

**Treasure Valley Electrical Plan
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
September 28, 2005**

Committee Attendance:

- Dave Aspitarte
- Teri Bath
- Commissioner Matt Beebe
- Richard Cook
- Kelli Fairless
- John Franden
- Ken Jantz
- Nosh Makujina
- Mayor Frank McKeever
- Commissioner Bryce Millar
- Mayor Dean Obray
- Stan Olson
- June Ramsdell
- Paul Raymond
- Jason Ronk
- Hal Simmons
- Matt Stoll
- Commissioner Fred Tilman
- John Tomkinson
- John Velikoff
- Chuck Winder

Idaho Power Attendance:

- Dave Angell
- Celeste Becia
- Lynette Berriochoa
- Layne Dodson
- Kent McCarthy
- Kristi Pardue
- Kip Sikes
- Mark Slusser
- Dave Thornton
- Bryan Wewers

RBCI Attendance:

- Rosemary Curtin
- Jennifer Oxley

Meeting Objectives:

- Welcome committee members and review meeting agenda
- Review current and projected electrical energy supply needs in the Treasure Valley
- Discussion and next steps

Meeting Highlights:

- Kent McCarthy opened the meeting with welcome and introductions
- Rosemary Curtin reminded the group that our next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center
- Chuck Winder offered to host the November meeting at an Idaho Transportation Department facility

- John Franden offered to host the December meeting at an Ada County Highway District facility
- Kent gave a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of:
 - Capacity vs. energy
 - Idaho Power's system
 - Types of generation and demand response
 - Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
 - Treasure Valley growth and its affect on power supply
- The committee had several comments and questions during the presentation. Here is a summary:
 - The low price of power in Idaho attracts businesses – many chambers of commerce use it as a recruiting tool
 - Idaho Power is allowed to set up special contracts for major energy users
 - Is the power being used in Idaho generated here?
 - Idaho Power buys more energy than it sells. Last year, 18 percent of Idaho's power was purchased. In a high water year Idaho Power doesn't have to purchase as much.
 - Idaho Power can't refuse to serve anyone – it must plan and have infrastructure in place
 - The challenge is not distribution, but knowing where in the open market the power will come from
 - Other entities can build power plants to provide power on the open market, to Idaho Power, etc. Idaho Power has pretty much stopped building power plants.
 - How does Idaho Power have the capital to meet the plans of the IRP?
 - Connection fees don't cover all the cost of expansion. It's spread to existing users as well.
 - How will the recent hurricanes affect availability of power on the open market?
 - Can there be retrofits of hydro similar to Swan Falls dam?
 - What about pumped-back storage?
 - Are Idaho Power and COMPASS working together?
 - The key to public acceptance of new facilities is years of advance planning
 - How are substations sited and how much room do they need?
 - Does Idaho Power pay for right-of-way?

- Following the PowerPoint, Rosemary asked the group to make comments or ask questions:
 - We need data, maps and projections to help the committee do its work
 - Like the local investment idea
 - Local land use planning institutions need access to this information
 - Sometimes infrastructure can spur development instead of the other way around
 - Any forecasting of industrial growth? Should distinguish between heavy and light industrial.
 - Be cautious of impacting private ground
 - Can we utilize existing transportation corridors without impacting other residents?
 - Consider upgrading existing facilities
 - Need to refine the committee's mission and goals
 - Should Idaho Power put 500KV lines on the perimeter of the Treasure Valley to avoid having to move them in the future?
 - Need to treat this like a jigsaw puzzle – outline the perimeter and fill in
 - Need better coordination between land use planning agencies
 - This committee needs knowledge of Communities in Motion and Blueprint for Good Growth
 - Ada County is rewriting its comprehensive plan and should coordinate with Idaho Power to understand potential infrastructure siting
 - The county will work with local agencies to incorporate their comprehensive plans
 - At these meetings, continue to explain technical terms and concepts in ways that non-experts can understand
 - What will it take to add generation within the Treasure Valley? Where are facilities located now?
 - How will changes to the transmission system affect reliability? Spend some time on reliability.

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