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Council Meeting Helena, MT

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Minutes

Reports from Fish and Wildlife, Power and Public Affairs committee chair:

Rhonda Whiting, chair, fish and wildlife committee; Jim Kempton, chair, power committee; and Larry Cassidy, chair, public affairs committee.

Jim Kempton, chair of the Power Committee, reported that the committee discussed the draft pilot adequacy capacity standard and its biennial "assessment" of the Fifth Power Plan, noting that staff pointed out that a biennial "review" would require both a power and fish and wildlife review. Forecasts in the Fifth Power Plan are tracking with actuals, and the committee foresees no need to revise forecasts in the plan.

Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee Rhonda Whiting said the committee had spent its time on the 2007-2009 funding recommendations and would need more time to complete the materials.

Governor Schweitzer

Governor Brian Schweitzer welcomed the Council to Montana and pointed out that his state is doing its part for the winter snowpack.

There is no bigger challenge in this country "than having an energy policy that will create the electrons" that are so in demand, he stated. "There is an insatiable appetite in the West for energy," Schweitzer said.

Bruce Measure introduced Mary Sexton, the director of Montana's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, who was in the audience for the meeting.

1. Council decision to release resource adequacy capacity metric and target for comment:

Terry Morlan, director, power division; and John Fazio, senior power systems analyst.

As a result of the West Coast energy crisis in 2001, the Council recognized the need for a regional resource adequacy standard, Fazio explained. Items ADQ1 and ADQ2 in the Fifth Power Plan address this need, he said.

Joan Dukes moved that the Council release for public comment the draft Pilot Capacity Adequacy Standard as presented by the staff and direct the staff to give notice of the opportunity for comment. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

2. Council decision to release commercial MCS implementation specifications for public comment:

Terry Morlan; and Charlie Grist, senior analyst.

Staffer Charlie Grist explained that the proposed commercial model conservation standards (MCS) provide the specifics for more generic provisions in the Council's Fifth Power Plan. MCS, which are required in every Power Plan, are model energy codes that can serve as examples when states and local governments revise their codes, he said. In the Fifth Power Plan, the MCS for new commercial buildings were described as the better of the "ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2001" or the most efficient provisions of the existing commercial building energy standards in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, Grist said.

Dukes made a motion that the Council release for public comment the implementation specifications for model conservation standards for new commercial buildings as presented by the staff and direct the staff to give notice of the opportunity for comment. Melinda Eden seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

3. Briefing on power adequacy assessment for coming winter:

John Fazio.

Since 2000, the Council has been looking ahead in the fall and assessing the winter resource situation in the Northwest, according to staffer Terry Morlan. We've done the analysis for 2006-2007, and this is what things look like, he said.

"We are quite surplus," staffer John Fazio picked up. Our assessment shows we are approximately 2,400 average megawatts (aMW) surplus, which is about what it takes to power two cities the size of Seattle, he said. In other words, "we are in pretty good shape," Fazio added.

4. Council decision on Fiscal Year 2007-2009 Project Funding Recommendations:

Doug Marker, director, fish and wildlife division; Patty O'Toole, program implementation manager; and John Shurts, general counsel.

The multiyear process to revamp the way the Council develops recommendations for projects to carry out its fish and wildlife program continued in Helena, with a presentation of revised

funding tables and a vote on a final package of projects. The annual planning targets are \$153 million for expense and \$36 million for capital spending.

We received comments on the draft recommendations the Council approved in September and amended the allocations for some projects, staffer Doug Marker explained.

Dukes made a motion that the Council approve the FY 2007-2009 Fish and Wildlife Program province project recommendations as presented by the staff and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee and direct the staff to transmit these recommendations to Bonneville with changes adopted by the members at today's meeting. Eden seconded the motion.

Karier proposed to amend the motion to include a provision that BPA not exceed the \$36 million target for capital spending even though the capital projects added up to more than that amount. Judi Danielson suggested that information be conveyed in comments to accompany the recommendations. Bruce Measure suggested Duke's motion be split into two separate motions, one addressing capital and the other addressing expense.

Eden withdrew her second of the motion and a new motion was offered as follows:

Dukes made a motion that the Council approve the FY 2007-2009 Fish and Wildlife Program project recommendations for the expense portion of the provinces as presented by the staff and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee with changes adopted by the members at today's meeting and direct the staff to transmit these recommendations to Bonneville. Eden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dukes made a motion that the Council approve the FY 2007-2009 Fish and Wildlife Program project recommendations for the capital portion of the provinces as presented by the staff and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee with changes adopted by the members at today's meeting, with the provision that the Council is not recommending that Bonneville spend more than its target of \$36 million per year in capital, and direct the staff to transmit these recommendations to Bonneville. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dukes made a motion that the Council approve the FY 2007-2009 Fish and Wildlife Program project recommendations for mainstem-on-the-ground/multiprovince and basinwide, as well as the programmatic issues memo, as presented by the staff and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Committee with changes adopted by the members at today's meeting and direct the staff to transmit these recommendations to Bonneville. Cassidy seconded the motion.

Eden said she could not support the motion and that Oregon could file a minority report. There is overspending on some projects and underspending on others, she said.

The motion to adopt the recommendations passed six to two, with Oregon members voting no.

5. Status of the Resources Report:

Brian Lipscomb, executive director, Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.

Brian Lipscomb told the Council that the “Status of the Resources” Annual Report is in final draft form. He thanked the Council for providing the budget modification CBFWA needed to complete the report.

6. Public comment on Pacific Northwest Resource Adequacy Implementation Plan (Council document 2006-17).

No one appeared to give comments on the Resource Adequacy Implementation Plan. Council business:

– Approval of minutes

Dukes made a motion that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice-Chair the minutes for the September 12-14, 2006 Council meeting held in Astoria, Oregon. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

– Charter renewal for Independent Economic Analysis Board

Dukes made a motion that the Council approve the charter of the Independent Economic Analysis Board as presented by the staff. Eden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Morlan reported that recommendations for new IEAB members would be presented at the November meeting.

– Council Meeting schedule for 2007

Danielson recommended moving the June meeting to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and replacing Portland with Boise as the site for the March meeting. Dukes asked how much it costs to hold meetings outside of Portland. Staffer Sharon Ossmann reported that the cost is approximately \$20,000 for another location in Oregon or Washington and \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a location in Idaho or Montana.

Danielson made a motion to amend the proposed schedule so that the Council will hold its March 2007 meeting in Boise and its June 2007 meeting in Bonners Ferry. Kempton seconded the amendment, which passed unanimously. Dukes made a motion that the Council adopt the amended 2007 meeting schedule. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved November _____, 2006

Vice-Chair
