

**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
December 12, 2008**

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, Kyle White, Bryce Freeman, Nick Rahn and Don O'Shei, a quorum was established. Also participating were Loyd Drain, Development Director and Holly Martinez, Office Manager.

II. Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from November 5, 2008 Meeting

The minutes were approved by unanimous assent.

IV. Public Comment Opportunity

Steve Ellenbecker discusses with the Board the western renewable energy zone projects and the federal legislation that the Governor's office is working on.

V. Executive Director's Report-Loyd Drain gave the Executive Director's report

**Wyoming-Colorado Intertie Project:**

- In addition to the 500 MW RFP PSCO is issuing on 1/9/09, they are also planning to issue an addition RFP for 850-1,000 MW of semi-dispatchable power on the same day which is a positive development
- There was a Management Meeting in Denver on 12/10 where WIA & TransElect agreed to a budget through February, 2009
- There have been 31 companies register on the [www.WCIntertie](http://www.WCIntertie) site relative to the balance of 265 MW
- At our Board Meeting in Casper on 11/5, Chairman Easley suggested that the WIA Board meet with Tri-State to discuss the WCI Project and the merits of Wyoming wind.
- Loyd arranged, with Wartsila, a tour of a 200+ MW gas-fired reciprocating unit on PSCO's System north of Denver. This type of unit can follow wind and allow wind developers to sell a semi-dispatchable product. The tour is to be held on 12/19 and Loyd has invited a number of generation developers.

### **High Plains Express Project:**

- The revised MOU for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase has been executed and is posted on the Board Forum for your review. The change resulted in a mitigation of the budget for Phase II. WIA's participation has been reduced accordingly from \$50,000 to \$40,000 (\$27,000 in 2009 & \$13,000 in 2010). The total budget was reduced from \$1.5 Million to \$1.2 Million.
- The Board had already authorized the signing of the other Phase II MOU for the \$50,000 commitment by the WIA and we will address the revised document in our Board Call on 12/12. The reason for the revised MOU is because most of the development partners are revising their budgets and some forecasted load growth is being cut.

### **Proposed Wheatland/Chugwater to Aeolus Project (and possibly to Northern California)**

- Aaron Clark & Loyd Drain planned to recommend to the Board on 12/12/2008 that the WIA file for ROW on this line with the BLM; however, with the new "wind development" initiative out of the Governor's Office which will drive development to the I-25 Corridor between Cheyenne and Glendo, they believe that a growing number of transmission developers will include the Wheatland/Chugwater in the footprint of their projects. They met with a new transmission developer in the Governor's Office this week and in the event they develop a new transmission project, they agreed that wind energy from the Wheatland/Chugwater area should be included in their resource plan. Drain recommends that we re-visit the ROW application subject in 3 months.
- The work that Aaron has done will be posted on the WIA site either on 12/12 or 12/15 at <http://www.wyia.org/projects.htm>

### **Gateway Projects:**

- While these projects were designed as double-circuit 500 kV lines, it is becoming more evident every day that they will likely be built as single-circuit lines
- PacifiCorp has scheduled their next 2008 Integrated Resource Planning Meeting in Portland on 12/18. This meeting will cover updates to input assumptions and results of portfolio development modeling using PacifiCorp's capacity expansion optimization model. Loyd plans to attend via phone

### **TransWest Express Project:**

- Anschutz's proposed wind farms in Carbon County are definitely impacted by the new "wind development" initiative out of the Governor's Office.

### **Zephyr Project, formerly the Inland Project**

- The only news on this project is that there will likely be an announcement in the near future which will be positive for the project

VI. New Business

No new business was offered at this time.

VII. Executive Session

The Board members held a brief executive session.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 am.