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**Government Relations Committee Meeting
Spokane DoubleTree City Center Hotel
Spokane, Wash.
May 21, 2007**

Minutes of Meeting

A. ATTENDING

Robert Bailey, Ravalli Electric Co-op
Ron Benfield, Central Lincoln PUD
Bob Bernd, Grant Co. PUD
Robert Bertsch, Benton PUD
Debbie Bone-Harris, Franklin PUD
Dan Brooks, Elmhurst Power
Ralph C. Carmona, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Michelle Caird, Inland Power & Light
Randy Cornelius, Orcas Power & Light Co.
Brent Crowther, Valley Electric Association
Karl Denison, Mason PUD #1
Larry Descheemaeker, Fergus Electric
John DiStasio, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Bill Drummond, Western Montana G&T
Jim Dyer, Salem Electric
Jim Eddy, Grays Harbor PUD
Paul Elias, McMinnville Water & Light
Alan Evans, Fergus Electric Co-op
Jim Feider, Redding Electric Utility
Clay Fitch, Wells Rural Electric
Linda Gott, Mason County PUD No. 3
Tim Gregori, Southern Montana G&T
Fred Guyer, Benton REA
Byron Hanke, Clark Public Utilities
David Harris, Waukesha Electric
Ron Hatfield, PUD No. 2 of Pacific County
Jim Hubenthal, Lewis County PUD



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John Irwin, Elmhurst Power
Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Co-op
Valarie Koss, Columbia River PUD
Jim Kroll, Inland Power & Light
Russ Leslie, Nelson Hydro
Pat McGary, Clark Public Utilities
Kim Mikkelsen, Inland Power & Light
Doug Miller, PUD No. 2 of Pacific County
Thad Moseman, Beartooth Electric Co-op
Kathern Munteer, Lincoln Electric
Nate Narrance, Inland Power & Light
Bill Nordmark, Golden Valley Electric
Scott Odegard, Sun River Electric
Bob Pasha, Sun River Electric
Dan Peterson, Pend Oreille PUD
Bruce Pilling, Emerald PUD
Shiela Rau, Valley Electric Association
Judy Ridge, Asotin PUD
Marianne Roose, Lincoln Electric Co-op
Dave Sabala, Douglas Electric Co-op
Karl Schrade, Flathead Electric
Anthony Sinclair, Missoula ELECTRIC Co-op
Brian Skeahan, Cowlitz PUD
Doug Smith, Grays Harbor PUD
Loren Tarbell, Columbia River PUD
Diana Thompson, PUD No. 2 of Pacific County
Bob Titus, City of Ellensburg
Bob Walker, Beartooth Electric Co-op
Ken Weiss, Clearwater Power Co.
Ethel White, Lincoln Electric
Al Zepp, Northern California Power Agency

NWPPA Staff

Debbie Kuraspediani, Communication Director
Will Lutgen, Executive Director

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Leland, Alaska Power Association
Scott Lindsay, NWPPA GRC Consultant
Kent Lopez, WRECA
Bob Moore, Moore Information
Deborah Sliz, Morgan Meguire

Dave Warren, WA PUD Association

Tim Gregori called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007. The meeting was held at The DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City Center in Spokane, Wash. A quorum of the GRC committee was present.

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Kris Mikkelsen, Inland Power & Light provided a PowerPoint presentation on "*Lessons Learned from WA State's I-937 Renewable Portfolio Standards Initiative*".

Bob Moore, Moore Information made a presentation on "*Using research to execute public affairs campaigns*".

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Nordmark moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting as prepared. With a second the motion carried with none opposed.

D. WASHINGTON DC UPDATE

Deborah Sliz of Morgan Meguire gave an update of developments on climate change, pending energy bills, and legislative issues affecting BPA for committee members.

E. 2007 RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION

En Bloc

Nate Narrance moved to approve resolutions 07-1 through 07-9 as En Bloc. With a second the motion to adopt carried with none opposed.

Individual Consideration

07-10: Scott Lindsay reviewed proposed changes to resolution 07-10. Bruce Pilling spoke to the resolution and indicated that the resolution was presented in to complex terms and does not encourage Congress to take action as it is written. Meera Kohler added that federal agencies exist to serve the public and she wants the committee to add a sentence regarding this to the resolution. Jim Feider thinks this might be a two fold resolution.

Members agreed to adopt the resolution, but to revise it in 2008 to include reliability as an added component.

Fred Guyer moved to adopt resolution 07-10 revision VIII as presented. With a second the motion to adopt carried with none opposed.

07-11: Jim Feider made a motion to add the following new bullets to the resolution:

- Ensure that development of any GHG cap and trade system be carefully and thoughtfully structured to minimize consumer exposure to gaming and price volatility, be fair and manageable for small entities, and be durable to ensure that infrastructure investments are not at risk;
- Ensure legislative emissions reduction targets are consistent with commercially available technologies necessary to achieve them;

With a second the motion carried with none opposed.

Meera Kohler proposed correcting three typos in lines 25, 32, and line 52. Meera also moved that the committee add the word solar in the list of technologies in line 57. With a second the motion carried with none opposed.

Fred Guyer moved to change the language of the resolution to a more nation-wide focus instead of just Northwest. With a second the motion carried with none opposed.

Jim Dyer moved to adopt the resolution as changed. With a second the motion carried with none opposed.

Archived Resolutions

Bob Walker moved that the following resolutions be moved into archived status:

- 28-07 In Support of Increased LIHEAP Funding
- 29-07 Support for the Ability of Public Power Systems to Provide Advanced Communications Services and the Promotion of Pro-Consumer Policies
- 30-07 Support for Federal Emergency Disaster Assistance
- 31-07 Support of Alaska Coal Fuel and Mercury Content Waivers

F. STATE AND REGIONAL REPORTS

The committee heard reports from the following individuals:

State Reports:

Alaska — Marilyn Leland, Alaska Power Association
British Columbia — Russ Leslie, Nelson Hydro

Washington — Bob Titus, City of Ellensburg
Oregon — Jim Dyer, Salem Electric
California — Jim Feider, Redding Electric Utility
Nevada — Brent Crowther, Valley Electric Association
Idaho — Ed Gossett, Kootenai Electric
Montana — Bob Walker, Beartooth Electric

Regional Reports:

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Rulings – Scott Corwin, PPC

G. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Tim Gregori announced the next GRC meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2007 at the Sacramento Holiday Inn in Sacramento, Calif. Additional information can be found on the GRC Web page.

H. COMMITTEE CHAIR PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

Will Lutgen presented a plaque of appreciation to 2006/2007 GRC committee chair Tim Gregori, Southern Montana G&T.

With no further business Jim Dyer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Gregori
Government Relations Committee Chair