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July 12, 2017
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PDT/2:00 pm MDT/3:00 pm CDT.
Council members and delegates present included:

HI-
AK-
WA-Anya Caudill
OR-David Collier
CA-Tina Suarez-Murias
NV-Danilo Dragoni
UT-Brock LeBaron, Jay Baker
AZ-Tim Franquist
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Dave Klemp, Stephen Coe
WY-Nancy Vehr
CO-Garry Kaufman
NM-Rita Bates
ND-Terry O'Clair
SD-Brian Gustafson

WESTAR staff present: Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler

Agenda Items:

1. Review of possible agenda items for November 7-8 fall business meeting at The Curtis Hotel, Denver
2. Summary of CNEE meeting in Denver on June 1
3. Ozone transport update
4. Regional haze workgroup
5. Regional haze funding
6. Update on status of WESTAR grant negotiations with EPA and resolution for approval of use of state grant funds to support WESTAR in 2017 through 2019 grant period
7. EPRI Project-International Contributions to Regional Haze update
8. Draft WRAP/WESTAR operating agreement

¹ Draft will be considered final upon review and approval by a majority of the members, typically on the next monthly conference call.

9. Consideration of invitation from Western Governors' Association to adopt Western Principles
10. Other items as time and interest permits

Meeting Minutes:

1. Review of agenda items for November business meeting
Members on the call identified the OAQPS update, Regional Haze, Energy, Exceptional Events and Ozone as agenda items for the fall business meeting.
2. CNEE meeting summary
Jeff Gabler and Mary Uhl attended this meeting, many state members were present. Jeff noted that fuel process continue to hamstring the utility industry as renewables are competing with traditional fuels. Utilities must adapt to survive in the long term. The 5 western grid operators are regionally connected and working to integrate the grid in the west to save money. A presentation was made about the electrification of vehicles and home appliances. Nancy Vehr noted the need for assistance for states with a more traditional fuel mix. Rita Bates noted that Title V source permitting funds and processes will be affected by coal-fired EGU retirements.
3. Ozone transport update
Mary Uhl noted she is working with EPA to schedule a conference call with western states to discuss issues brought forward on a WESTAR conference call at the end of May.
4. Regional Haze workgroup
Bob Lebens noted that WRAP is organizing for a second round of regional haze SIPs. At this time, WESTAR states have not indicated a need for a separate WESTAR regional haze workgroup. When there are discussions that need to be state-only, WESTAR will convene a state caucus. Some examples would be interstate impacts, state-to-state consultations, control strategy choices and 4-factor analysis. Bob and Tom Moore will work to avoid duplication. A lead regional haze planner from each state is on the WRAP regional haze planning workgroup.
5. Regional haze funding
Mary Uhl presented a chart with state contributions. It appears that state commitments will enable significant work to be accomplished on regional haze technical analyses in late 2017 through the end of 2018.
6. WESTAR grant negotiations with EPA and resolution
Mary Uhl said that grant negotiations with EPA were progressing and WESTAR expects an award from EPA in September under a new 3-year grant agreement. The Council approved a resolution approving the use of state grant funds to support WESTAR during the EPA grant period of FY 2017 through FY2019. Nancy Vehr moved to approve the resolution, Tiffany Floyd seconded. All present approved of the motion, no one was against.
7. EPRI International Contributions to regional haze project update

Tom Moore summarized this project as addressing regional haze contributions from international sources. A series of studies will be conducted to look at the contribution of international emissions to regional haze. A scientific advisory group has been formed to oversee the work. This work may be helpful for weight of evidence demonstrations in regional haze SIPs. Tom will provide an update at the fall business meeting and the project will be discussed at the western modeling workshop in September.

8. Draft WRAP/WESTAR Operating agreement

A draft operating agreement for WRAP and WESTAR was developed by the WESTAR-WRAP governance workgroup. Comments are due July 31.

9. WGA Western Principles

WESTAR has been invited by WGA to adopt Western Principles for federal-state interactions. Council members will check with their states and a resolution will be prepared for the August call to adopt the WGA Western Principles.

The call adjourned at 3 pm.