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**Government Relations Committee Meeting
Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, Wash.
September 10, 2009**

Minutes of Meeting

A. ATTENDING

Liz Andersen, Grays Harbor PUD
Michelle Caird, Inland Power & Light
Frank Corbin, Nushagak Electric Cooperative
Stewart Cox, Waukesha Electric
John DiStasio, SMUD
David Dover, Fergus Electric Cooperative
Larry Dunbar, City of Port Angeles
Jim Dyer, Salem Electric
Paul Elias, McMinnville Water & Light
Humaira Falkenberg, Skamania PUD
Ron Farmer, Eugene Water & Electric Board
Michael Gianunzio, SMUD
Ed Gossett, Kootenai Electric
Russell Green, Ruralite
Elizabeth Hadley, Redding Electric Utility
Byron Hanke, Clark Public Utilities
Doug Hardy, Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative
Ron Hatfield, Pacific County PUD
Brad Hawkins, Douglas PUD
Harry Hewitt, Tillamook PUD
Jim Hubenthal, Lewis County PUD
Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
Valarie Koss, Columbia River PUD
Coy Kratz, Emerald PUD
Mick Lloyd, Lincoln County Power District #1
Dick Morris, Trinity PUD
Stuart Nelson, Franklin PUD
Bill Nordmark, Golden Valley Electric



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Scott Odegard, Sun River Electric Cooperative
Kevin Owens, Columbia River PUD
Bruce Pilling, Emerald PUD
Jim Posey, Anchorage Municipal Light & Power
Paul Rogers, Kittitas County PUD
Gerald Rutledge, Hill County Electric
Lonny Sheffield, HD Supply
Bob Speckman, Salem Electric
Dean Sutherland, Clark Public Utilities
Bob Titus, City of Ellensburg
Dana Toulson, Snohomish PUD
Buddy Treadway, Benton REA
Larry Weis, Turlock Irrigation District
Ken Weiss, Clearwater Power Company
Marty Whiteman, Chelan PUD
Bob Wiggins, Clatskanie People's Utility District
Ralph Williams, United Electric
Bob Wittenberg, Skamania PUD
Mary Wright, Wells Rural Electric

NWPPA Staff

Gregg King, Director of Administrative Services & Finance
Debbie Kuraspiani, Communication Director
Scott Lowry, Training Manager
Will Lutgen, Executive Director
Cathy Wilson, Member Relations Manager
Arnie Winkler, Director of Training & Education

Others in Attendance

Scott Brattebo, Public Generating Pool
Jane Cirrincione, NCPA
Brent Gale, Mid American Energy Holdings
Steve Johnson, Washington PUD Association
Scott Lindsay, NWPPA GRC Consultant
Kent Lopez, WRECA
Pat Reiten, Pacific Power
Danelle Romain, Oregon People's Utility District
Deborah Sliz, Morgan Meguire
Scott Tomashefsky, NCPA
Dave Warren, WPUA



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GRC Chair Ralph Williams called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009. The meeting was held at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Wash. A quorum of the GRC committee was present.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Ed Gossett moved to approve the Minutes from the May 18, 2009 GRC meeting with the addition of the following names to those present: Byron Hanke, Clark Public Utilities, Dick Morris, Trinity PUD, Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Bob Titus, City of Ellensburg, Kevin Owens, Columbia River PUD, Bob Speckman, Salem Electric, and Steve Johnson, WPUA. With a second the motion to approve the Minutes as amended was approved with none opposed.

B. WASHINGTON D.C. UPDATE

Deborah Sliz provided an update on federal legislative energy issues.

C. CLIMATE CHANGE/ENERGY DISCUSSION

Ralph Williams introduced Pat Reiten, President of PacifiCorp and Brent Gale, Senior V.P. of Mid American Energy Holdings Company. Reiten circulated handouts on carbon legislation. According to Reiten diversifying PacifiCorp's energy portfolio to meet carbon constraints is of utmost importance.

Lutgen asked for comments on Reiten and Gale's presentations. The Board shared comments and observations on PacifiCorp's cap-and-no-trade proposal.

D. CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

NWPPA staff asked for guidance from the GRC and Board regarding potential options for the Association to engage the Senate on climate change legislation under development. The GRC was provided with background information on this issue and several suggested options for GRC consideration to give staff direction on this matter.

Deborah Sliz and Scott Lindsay lead a discussion about the four (4) options outlined in a handout NWPPA staff provided to the Board:



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Option 1: Outright oppose, or state we do not support, a Waxman-Markey type cap-and-trade bill in the Senate, as it is not in the best interest of consumers or in alignment with long standing public power principles and values.

Option 2: Oppose, or state we do not support, any cap-and-trade legislation, but endorse a simpler carbon tax or cap-and-no-trade plan that imposes direct fees or caps on utilities and lets them decide how to comply.

Option 3: Oppose, or state we do not support, any existing bills and insist of a number of specific changes that would need to be made in order for NWPPA to support a bill.

Option 4: State specifically, but simply, what we would find acceptable by way of climate legislation, find a senator to sponsor the legislation and actively promote it inside and outside the industry.

Option 5: Something different than above or a combination of the above.

After considerable discussion on the options, staff suggested that the GRC turn this topic over to the WERC Committee to refine and bring back an amended resolution for GRC consideration at the March 2010 meeting. GRC members asked the WERC Committee to narrow the resolution to five bullet points. The WERC Committee will use the Wiki process to refine option 3. Bob Titus will head this effort and the ad hoc committee members identified for the resolution standardization effort will also work on making modifications to the climate change resolution.

Paul Rogers moved the GRC adopt option 3 as a temporary resolution for direction on the topic in the immediate future while the WERC committee worked to refine the resolution for membership approval at the May 2010 Annual Business Meeting. With a second the motion carried with one opposed (Scott Odegard).

E. RESOLUTIONS

Scott Lindsay announced the 2010 "Call for Resolutions" and reviewed the process for gathering resolutions and getting them approved by both the GRC and the membership. A letter asking for proposed 2010 resolutions or changes to existing resolutions will go out in December 2009 to all utility managers. Proposed resolutions received and changes to existing resolutions will be discussed at the March 10, 2010 GRC meeting with approved resolutions being sent out to the membership for consideration prior to the May 2010 Annual Membership Meeting. The slate of proposed 2010 resolutions will be voted upon by the full membership at the May 2010 Annual Business Meeting.



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Copies of existing resolutions can be found on the GRC Web page on the NWPPA Web site at www.nwppa.org.

Standardizing resolution formats — Brad Hawkins discussed the format of NWPPA existing resolutions and proposed a simpler, cleaner, user friendly format. Resolution 6-09 was used as an example of the proposed format change. Hawkins recommended forming an ad hoc committee from the GRC committee to work on this resolution and applying a standardized format to all active resolutions. Format revisions made to all existing resolutions would be sent out 3 weeks to 1 month before the March 10, 2010 meeting. The goal is to standardize the format for all existing and future resolutions.

Michelle Caird moved to have Brad Hawkins work with the ad hoc committee to standardize active resolution formats. Mary Wright made a second to the motion. The goal is not to change the resolution wording or intent of the original resolution. Existing resolutions will stand until the membership votes and adopts the resolution format changes at the May 2010 meeting. Bob Titus made a friendly amendment that any new resolution sent in will be sent to Brad's ad hoc committee to standardize the format before submitting to the membership for adoption. With a vote of the GRC committee the motion was approved with none opposed.

Ad hoc committee volunteers included:

- Brad Hawkins, Douglas PUD
- Michelle Caird, Inland Power & light
- Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
- Scott Tomashefsky, NCPA
- Brent ten Pas, NCPA
- Bob Titus, City of Ellensburg
- Bill Nordmark, Golden Valley Electric
- Mike Gianunzio, SMUD
- Elizabeth Hadley, City of Redding
- Valarie Koss, Columbia River PUD

F. WCI REPORT

Bob Therkelsen provided an update on WCI activities via conference call with the GRC committee.

G. WERC ACTIVITIES REPORT

Bob Titus gave an update on WCI and the work of the WERC committee.



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H. STATE REPORTS

The GRC heard reports from representatives from the following states:

Alaska — Meera Kohler

California — Larry Weis

The GRC meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. due to a fire alarm during the state reports.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light gray rectangular background.

Ralph Williams

2009-2010 GRC Committee Chair