

**Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG)
Teleconference Meeting December 17th, 2009**

Present:

Celeste Becia-Idaho Power	Theresa Drake-Idaho Power
Ric Gale-Idaho Power	Todd Schultz-Idaho Power
Pete Pengilly-Idaho Power	Catherine Chertudi-City of Boise, Public Works Dept
Linnea Wittekind-Oregon Public Utilities Commission	Tom Eckman-Northwest Power & Conservation Council
Sid Erwin-Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association	Ken Eklund-Office of Energy Resources
Lynn Young-AARP of Idaho	Ken Robinette-South Central Community Action Partnership
Don Sturtevant-J.R. Simplot	Brady Peeks-Oregon Department of Energy

Not Present:

Lynn Anderson-Idaho Public Utilities Commission	Jim Coles-Design West Architects
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Recording Secretary: Shawn Lovewell-Idaho Power

3:00-Meeting Convened

The reason for the teleconference was explained to the group, 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 Idaho Power has been in contact with NEEA regarding contract issues. Idaho Power supports only a portion of activities proposed in the business plan where NEEA –sponsored activity could be beneficial to IPC customers Idaho Power proposed an ala carte approach that would allow Idaho Power to opt in on items of value to the company. This business model was one that NEEA could not support. NEEA is looking at an ‘all or nothing’ approach. The Involvement by Idaho Power (slide 3) was discussed; 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 the group for any questions/comments so far in the discussion.

Several members were concerned about the increased amount in funding that NEEA is asking for and where it would come from. Celeste let the group know that the monies essentially would come out of the same fund that the incentives for energy efficiency programs are paid from. Idaho Power has no plans from stepping back from existing programs. Funds have never been taken away from the energy efficiency programs to fund other things. One member was not in agreement with the last bullet point on slide (3) One member had some concerns about the culture of NEEA and their level of involvement in the programs This member was not satisfied with past program initiatives sponsored by NEEA in the region, and did not support their involvement in implementing future programs on a regional basis.

Celeste addressed the group collectively and asked for feedback and perspective.

One member expressed positive feedback in their partnership with NEEA. NEEA provided some valuable efforts in regards to the Ductless Heat Pump Pilot. One member would like to make sure that the needs of Idaho Power’s customers and the communities are met. She would like to make sure that the contract benefits those that are ultimately paying for it. Several more members), expressed, again, their concern with the increased funding amounts. Ric Gale addressed this issue with the group. He wanted them to realize that NEEA funding would not be in competition with other programs, and adequate funding would be available for all worthwhile energy efficiency initiatives. He encouraged the group to focus on the value that we can obtain from NEEA, not where the funding would come from. One of the members) asked if the \$16.9 million was negotiable or if it was a set amount. Theresa explained that when Idaho Power went back to NEEA to propose the ala carte approach, it would have allowed for a lower amount. NEEA is interested in keeping equity between all funders, and not cutting deals with the different entities involved.

One member was in favor of NEEA in that they have delivered inexpensive energy savings and have been able to leverage the mass market. There are certain things that they can do that are beneficial that the individual utilities are unable to achieve. Theresa explained that the contract negotiations stakes are high in regards to residential as well as in the agricultural sector.

Celeste then informed the group that Idaho Power has requested language in the contract that will hold NEEA accountable if differences arise with regard to NEEA's business plan and the needs of Idaho Power. If Idaho Power is not successful in moving towards the business results that are needed, the company would like to have recourse to exit after proper notice. The group was specifically asked:

- *Does EEAG see the value of NEEA's future activities, and support funding at the levels proposed?*
- *Does EEAG support Idaho Power's approach to secure accountability in its contract with NEEA?*

All present on the phone agreed that it would be appropriate and good business practice to have that language included in the contract.

One member asked how Idaho Power feels about the proposed contribution amount to NEEA.

Theresa stated that Idaho Power takes this issue extremely serious. The company is working towards a solution for both parties to be successful. The proposal that was made did not work for NEEA, but Idaho Power is aware that they have a business to run and are respectful of that as well as making sure the goals and objectives of Idaho Power are met. Negotiations on language are still being dealt with and Idaho Power is pursuing these in good faith.

Celeste asked the group if there were any final comments/questions from the group. All participants were thanked for their time and efforts.

3:50-meeting/call ended.