Revised Statute 704.7801 through Nevada Revised Statute 704.7828, including the following specific revisions to that statutory scheme. And that would include increasing the Renewable Portfolio Standard, for example, to 50 percent Renewable Portfolio Standard credits by 2040, applying the increase of the RPS equally to investor-owned utilities as well as 704B customers. Those customers are the ones that may seek to exit the system. And finally, implement legislative adjustments necessary to ensure that Nevada renewable energy credits are regionally tradable.

Mr. Thompson asked, since this recommendation will require a bill, what precisely is the committee asking for?

Ms. Taylor stated there was not detailed discussion about potential cost impacts. The overall policy would be one that would revitalize the RPS. The committee felt that it was incumbent to bring forward a recommendation that there be an increase in the Portfolio Standard.

Ms. Taylor then moved on to the second recommendation, which was to consider a bill amending the Integrated Resource Planning process, as set out in NRS 704.736 including some of the following provisions. The first would be that we establish a preference in NRS 704.746 for measures to reduce demand and increase supply that provides the greatest economic and environmental benefits, and the greatest opportunity for the creation of new jobs in this state. The second specific statutory change that the committee is recommending is that we establish a preference in NRS 704.746 for measures that diversify energy portfolios and reduce fuel price and carbon price risk. And finally, we would recommend amending 704.746 to provide for a broader pre-filing process and greater inclusion of all stakeholders in that energy planning process.

Mr. Thompson asked regarding the millions of dollars given to companies such as Tesla to create jobs, were there any of these types of discussions?

Ms. Taylor answered, that a good model for looking at job creation is the one provided by the Governor's Office of Energy, which is the tax abatement program for in-state utility, large-scale utility programs.

Mr. Thomson then stated he had a very bad experience with the First Solar plant which was built completely with people from outside Nevada.

Ms. Taylor responded and said that the goal is to employ Nevadans and that is consistent with the Governor's Order and the Accord.

Mr. Thompson then added that you would think you could say it needs to be 100% Nevadans if you are getting all those tax incentives but you get in trouble with the Commerce Clause. He then added, to provide the greatest economic and environmental benefits, I don't know what you are saying there.

Ms. Taylor responded, this committee would like to prioritize and it may be necessary to have additional studies in terms of how you quantify measures.

Mr. Davis then stated that they would give the PUC clear direction and it would be something that would go through a PUC rulemaking or workshop.

Assemblyman Oscarson added that assessing a cost to these issues is going to be important because fiscal notes need to be attached to BDR's. So we need to know what the fiscal cost to the state would be to implement these and to others. He further added that he is assuming these recommendations are only for the folks who are under auspice of the PUC.

Ms. Taylor responded that they left out the co-ops and munis because they don't fall under the PUC.

Senator Spearman stated that whatever we can come up with has to have the elasticity to go the distance with a strategic plan for energy policy development here in the state. Although the co-ops are not participating now, there should be something in place so that if they want to, they should be able to receive the benefits as well. She also stated that the cost benefit analysis would require an education process because there are many people who do not understand the environmental benefit.

Ms. Taylor then continued with recommendation number five which has to do with energy efficiency policies. The Clean Energy Source Committee recommended that the Task Force consider a bill to promote energy efficiency policies which would specifically, first, support legislation that gives authority to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. It gives them the legislative authority but not the mandate to institute decoupling if it is found to be in the public interest. And then second, to increase the amount of funds in NRS 702.160 to 702.270 to allow for greater spending on weatherization of low income households, or to change the program to facilitate the use of those funds by renters rather than homeowners.

Mr. Thompson asked where the money is coming from.

Ms. Taylor stated that it is money that is already in one of the PUC's programs.

Mr. Thompson then said that increasing participation meant having to put more money in it.

Mr. Davis stated that it can be discussed. Funding exists right now for weatherization and for bill assistance but the issue has not been settled.

The topic then returned to decoupling and Senator Spearman stated that there is precedence for what the recommendation is and she encouraged everyone to take a look at Senate Bill 407.

Ms. Taylor moved on to their next recommendation, which is that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to support legislation enabling Property Assessed Clean Energy, as was previously outlined in Senate Bill 150 of the 2015 session. The next recommendation that the Clean Energy Sources Committee is bringing forward is our recommendation that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to implement, on an expedited basis, the outcome of the study being undertaken by the Governor's Office of Energy regarding green banks.

Mr. Thompson and Senator Spearman expressed their concern regarding the vagueness of this recommendation.

Ms. Taylor continued on with their last recommendation, which was to eliminate statutes 704.701 through 704.731 and 704.7823.

Mr. Susac asked whether the decisions were unanimous or nearly unanimous.

Ms. Taylor answered that they were overwhelmingly unanimous. She stated the IRP recommendation had one person abstain and the one on decoupling had two opposed. Mr. Davis clarified that the RPS recommendation had two opposed and the decoupling had one abstain.

Ms. Lacy stated that representing NV Energy, we actually support the bulk of what is here. We are very concerned about the customers first and foremost.

Assemblyman Oscarson asked whether there was any consideration about storage and how that fits into their recommendations.

Ms. Taylor responded that they deferred any questions of storage to the Distributed Generation & Storage committee.

The Chair thanked Ms. Taylor and closed this agenda item.

5. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee on Distributed Generation and Storage: Chair Dykema opened agenda item number 5.

Jeremy Susac began his presentation as Chairman of the Committee, he stated I would like to first echo the public comments today, that we have a unique opportunity to repair Nevada's clean energy reputation by restoring consumer confidence and promoting real choice by approving a placeholder, which will be recommendation 2, that enables our Technical Advisory Committee to continue the great work on distributed generation and storage. He thanked Governor Sandoval, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the public as they have all worked very hard to achieve a balanced grandfathering resolution.

He continued by stating the three proposals as follows: Grandfathering appropriate net metering customers into the retail rate as it existed prior to the PUC's decision. I also asked how to expand net metering or a revision to net metering in order to encourage renewable energy and promote consumer choice.

First, grandfathering those customers with a completed time-stamped application prior to December 31st, 2015. This means that customers who are all grandfathered will receive the same rate design that was in place prior to Senate Bill 374, which was passed in 2015. Second, and this has much dialogue not only in the public comment, but this is one decision point where there was a lot of back and forth, and the reason why I asked the prior presenter what her vote count was, because we recommended that the retail rate run with the home for 25 consecutive years. But please note, the original motion that gave rise to this issue, which was my motion, identified 20 years as the appropriate length for net metering, and there was much discussion using 20 versus 25. Lastly, the size of the solar install should be capped at the capacity identified in the application that was approved and time-stamped, but it should be noted that the applicant can choose to install a smaller size if he or she wants to.

The second recommendation, in your packet is a placeholder for final resolution of the next phase of net metering. This is not a recommendation, nor is it specific for consideration in a BDR at this point, but rather a recommendation that the Technical Advisory Committee continues its work and brings back a final recommendation later on in the process, most likely the middle or end of July 2016 this summer, and for inclusion in any final recommendations from the Task Force. The recommendation will expand net metering beyond the status quo, and it will provide an incentive for the utility to promote customer-owned distributed resources and storage. To this end, there have been many technical proposals on the issue that we have been asked to explore. We've only begun to scratch the surface on these, but I wanted to provide my colleagues with some examples thus far.

First, what is the best way to keep net metering close to the retail rate while mitigating economic impacts to non-solar customers, and holding the utility financially harmless. Second, expand net metering and provide the investor-owned utility an increased rate of return as if it made the solar investment. Third, incentivizing storage, both small and large-scale, by increasing the investor-owned utility's return on investment by 2 percent. Fourth, explore the viability of New York's approach on net metering energy from distributed generation, which has garnered a lot of national attention. Fifth, the best way to use grant dollars already allocated for clean energy programs but underutilized and still available for incentives without impacting the taxpayer further. Sixth, adopting building codes that properly account for energy efficiency tied to renewable energy distributed resources most recently outlined in the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

I expect that the TAC will continue to develop these details on the above recommendation with the goal of bringing one or more back to this Task Force for final approval and much more specificity.

Mr. Thompson asked whether this will be a bill or if this is just a recommendation to keep the committee alive.

Mr. Susac responded that it is a bill to keep the task force moving and that he would recommend an amendment to clarify that.

Mr. Davis asked if he could have a copy of the list in writing and Mr. Susac agreed.

Mr. Thompson asked whether this Task Force was appointed by the Governor through Executive Order.

Ms. Dykema stated that it is a statutory committee established in NRS 701.500.

Mr. Thompson stated whenever you talk about this committees at the Legislature it invariably always goes back to money, so he asked who is paying for the committee?

Ms. Dykema stated there is no budget that is funding the Task Force or its Committees. She said that the only costs up to this point have been associated with securing rooms for the meetings and that has been funded by the Governor's Office of Energy. She clarified that they would not continue to meet indefinitely, it would only be until the end of September 2016. A continuation of the committee would only occur should the Governor requests it.

Agenda item number 5 was closed.

6. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee on Grid Modernization: The Chair moved on to agenda item number 6 and she invited Rebecca Wagner to present.

Ms. Wagner began her presentation and said that the objective of the Grid Mod TAC fits squarely with the objectives of Governor Sandoval's Executive Order and the Governor's Accord for a New Energy Future, both of which acknowledge the importance of modernizing our energy infrastructure. She discussed previous meetings held by the Committee and various presentations they have observed.

She continued by stating that going forward, our Grid Mod TAC will continue gathering information and working closely with the Office of Energy and NASEO on the EMAP Project. At this time we don't have any policy recommendations, so I can avoid being grilled by Danny Thompson, but I would note that based on the storage presentation we provided a letter to the DG and Storage Advisory Committee affirming that energy storage can be a valuable resource for modern grid, and that Nevada should be preparing for the addition of these assets. And we also noted that the PUC has an investigatory docket on this topic, and it's my understanding that they had their first workshop in which there was some discussion that it would the PUC believed that they would need legislative direction to move forward on discussions on how to implement storage programs. And I may have mischaracterized that because I've only heard that anecdotally.

Seeing no other comments, Chair Dykema closed agenda item number 6.

7. Review of Executive Order and Governor's Accord for a New Energy Future – Possible Work Session on Technical Advisory Committee Bill Draft Request Recommendations: The Chair moved on to agenda item number 7. She stated: I want to make sure everybody is clear on the

process and schedule from here. So just to reiterate, the Technical Advisory Committees were asked to present to the Task Force at this meeting what legislative changes they believe may be necessary to carry out the three charges set forth in the Executive Order from a policy perspective in order to meet the June 1st deadline, which is the deadline for Executive Branch bill draft requests. It's now our job as the Task Force to decide which of those recommendations should be presented to the Governor as bill draft requests for him to consider including in his legislative package.

The Governor will be reviewing those bill draft requests, along with the hundreds of others that he has received from the Executive Branch agencies, starting June 1st through July, and then he will decide which will be forwarded to the Legislature from his Administration with the final language by August 1st. So please keep in mind that any of these recommendations that are not ready for the Governor to act upon at this time may be sent back to the Technical Advisory Committees for further discussion and details. And I expect they'll ultimately be included in the Task Force's final recommendations in our final report that we produce in September. Also remember that we have the good fortune of having a couple legislators that sit on the Task Force who may be willing to assist us if the Governor runs out of bill draft requests. But I just want to stress that the final report and the final recommendations will be reviewed by the Governor, and he may choose to use information presented in the final report to augment a bill draft request that's already in process as of August 1st, or we may come up with some findings and potential BDRs that may be picked up by a legislator.

So that being said, I want to take a minute also to recall the policies that we were asked to address in the Executive Order establishing this Task Force per NRS 701.500, which are to encourage development of clean energy sources and integrate renewable energy technologies into Nevada's energy sector, to foster the creation of a modern, resilient, and cost-effective energy grid, and to support distributed generation and storage, with a specific focus on rooftop solar and net metering. I would also like to remind everyone of the framework established in the Governor's Accord for a New Energy Future, which we talked about in our first meeting, which is to diversify energy generation and expand clean energy sources, modernize our energy infrastructure, encourage clean transportation options, plan for this energy transition, work together with our sister states who signed onto the Accord to make these transformational policy changes, and help secure a stronger energy future for Nevada. Lastly, there is a document that each of you have before you called the Governor's Strategic Planning Framework, and I just wanted to include this today to note the goals established in there.

The Task Force then discussed, amended and voted on the recommendations presented in the following manner:

Recommendation number one read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to require a utility to offer net metering to customer-generators in a manner consistent with systems under NRS Chapter 704 as it existed before the enactment of Senate Bill 374 by the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature and notwithstanding any statute, rule, or determination of any kind by the PUCN to the contrary; provided that the customer-generator had an installed approved system or active NEM application on or before 12/31/15. For purpose of these sections, "active NEM application" means a completed net metering application time-stamped by the utility on or before 12/31/15 and has not yet expired. The grandfathered systems will be subject to the size of the solar system approved or outlined in the

active application, will last for 20 continuous years, and remain with the home. Assemblyman Oscarson moved to approve an amendment – to add language and change 25 years to 20 years. Matt Tuma offered a second for the motion and the recommendation passed with 9 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstained.

Recommendation number two read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the Technical Advisory Committee on Distributed Generation and Storage consider a bill to make changes to NRS 704.773, 774, and 775 for the next phase of net metering projects. This bill will consider ways to encourage the use of data, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and the viability of emerging energy technologies and storage. Recommendation details will be identified by the conclusion of the NEITF. Assemblyman Oscarson moved to approve an amendment – change language and add ‘storage’. Matt Tuma offered a second for the motion and the recommendation passed with 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstained.

Recommendation number three read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to amend Nevada’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), as set out in NRS 704.7801 to NRS 704.7828, including the following revisions:

- The RPS should be increased, to 50% by 2040
- This increase would apply equally to investor-owned utilities as well as 704B customers, i.e. those customers that may seek to exit the system.
- Any legislative adjustments necessary to ensure that Nevada renewable energy credits are regionally tradable

Josh Nordquist introduced an amendment as follows:

The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill which shall constrain the amount of energy produced from fossil fuel sources (including, but not limited to, coal and natural gas) that is used to produce electricity that is consumed by electricity customers of public utilities in Nevada and NRS 704B customers in the State of Nevada to 60% of the total energy purchased or produced (total system energy) by 2026, with extended goals of 55% by 2033 and 40% by 2040. Furthermore, a specific preference shall be established for new clean electricity sources (i.e. renewable energy sources such as geothermal and solar) within the State of Nevada that provide the greatest economic benefits, environmental benefits, and opportunity for the creation of new jobs in this State.

Senator Spearman moved to send Josh Nordquist’s amendment back to the Technical Advisory Committee for more work. Danny Thompson offered a second for that motion and the motion passed unanimously. Kyle Davis moved to approve recommendation number three and strike “for example”. Another member offered a second but the recommendation did not pass with 4 yeas, 5 nays and 2 abstained.

Recommendation number four read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to amend the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process, as set out in NRS 704.736, et seq., including the following revisions:

- Establish preference in NRS 704.746 for measures to reduce demand and increase supply that provide the greatest economic and environmental benefits and the greatest opportunity for the creation of new jobs in the state.

- Establish preference in NRS 704.746 for measures that diversify energy portfolios and reduce fuel-price and carbon-price risk.
- Amend NRS 704.746 to provide for a broader pre-filing process and greater inclusion of all stakeholders.

Starla Lacy moved to separate bullet point number three. Jeremy Susac offered a second for the motion and the motion passed. Kyle Davis then made a motion to approve the recommendation with the previous motion and a member offered a second. The recommendation passed with 7 yeas, 1 nay and 3 abstained. Danny Thompson moved to approve bullet point number three and Jeremy Susac offered a second. The recommendation passed with 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstained.

Recommendation number five read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to promote energy efficiency policies which would specifically:

- Support legislation expressly giving the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) the authority, but not the mandate, to institute decoupling if found to be in the public interest.
- Increase the amount in NRS 702.160 to 702.270 to allow for greater spending on weatherization of low-income households or change the program to facilitate the use of these funds by renters rather than homeowners.

Jeremy Susac moved to separate bullet point number two and send back to the Committee, Danny Thompson offered a second for that motion. The motion carried with 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstained. Kyle Davis made a motion to approve recommendation number five with only the first bullet point. Senator Spearman offered a second and the recommendation passed with 6 yeas, 1 nay and 4 abstained.

Recommendation number six read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to support legislation enabling Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) as outlined in Senate Bill 150 of the 2015 legislative session. The recommendation passed with 10 yeas and 1 abstained.

Recommendation number seven read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to implement, on an expedited basis, the outcome of the study being undertaken by the Governor's Office of Energy regarding Green Banks. Matt Tuma moved to return this to the Committee for more details such as the outcome of the study from Coalition for Green Capital. Kyle Davis offered a second for that motion and the recommendation did not pass with 10 yeas and 1 abstained.

Recommendation number eight read as follows: The New Energy Industry Task Force recommends that the 2017 Legislature consider a bill to delete the following energy statutes:

- Eliminate NRS 704.701 through NRS 704.731, which deals with converting oil power plants to coal.
- Eliminate NRS 704.7823, which deals with reverse polymerization of tires.

Danny Thompson moved to approve the recommendation, it passed with 10 yeas and 1 abstained.

Chair Dykema closed agenda item 7.

8. Next Steps on Schedule and Goals Through September 2016: Chair Dykema then opened agenda item 8.

A motion was made by a committee member to replace Brian Whalen with Shahzad Lateef in the Grid Modernization Committee due to medical reasons. None were opposed to the motion.

Chair Dykema then went on to say, I will take these recommendations we have approved to the Governor, and between June 1st and July 31st he'll be reviewing these, along with all of the other bill draft requests received from agencies, and decide which to select. They're not due to LCB from the Executive Branch until August 1st, so we may potentially know by our next Task Force meeting in July which have been selected, but we may not either. So until then, the committees are expected to continue meeting and discussing other policies that don't require statutes to be changed, and continue refining the language on some of these that we decided need a little more detail, and may end up in our final recommendations at the end of the Task Force or may be picked up by a legislator. So at our next meeting the Technical Advisory Committees should report to us on their additional discussions, findings, and recommendations, and any more detail to be added to any of the recommendations that were not selected today for further discussion. And then at our final meeting in September, we will decide which we want to include in our final recommendations and our final report, which will be delivered to the Governor by September 30th.

Agenda item number 8 was closed.

9. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: Chair Dykema opened agenda item number 9.

July 27th was selected as the next New Energy Industry Task Force Meeting date.

Agenda item number 9 was closed.

10. Public Comments and Discussion: Chair Dykema opened Agenda item number 10 for public comment.

Mr. Lazareck stated that he supports Nevada in becoming a net exporter of renewable energy. He went on to speak about Nevada's licensing requirements for residential energy auditors and energy rebates. He also spoke about quality assurance and PACE financing. He also stated he would like to see a bill reintroduced to allow renters access to utility data from previous occupants.

Mr. Clark shared statements from business owners who have signed petitions in support of comprehensive clean energy policy. He is the program and outreach instructor for the Clean Energy Project. He also shared a thank you letter to Governor Sandoval for his recent efforts in reestablishing Nevada status as a clean energy leader. He talked about a letter of thanks from the Business Council for Sustainable Energy who commends the progress made by the Task Force.

Ms. Adrian wanted to state that she was opposed to the decision made on item 1 and she stated her reasons. She would like to see grandfathering have no limitations.

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Chair Dykema thanked them all and closed Public Comment.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.