

Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG)
Minutes dated June 11th, 2009

Present:

Catherine Chertudi—City of Boise, Public Works Dept	Don Sturtevant -Simplot
Lynn Young—AARP	Matt Elam-Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Nancy Hirsh-Northwest Energy Coalition	Pete Pengilly*-Idaho Power
Robin Thorngren-Healthwise	Sue Siefert-Office of Energy Resources
Tim Tatum*-Idaho Power	

Not Present:

Dean Stevenson – Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association
Ken Eklund – Office of Energy Resources
Ken Robinette – South Central Community Action Partnership
Theresa Gibney – Oregon Public Utilities Commission
Tom Eckman – Northwest Power & Conservation Council

Guests and Presenters*:

Andrea Simonsen-Idaho Power	Billie McWinn-Idaho Power
Celeste Becia*-Idaho Power	Cory Read-Idaho Power
Dave Thornton-Idaho Power	Dennis Merrick-Idaho Power
Jim Jauregui-Idaho Power	Kathy Yi-Idaho Power
Mike Darrington-Idaho Power	Mindi Shodeen-Idaho Power
Quentin Nesbitt-Idaho Power	Ron Whitney-Northwest Energy Coalition
Shelley Martin-Idaho Power	Theresa Drake-Idaho Power
Todd Schultz-Idaho Power	

Recording Secretary: Shawn Lovewell—Idaho Power with Mike Darrington—Idaho Power.

Meeting convened at 9:34 am

9:34 Pete welcomes the group. Kathy Yi and Todd Schultz were introduced to the group in their new positions. The minutes were reviewed by the group and no changes were recommended.

9:40 2008 DSM Report—Pete Pengilly

Copies of the annual report were passed out to the group. The structure of the Annual Report has changed from previous years (see slide). For every program Idaho Power included the previous years along with the current year. An appendix was added to include program history. One of the members asked how the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) comes up with their preliminary numbers. It was explained that NEEA takes potential savings numbers from the region and subtracts estimated naturally occurring energy savings from our programs. The regional numbers are allocated to Idaho Power as a percentage of energy sales. NEEA made some adjustments to those numbers and allocated the adjusted numbers back to Idaho Power according to its share of regional sales. Idaho Power is working with NEEA and the Council to explore alternative methods for allocating regional energy savings to NEEA members.

There was an error on the Demand response peak reduction slide (#9). The number on 2008 should be 58 not 54. One member suggested that Idaho Power summarize totals within sector as average MW instead of kWh. This same member liked the 'lessons learned' portion of the report.

10:03 Stimulus project with Boise City—Celeste Becia

Prior to the presentation, Celeste updated the group that Idaho Power has launched two residential programs: The Home Improvement Program and See Ya Later Refrigerator program. One member asked if Idaho Power was partnering with Intermountain Gas on the Home Improvement Program. Celeste stated that Intermountain Gas Company has no energy efficiency funding mechanism in place at this time and that their energy efficiency efforts are limited to education.

In regards to the stimulus funding, Idaho Power has partnered with the City of Boise to submit a proposal for residential home audits and direct measure install. At this time the City Council has approved the proposal and the next step will be submitting this proposal to DOE. The City of Boise is requesting \$400,000 and has identified Idaho Power as the sub-grantee in their proposal. The proposal slides were explained. There was discussion among the group on how to identify customers and the age of the homes being audited. Celeste said Idaho Power would explore these ideas and discuss with the City to develop a successful approach to identify participants. During the presentation of the home visit slide there was a discussion among the group about the different measures that will be offered. A few suggestions from the group that were given included adding weather stripping and installing low flow shower heads. A question was raised about whether or not Home Performance Specialists will be part of this program. Celeste is counting on them to be part of this and the Office of Energy Resources has been contacted to find out if this would be something they could participate in.

10:33 Break

10:53 Demand Response Summer Preview—Celeste Becia

Energy use and peak demand are increasing but peak demand is increasing at a faster rate.

The Flex Peak program was discussed. Idaho Power hired a third party aggregator. The customers eligible for this program are large commercial and industrial. The program management aspects were discussed with the group.

The A/C Cool Credit program updates were given. As of the date of the EEAG meeting, the program now has over 28,000 participants. The program has expanded to other areas of the service territory. Pocatello has seen about a 5-6% response rate. The program expects to participate in co-marketing with the Food Bank again in the future. Celeste passed around the Seed Paper and marketing brochure that was used in a direct mailing to customers. One of the members asked if Idaho Power has looked at the load shifting of this program. Are customers overcooling their homes prior to a cycling event. Celeste indicated that Idaho Power is doing some end use metering and temperature monitoring this summer, and results should be available at a later date. An important part of this program is customer comfort, so Idaho Power tries not to call events more than three days in a row.

(Question about the information of highlighted area)

The A/C Cool Credit Commercial pilot slide was discussed. Idaho Power is waiting for commission approval. The goal is to have 200 customers enrolled. The Field Reps have been out talking to customers. There are still many variables which is why Idaho Power would like to do this pilot to assess the peak load reduction potential available.

The Irrigation Peak Rewards program cycling season will be starting in a week. Idaho Power will be reporting back to the group at the fall meeting with the results of these programs.

One of the members asked if Idaho Power has a typical model customer in mind for the Commercial Demand Response programs. Celeste stated that Idaho Power is looking at measures that will be most cost effective for customers that use chunks of energy such as national chain stores, box stores. The third party aggregator that is being used is experienced at finding potential in these types of customers.

11:50 Lunch and rooftop tour of Idaho Power solar PV systems with Scott Gates.

1:18 Meeting Reconvened

1:25 Regulatory Update—Tim Tatum

Slides were shown to the group. When the Fixed Cost Adjustment slide was shown, there was a question from the group on how the cost for Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) investment was to be allocated among the customer classes. It was explained that the overall increase of 1.83% would apply to all customer classes receiving AMI meters. There was also a request from one of the members to explain the Energy Efficiency piece of AMI. It was explained that these meters can provide a wide variety of customer information which could aid Idaho Power in helping design programs to fit the needs of the customer as well as enabling the company to offer pricing that will encourage customers to make energy efficient choices. When the Annual Power Cost Update (APCU) slide was shown, one member asked if Idaho Power had seasonal rates. Tim explained that Idaho Power has tiered rates in both summer and winter, and as early as 2010 we could see time of use pricing for a broader customer base. The Schedule 9 customers are the only ones that do not have tiered rates or time variant pricing. As smart meter installation is completed, time variant pricing will be pursued through the regulatory process as an option.

2:19 1st Quarter Financial & Savings Report—Pete Pengilly

A handout was passed out to the group.

In the last couple years Idaho Power has been working on the data reporting and retrieval systems. The financial reporting has been by month and quarter and the energy savings were outlined. . One member commented on the first slide that shows Idaho Power's top programs for the first quarter, that if this pace was projected for the year, Idaho Power will have a banner year once again. Celeste said that the Easy Upgrades program has seen a huge increase in lighting projects and that it is the first time that this program has outperformed the Custom Efficiency Program. It has been a relatively easy program for customers to participate in. One member commented that it provides a nice model for other utilities for follow. One member had a question in regards to the Total Resource Cost (TRC) and if Idaho Power looked at cutting anything in relation to the Heating and Cooling Efficiency Program. It was explained that Idaho Power has dropped several measures. Some of those measures were due to changes that have been made in regard to the building code. Idaho Power is always evaluating and pursuing cost effective programs. The Heating and Cooling Efficiency program is a perfect example of a program that didn't meet expectations of cost effectiveness but has been modified as new information became available.

One of the members congratulated Idaho Power for partnering with the Idaho Food Bank in marketing the A/C Cool Credit program. This member also would like to get all of his employees engaged in energy efficiency efforts and offered to pass on information to them from Idaho Power.

2:50 The date and time for the next meeting was discussed. The group agreed that an October meeting time would work for most. An email will be sent to the members with potential dates and a decision will be made from the feedback that is received.

2:55 Meeting adjourned.