


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission
Stephanie Mullen, Executive Director

FROM: Anne-Marie Cuneo, Director of Regulatory Operations 

SUBJECT: Report on: National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Electricity; NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design; Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS); Western Interstate Energy Board, Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC); and New Energy Industry Task Force Technical Advisory Committee (NEITF) from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Electricity

I am a member of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

The Staff Subcommittee on Electricity holds a telephone conference on most Thursdays, which is coordinated by various members of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity or by the Chair of the Subcommittee. There are often other 'brown bag' broadcasts or topical discussions other days of the week. These telephone conferences typically last one hour and center on a variety of issues, including: recent or upcoming decisions from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); upcoming NARUC meetings; and/or hot topic issues such as:

- EPA Clean Power Plan discussions and webinars
- Proposed resolutions regarding transmission modernization
- Nuclear waste issues
- Pricing solar discussions
- Transmission structure design

The Subcommittee list also is a resource for state regulators who are investigating an issue to put out a request for information from other states that may have already addressed the issue.

NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design and DER Manual working group

NARUC has recently created a new Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design to address the numerous issues regarding the policies and principles behind designing rates for utility services. This subcommittee has a teleconference the first Monday of each month. As a member of the subcommittee and the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) working group, I have been working on drafting the NARUC DER manual. The members who are drafting this document met in Minneapolis, MN in early June and have been working and meeting regularly, usually once per week. The draft manual is still in progress and comments are being accepted until September.

WREGIS

I am one of the elected State/Provincial Representatives on the WREGIS Committee. WREGIS is a Member Committee in the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC). WREGIS has been grappling with two major issues lately. The first involves the discussion of the use of WREGIS as a means of compliance with any potential Clean Power Plan regulations. WREGIS has created a working group to deal with these issues and I am a member of the working group. Some of the issues that this working group is addressing is the disaggregation of REC certificates and state coordination issues.

The second issue that WREGIS is currently discussing is a request from the Oregon Department of Energy to track small-scale generation (PV) from its state-subsidized program, which is similar to Nevada's SolarGenerations program. Oregon is requesting that WREGIS allow a new fuel type which would be "Oregon estimated PV." This matter has been discussed at the WREGIS Committee meeting, but no vote has yet been taken on the issue. We are extremely interested in this idea as the concept could possibly be used for Nevada to transition from the use of our outdated (and insufficiently funded and maintained) NVTREC system to the WREGIS system.

CREPC

I have not attended any Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) meetings during the past year.

NEITF – Technical Advisory Committee

I was asked by Angie Dykema, the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy, to participate in one of the NEITF working groups as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee on Clean Energy Sources. I gave a presentation to the NEITF on March 22, 2016. The Clean Energy Sources Committee has had meetings on April 15, May 2, May 16, June 6, June 16, and July 12, 2016. The Committee made recommendations to the NEITF regarding proposed legislation on Integrated Resource Planning and RPS standards. All Committee meetings and documents can be found on: <http://energy.nv.gov/Programs/Notices/>