

# **PROGRESS REPORT**

Recovery Act – State Electricity Regulators Assistance

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Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2011

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The objective of the project is to increase the capacity of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") to manage an anticipated increase in regulatory activity resulting from energy efficiency, renewable energy, smart grid, plug-in electric vehicles, demand response, coal with carbon capture and storage, transmission and distribution.

### **1. Comparison of actual accomplishments with goals and objectives:**

The Commission's goals and objectives included increasing the capacity of employees in the topic areas; facilitating the timely consideration of Commission dockets in the topic areas; creating two new full time positions; and training 30 Commission employees in key emerging topic areas. For the first quarter of 2011, the Commission has accomplished its goals by having 23 different employees attend 27 different training events in topic areas. By attending training, Commission employees have increased their knowledge and expertise in the topic areas which facilitates the timely consideration of Commission dockets. Employees who have been trained in topic areas related to open dockets do not have to spend valuable time learning the fundamentals and can focus on specific assignments like evaluating utility applications and preparing testimony.

### **2. Discussion of Accomplishments:**

For the fourth quarter of 2010, the Commission has accomplished its goals by having 23 different employees attend 27 different training events in topic areas (renewable energy, feed-in tariffs, transmission and solar).

### **3. Cost Status (Quarter Ending 03/31/11):**

Budget Category	Budget Amount	Expenditures	Balance
Personnel	351,926.00	165,019.84	186,906.16
Fringe Benefits	88,862.00	44,329.11	44,532.89
Travel	176,204.00	40,915.35	135,288.65
Supplies	10,938.00	3,537.77	7,400.23
Other (Training)	180,000.00	42,520.65	137,479.35
Indirect	8,344.00	19,611.39	(11,267.39)
Total	816,274.00	315,934.11	500,339.89

### **4. Schedule Status - Milestones:**

Title                      Employee Training  
Planned Date            October 31, 2013

Verification Method	Employee Training Event Summary
Status	15 employees/30 trainings (Q4)
Title	Employment of (2) Electricity Specialists
Planned Date	April 1, 2010
Verification Method	Acceptance of Offer of Employment
Status	Electrical Engineer position filled Feb. 15, 2010 Policy Advisor position filled Mar. 1, 2010

**5. Significant Changes in Approach/Aims:**

There are no significant changes in approach or aims at this time.

**6. Actual/Anticipated Problems or Delays:**

The Commission does not anticipate any problems or delays at this time.

**7. Personnel Updates**

None

**8. Product of Technology Production**

Not Applicable