



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY
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Committee on Energy Choice

December 6, 2017

Technical Working Group on Energy Consumer & Investor Impact:
Divesting Assets & Investments

The Committee on Energy Choice held a public meeting on December 6, 2017, beginning at 1:00 P.M. at the following location:

Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 South Carson Street, Room 2134
Carson City, NV 89701

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 1:07PM by Chair James Settlemeyer. The agenda item was opened up for roll call and a quorum was confirmed for the committee.

The following Members were present:

Members Present

James Settlemeyer – Carson City
Paul Caudill – Las Vegas
Erik Hansen – Las Vegas
Mark Hutchison – Las Vegas
Rosalie Bordelove (AGO) (via telephone)

2. Public Comment and Discussion:

Chair Settlemeyer opened up for public Agenda Item No. 2 and asked if anyone from the public sought to make a comment on the matter in both Carson City and Las Vegas locations. No public comment was provided.

Chair Settlemeyer closed Agenda Item No. 2 and moved to Item No. 3 on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Chair Settlemeyer opened up for public Agenda Item No. 3 asking if any members of the Committees had any corrections. Mr. Hanson moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Caudill seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Chair Settlemeyer closed Agenda Item No. 3 and moved to Item No. 4 on the agenda.

4. Review of Prior Presentations to the Technical Working Group – Committee on Energy Choice (CEC).

Matt Morris presented a copy of a memo from the Lt. Governor and Chairman with instructions directing the working groups to begin preparing recommendations, next steps and potential issues to be forwarded to the full Committee which is scheduled to meet on January 23, 2018.

Mr. Morris presented copies of prior presentation to refresh the memories of the members of the working group. The presentation provided key slides from those prior presentations. Mr. Hutchison interjected that the purpose of the recap was to refresh the group in case the group decided it needed more information that had not previously been presented.

Chair Settlemeyer solicited thoughts from the group about what other information the group might need. He has concerns about conflicting opinions from some of the previous presenters.

Mr. Hansen raised concern about how energy choice might impact the rural utilities. Mr. Hutchison expressed frustration with a lack of information depicting a concrete idea of what the structure of the new market would be. Mr. Caudill suggested that the PUCN investigatory docket could explore the costs, benefits and risks in a transparent manner, and that the results of the docket could be used by the working group to assess the risks. He assumes that the docket will ultimately provide a range of costs and other forecasts to translate into future utility rates. He thinks that another meeting in January or February would be fruitful in that regard.

Mr. Hutchison suggested getting a legal opinion on the language of the proposed legislation with regard to the rural utilities and the energy choice initiative. Chair Settlemeyer pointed out that there are already conflicting legal opinions. He solicited next steps from the group.

Mr. Morris recommended the working group meet again between January 9 and the 23rd in order to digest the information resulting from the PUCN's January 9 workshop in Docket 17-10001. Chair Settlemeyer pointed out that this topic would be addressed in Item 6. The group discussed the various issues on which they need clarification and recommendations. In particular, there was discussion about how current employees might be retrained if they were displaced by the effects of the new market structure. Additionally, there hasn't been much discussion about consumer impact, which Mr. Morris indicated should be addressed in the PUCN docket.

Overall, the discussion was free flowing and covered issues in Agenda Items No. 5 and 6.

Mr. Morris requested the group members to e mail him their questions directly in order to determine which issues remain.

Chair Settlemeyer closed Agenda Item No. 4 and moved to Item No. 7 on the agenda.

5. Committee Discussion on Past Presentations and Approval of Policy Recommendations to the full Committee on Energy Choice.

The discussion of this item was covered during the discussion of Agenda Item No. 4.

6. Update from Committee on Energy Choice (CEC) staff on the progress of the CEC's request to the PUCN to open an Investigatory Docket.

The discussion of this item was covered during the discussion of Agenda Item No. 4.

7. Public Comment.

Chair Settlemeyer opened Agenda Item No. 7 and asked if anyone from the public sought to make a comment in the Carson City or Las Vegas locations.

No one came forward for public comment in Las Vegas or Carson City.

Chair Settlemeyer closed Agenda Item No. 7 and moved to Item No. 8 on the agenda.

8. Adjournment.

Chair Settlemeyer thanked all for their participation and attendance, and adjourned the meeting.