

PROGRESS REPORT

Recovery Act – State Electricity Regulators Assistance

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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 third quarter of 2011, the Commission has accomplished its goals by having 20 different employees attend 20 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 third quarter of 2011, the Commission has accomplished its goals by having 20 different employees attend 20 different training events in topic areas (renewable energy and transmission, etc.).

3. Cost Status (Quarter Ending 09/30/11):

Budget Category	Budget Amount*	Expenditures	Balance
Personnel	351,926.00	252,493.60	99,432.40
Fringe Benefits	88,862.00	66,521.23	22,340.77
Travel	173,794.23	54,581.78	119,212.45
Supplies	3,537.77	3,537.77	0
Other (Training)	180,000.00	68,283.65	111,716.35
Indirect	18,154.00	15,655.30	2,498.70
Total	816,274.00	461,073.33	355,200.67

*Budget was amended June 2, 2011.

4. Schedule Status - Milestones:

Title Employee Training

Planned Date October 31, 2013
Verification Method Employee Training Event Summary
Status 20 employees/20 trainings (2011Q3)

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