



Community Advisory Committee

Meeting #9

Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Regional Office
324 South 417 East in Jerome (U.S. 93 Business Park)

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Results

Meeting Purpose:

- To present and gather final comments on the draft Magic Valley Electrical Plan
- To finalize plans for implementation and local coordination

I. Attendance

Committee

- Lori Armstrong
- Rick Naerebout
- Brad Wills
- Bill Chisholm
- Mike McDonald
- Debbie Dane
- Debra Rose
- Bill Block
- George Urie
- Jane Kollmeyer
- David Mead
- Mitch Humble
- Louis Zamora
- Richard Dunn
- John Miller

Planning Team

- Kent McCarthy, Idaho Power, Project Leader
- Dave Angell, Idaho Power
- Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power
- Bryan Hobson, Idaho Power
- Mike Pepper, KMP Planning – Facilitator
- Amber Buckley, Civil Science – Clerical

Other Idaho Power Employees

- Chris Punt
- Jared Hansen
- Marc Patterson

II. Review CAC Meeting #8 – September 4, 2008 – Mike Pepper

- No changes to the draft meeting results – approved as circulated

III. Draft Magic Valley Electrical Plan

- Present highlights of the draft plan - Kent
- Discuss and gather committee comments for revisions
 - See committee comments below
- Discuss schedule for final plan release – Availability to public
 - The schedule for the final plan is that a revised draft plan will be sent out to the committee members by January 15, 2009. Committee members will have 2 weeks to provide comments and final suggested edits to Mike Pepper. Once those changes are made, IPCO will publish the final document by February 15, 2009. IPCO will send out hard bound

- copies to everyone on the committee. There will be extra plans available to give to municipalities and other key stakeholders as needed and requested.
- When IPCO distributes the next draft of the plan, Bill Chisholm needs a CD of the document and David Mead needs a hard copy of the document.
- Media integration on plan release
 - When creating a media release don't just state that the plan is done. Describe the 5 or 10 year implementation steps in order to peak interest about specific plan details and how the plan might affect specific areas. Then provide a link to the plan document or a contact for people to request more information about the plan.

Committee Comments on the Draft Document:

- Bill suggested tying in some of the language from the Idaho Energy Plan. Since this is a plan that deals with Idaho, try to tie some aspects of that energy plan into this plan. Specifically, the language of the Idaho Energy Plan could be used in the executive summary. Bill may provide additional text for this section.
- Frame why there is a need for the build-out plan. Include the maps at the end of the executive summary that describes what the plan is and its purpose. If those maps are at the end of the executive summary people are going to ask how is this going to affect me? Then be able to quickly flip to those maps and see where the affected areas are.
- Clarify that there are multiple options; we didn't pick just one option. Place the preferred option in the executive summary but state that there are other options, this isn't just a one option plan.
- Place the larger landscape maps of the preferred alternatives in the executive summary. Remove these maps from the appendix.
- Be sure not to duplicate things in the body of the document and the appendices.
- State that this is just a concept report and before IPCO does any of the siting or placement of infrastructure, there will be community meetings held to provide information on specific proposed projects and gather input.
- Explain that some of the substations, lines, or other elements associated with the plan are subject to change locations due to land availability, jurisdictional objections, etc. that are discovered during the project development phase. Also changes may be made to the plan based on actual growth or technological advancements that affect needed energy and related infrastructure.
- I would write the executive summary in a general nature so that "Joe Public" could pick this up and understand what it is about.
- Has IPCO included a description of the planning and development process in the executive summary in the past? Maybe describing the steps in this process, followed by the next steps that will occur during specific project development, including additional opportunities for public information and input. If that process was easily understood and written out it could be the most important part of the summary by informing people that there is more to come with this process, that there will be more jurisdictional meetings and public input in this planning and project development process. Reference this in the executive summary and clarify the process in the body of the document.
- Commit a section of the document to describing how the permitting, siting and development process will take place, including future opportunities for public input.

- Place the names of the committee members in the front of the document or on the inside cover of the document. This would eliminate the need for Appendix A and people will immediately see the committee members names and get a feel of the breadth of the committee. This would illustrate that there was a lot of different people that participated, representing various entities and areas of expertise.
- Include in the executive summary, a brief (paragraph) description of the process – the paragraph that is now in the body of the document will work. Add to the body of the document, a more detailed, bulleted description of the process, individual meeting purpose and major elements discussed.
- Place much of the material in Appendix B & C in the body of the text. Move all of Appendix B into the body of the report. Move much of Appendix C into the body. Leave the details of the Alternative Generating Technologies in the appendix.
- Eliminate duplication of things in the body of the text and in the appendices.
- Pull the material from Appendix B into the background section to create a more complete description of the transmission system.
- In the alternative generation section, add a bullet item that brings out the idea of distributed generation, net metering, etc. Put something in that gets people thinking that this is available.
- Clarify the efficiency table heading, including what period it covers.
- It might be nice to see the benefits of the energy efficiency plans to individuals. That way people can see how it directly affects them.
- After the energy efficiency section, develop and insert an overview of the committee's goals. Then, include the details of the goals in the appendices.
- Add renewable energy text as support to goals document.
 - Add “renewables” wording and create a separate section on renewable energy
- Include a list and highlights of energy efficiency programs in the body of the document and move the specific descriptions of the energy efficiency programs into the appendices. Reference the location.
- Put the recommendations in the Executive Summary then all the supporting documentation in the body of the report. Everything having to do with the process and decisions should be moved out of the appendices. Maybe I'm just reading this wrong. The bulk of the supporting data and detail should be placed in the appendix.
- Move relevant data (Appendix B) expanded & process & elements discussed (including education) that drove the committee decision into body of document. (Including maps).
- Place alternatives scoring and charts into body of the document.
- Implementation Section - add “Load” to “Growth” rates – first bullet on page 19 in the Implementation section – refer readers to definition of Load Growth elsewhere in the document. (or include here too – your option)

IV. **Implementation – Kent / Bryan**

- Review highlights of anticipated project development; priorities and general schedule - Kent

Committee Comments:

- There are some elements of the Wood River Electrical Plan that affect and connect to other infrastructure in the Magic Valley area. Because the WREP elements are not outlined in this plan, mention that some electrical planning in this area will be part of the WREP. Provide reference to where people can view the Wood River Electrical Plan (electronic by link and hard copy by contacting Kent McCarthy at Idaho Power) and see the impacts of the WREP on the Magic Valley Plan.
- Indicate that the Wood River Plan was completed just one year before this plan to show the close time span and connection between the two planning efforts.

V. **Plan integration and coordination – Kent / Dan / Mike**

- Review activities to integrate MVEP into local (Jurisdictional) plans
- Roles and responsibilities

Committee Comments

- Meet with municipalities and counties, along with P&Z groups after the release of the final document to present the plan, answer questions and discuss opportunities to integrate this plan into local comprehensive plans and documents. Dan Olmstead will work with these entities to decide what would be the best way to meet with them, whether holding one big meeting would work or if individual meetings should be held. It is anticipated that these presentations would begin in March, 2009.
- IPCo should send out e-mails to the committee members informing them of meetings and presentations regarding the MVEP so that they have the option to attend these meetings. Committee members are always encouraged to attend these presentations to show support for the plan
- IPCo should send out an annual progress report to the committee so they are aware of changes to the plan and to show that the plan is being followed.

Miscellaneous Questions:

Q: How is the financial panic changing IPCO's planning or financing?

A: IPCO has done a lot of evaluations on getting funds to create capital projects. The only project impacted right now is the development of the Kimberly Substation and that is just delayed a year. The King transformer project will continue as planned.

Q: Are you (Idaho Power) noticing any decreases in the use of electricity because of the economic crises?

A: Last summer electrical use in households in the Idaho Power service area decreased for the first time. Also the number of new customer connections was running 15,000 in 2007. We'll finish this year with only 5,000 new customer connections.

Q: What about collections? Is that becoming an issue? Does this affect others power bills?

A: There is a problem when we can't collect from people and that does roll over into expenditures and can affect others' power bills.

Q: How much time do you give a delinquent customer until you shut off their power?

A: In the winter moratorium it is hard to shut off people's power, most of the time it is only 2 months.

Q: Is IPCO asking for money from the government as part of the bailout?

A: The Western Governors Association has been looking for legislation that looks at dovetailing funds toward transmission, transportation, and renewable energy. This could be part of the bailout process.

VI. **Process evaluation / Next steps / Adjourn by 2 p.m. – Mike / Kent**

- **Thanks to the committee!!** – Idaho Power and the entire planning team expressed their thanks to the committee for their outstanding efforts and participation in this process

Planning / Committee Process Evaluation:

Education - How did the education process work for you (the Committee)? Was it enough or too much?

- Overall, the process was very good and committee members appreciated the opportunity to participate, learn and represent their entities.
- Education was great, the amount and varying types were a good mix. There wasn't too much or too little.
- The mapping was overwhelming at first and it was hard to get started. I suggest that the mapping process includes a primer to provide example and opportunity for discussion and clarification to the mapping exercise. Had we been familiar with what other plans looked like, it might have helped. Walking through the mapping process together first, before doing our mapping, would be helpful.
- Understanding the factors that play into the mapping exercise would be helpful (i.e. financial, reliability, planning, etc.) Some groups got caught up in the cost element of the mapping exercise and that limited their design potential.
- Map out different sections individually, so start with stations then move to lines and reliability. Give an order of how to think about it, it's hard to deal with all those components at one time.
- Use a generic map to illustrate mapping points. Or use a map from a previous electrical plan as part of the mapping example and sample mapping exercise.

Was the goal matrix helpful in evaluating alternatives and determining the preferred option?

- Yes, in general. But I also think that there were so many components you kind of wash the ideas out by averaging them. One group may have had a good idea on one section of the plan, but didn't on others. However, because of the averaging technique these ideas were washed out. If you broke down the smaller components and not washed it out by averaging it that would have helped.
- Taking the mapping similarities out then looking at the differences would be beneficial.

Would it have helped to have someone from a previous committee come in and talk about their mapping experience previous to the mapping exercise?

- That could be beneficial.
- Creating a summary sheet with purpose and mapping objectives would help the mapping exercise.
- It was helpful to have willing IPCO staff at each table to ask questions during the mapping exercise.

- Before beginning the specific mapping exercise, have a session illustrating how to create the mapping and the objectives of the mapping. Then start mapping at the same meeting.

Who else should we have participate in committees of this type?

- Big users on the system such as industry, school districts, stay at homes, retired individuals.