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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

From: Shirley Lindstrom

Subject: Update on energy issues in Idaho

John Chatburn is the Director of the Idaho Governor's Office of Energy Resources (OER). He is going to update the Council on current activities of OER.

OER is responsible for coordinating energy planning and policy development in order to promote the efficient use of energy, developing Idaho's energy resources, and ensuring the availability of adequate energy supplies to sustain the State's economy and quality of life for our citizens.

The OER is facilitating discussions to provide the state with achievable and effective options for improving its energy future through the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA). The ISEA is utilizing its network of experts by providing accurate and unbiased energy information and analysis to the public and elected officials.

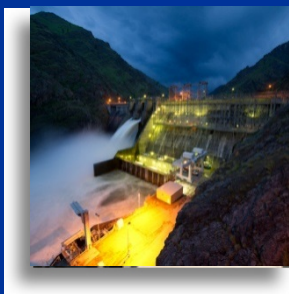
The OER is committed to providing stakeholders and the public with information regarding energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources, which are key elements in the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan. These efforts will supplement Idaho's baseload power resources, which provide the constant level of electricity needed to maintain the electrical grid and supply a minimum level of power to Idaho's customers.



Office of Energy Resources

NPCC Presentation
May 7, 2014

John Chatburn



Governor's Office of Energy Resources

- Created by Governor Otter in 2007 to emphasize the importance of energy
- Administrator is a Cabinet level position
- Coordinate energy planning and policy development in Idaho
- Coordinate the state's comments on all federal energy policy issues and documents
- Serve as Idaho's clearinghouse for energy information
- Represent Idaho in regional and national energy policy forums and processes
- Administer loan & financial assistance programs
- Coordinate the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA)

OER's Current Major Activities

- Transmission Projects
- Federal Regulations
- Biomass Energy Development
- Energy Efficiency
- ISEA Coordination
- Participate in Regional Energy Policy Forums

Transmission Projects

- Gateway West Transmission Line Project
 - BLM issued the Record of Decision on Nov. 12, 2013
 - Delayed decision on segments 8 & 9
- Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project
 - BLM has delayed the Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement again
- Hooper Springs Transmission Line Project
 - BPA is releasing the draft supplemental environmental impact statement this month for a new route that has local support

Federal Regulations

- Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement
 - OER is providing comments on infrastructure and mitigation
- Development of Clean Air Act 111(d) Rule—Carbon Emission Standards for Existing Power Plants
- Wyoming Regional Haze Rule
 - OER coordinated Idaho's comments to EPA explaining the affects of EPA's decision on Idaho citizens
- Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands
 - OER provided comments on behalf of the state

Biomass Energy Utilization

- Idaho Statewide Wood-to-Energy Team
 - 3 Year - \$160,000 U.S.F.S. Grant
 - Established a statewide team to collaborate on sustainable forest biomass utilization
 - Provide community outreach and education, technical assistance, and project development
 - Working with Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Woody Biomass Utilization Partnership, Silver Valley EDC, Salmon Valley Stewardship. Sustainable Northwest, and other stakeholders
- McCall Biomass Feasibility Study
 - Biomass Feasibility Study for the Saint Luke's McCall Memorial Hospital, McCall-Donnelly High School, and the U.S. Forest Service Payette Supervisor Office

Industrial Energy Efficiency

- Idaho Industrial Energy Saving Assessments
 - Completed for five Idaho industrial facilities
 - Identified over \$1.2 million in annual energy saving measures
- First Annual Awards for Leadership in Industrial Energy Efficiency
 - Governor Otter recognized Idaho industrial companies that are exceptional state leaders in implementing energy efficiency at their local facilities:
 - ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston – American Falls
 - J.R. Simplot Company – Smoky Canyon Mine
 - ON Semiconductor – Pocatello

Residential & Commercial Energy Efficiency

- Participate in the Idaho Energy Code Collaborative
- Participate in the Idaho Power Energy Efficiency Advisory Group
- Participate in the Weatherization Policy Advisory Council
- Provide energy use benchmarking for buildings on the Capital Mall
- Work with the University of Idaho's Integrated Design Lab to provide energy saving assessments for government facilities
- Provide funds for “government to lead by example” on energy efficiency
- Work with Bonneville Power Administration and Boise State University to assess the acceptance of energy codes in Idaho

Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance

- Updated the Idaho Energy Primer
- Preparing to work with the Idaho Legislative Interim Energy Committee on an update of the Idaho Energy Plan
- Completed or Updated Two Taskforce Reports
 - Baseload Taskforce Report
 - Energy Efficiency Taskforce Report
- Developing Idaho Energy Fact Sheets (Two Completed)
 - Geothermal
 - Hydropower
- Formed a Transportation Taskforce
- ISEA-OER Public Outreach
 - Provide presentations to civic and stakeholder groups
 - ISEA on Twitter

Regional Energy Policy

OER participates in the following Regional Energy Policy forums:

- Western Governors' Association
- Western Interstate Energy Board
 - Board of Directors
- State/Provincial Steering Committee on Regional Transmission Expansion Planning
 - Governor's Representative
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
 - Board of Directors
 - Commercial Advisory Committee
- Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board
- Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation
- Northwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Summit Steering Committee

Thank You

Questions?