

**Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG)
Teleconference Meeting December 16th, 2009**

Present:

Celeste Becia-Idaho Power

Theresa Drake-Idaho Power

Todd Schultz-Idaho Power

Nancy Hirsh-NW Energy Coalition (via phone)

Mike Youngblood-Idaho Power

Recording Secretary: Shawn Lovewell-Idaho Power

4:00pm-Meeting convened

The purpose of the teleconference was to continue the discussion of the contract renewal with NEEA and to get feedback from the members of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG). Celeste summarized the slides and explained that as of the last 8 weeks Idaho Power has been in contact with NEEA regarding contract issues. Idaho Power has approached NEEA asking for the ability to have an ala carte option. Theresa stated that Idaho Power is trying to align the needs of the company as well as the needs of the customers with what NEEA could provide. It was a business model that we proposed, but one that NEEA could not support. NEEA is looking at an 'all or nothing' approach. The Involvement by Idaho Power (3) slide was discussed; Nancy asked if Idaho Power felt that the redundancy was in the residential portion of Idaho Power's programs. Celeste explained that because there are many private contractors that have built up their level of expertise in developing and implementing programs, that NEEA's is no longer needed on that level like it was in the past. Celeste also pointed out that Idaho Power does not use the NEEA energy savings when looking at the Integrated Resource Plan future generation needs of the company.

Celeste asked for input on the following question:

- *Does EEAG see the value of NEEA's future activities, and support funding at the levels proposed?*

Nancy stated that on a whole, they place value on the work that NEEA does. It brings a level of sophistication in thinking about the regional marketplace that we don't have in just one utility. In regards to the specific business plan, she is in support of ???. It was stated that the opt in approach does make it hard for NEEA to plan, but she was not sure why they were so reluctant to accept the proposal.

Celeste explained that during the last few weeks, Idaho Power has been in the process of developing language within the contract that would provide a level of certainty or accountability of NEEA for business results as well as providing a contractual termination if Idaho Power does not see results. Theresa stated that what is important to Idaho Power is accountability for results and to be able to track the value of the cost. The second question asked was:

- *Does EEAG support Idaho Power's approach to secure accountability in its contract with NEEA?*

Nancy stated that she is in favor of more accountability and making sure that NEEA is clear with how it calculates their savings, that the methods are transparent with the utility communities for consistency. There should be some level of obligation. She stated that she would not object to seeing those types of conditions included in the contract. Nancy also asked if Idaho Power had concerns or issues that came up, would there be a process for Idaho Power raising objections. Theresa stated that Idaho Power would

like to see some sort of a scorecard and progress report. Nancy agreed that having a scorecard and accountability measures is a good idea. She wants to see NEEA succeed in bringing value to the region and if they aren't living up to those expectations then reevaluating their usefulness is important for everyone. Nancy asked if Idaho Power could get language put into the contract that gives certain recourse and lays out a program implementation check in process, would that be sufficient for Idaho Power to move forward in support of the business plan. Theresa stated that we are soliciting input from all EEAG members. Idaho Power will take into consideration the collective feedback and then continue working with NEEA.

There was concern expressed in regards to where the funding will come from. Nancy hopes that programs already in place will not see a reduction in funding. Mike Youngblood assured her that Idaho Power's objective is to go after all prudent energy efficiency.

Nancy expressed her appreciation of Idaho Power in looking into an alternative plan in regards to the NEEA contract rather than just walking away.

Theresa and Celeste both thanked Nancy for her time and her support as an EEAG member and also in her stated agreement of having NEEA be accountable.

4:45- Meeting/call ended.