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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

January 29, 2008

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Easley called the meeting of the WIA board of Directors to order at 9:05 a.m. January 29, 2008 at the Snow King Resort in Jackson, Wyoming.

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

A quorum was established with three Board members present: Mike Easley, Bryce Freeman and Don O'Shei. A list of other attendees, including staff and members of the public, is attached.

II. Approve Agenda

Bryce Freeman proposed adding an executive session to the agenda and moved to approve the draft agenda with that change. Upon a second by Don O'Shei the motion unanimously passed.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from January 4, 2008 Meeting

Upon a motion by Bryce Freeman with a second from Don O'Shei, the minutes from the January 4, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Steve Waddington provided a forward look at the upcoming Wyoming State legislative session, which convenes February 11 for a 20 day budget schedule. Steve noted the WIA proposed operating budget of \$1.7 million for the next biennium is before the legislature as one element of the Governor's proposed State budget.

Steve noted that at the federal level, WIA will continue to push to qualify for private activity bond allocations as a means for issuing tax exempt bonds to help finance infrastructure. He said WIA will also maintain a close watch on climate change and clean coal opportunities that may emerge for Wyoming in the next Congress.

Waddington touched lightly on the three transmission projects: 1) the Wyoming Colorado Intertie; 2) TransWest Express & Gateway South; and, 3) High Plains Express, deferring to the panel presentations by project partners TransElect and NationalGrid later in the agenda.

V. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments were proffered.

VI. Panels and Presentations

Board Round Table with the Wyoming Public Service Commission

The Board was joined by teleconference with Commission Chairman Kathleen “Cindy” Lewis, Deputy Chairman Steve Oxley, and Commissioner Mary Byrnes for an open discussion of pending issues.

The group discussed the benefits to Wyoming and consumers of transmission infrastructure, the need for states to cooperate in the planning and development of infrastructure, fuel mix and diversity issues important to new transmission endeavors, the regulatory view of future responses to address climate change, and committed to continue to work closely together as these issues unfold.

Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Development Partnership

Nick Rahn with PacifiCorp provided a detailed summary of the technical study results associated with the IGCC demonstration partnership between PacifiCorp and the WIA. His presentation is posted on the WIA website.

WCI Project Development Partnership

Robert Mitchell and Gerald Vaninetti, with TransElect, provided a summary on the development activities surrounding the WCI project. Their presentation is posted on the WIA website.

TransWest Express and Gateway South Partnership

David Smith with NationalGrid provided the Board an update on the codevelopment of these two projects under the four-way interim agreement between NationalGrid, PacifiCorp, Arizona Public Service and the WIA. His presentation is posted on the WIA website.

Wyoming’s Eminent Domain Statute and Practice

David Ditto, attorney, provided the Board with a summary of Wyoming’s eminent domain statute and practice. David’s presentation is posted on the WIA website.

VII. New Business

No new business was proffered.

VIII. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments were proffered.

IX. Executive Session

After a break for lunch, the Board reconvened for a brief executive session.

X. Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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