

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 activities related to the goals and objectives of this project have not been started as the Commission must wait until it receives approval from the State's Interim Finance Committee before spending any ARRA grant funds. The Interim Finance Committee is scheduled to meet February 3, 2010. Therefore, the Commission cannot report any accomplishments for the quarter ending December 30, 2009.

2. Discussion of Accomplishments:

Until the Commission receives approval of the Interim Finance Committee, there are no accomplishments to discuss.

3. Cost Status:

Budget Category	Budget Amount	Expenditures	Balance
Personnel	351,926.00	0.00	351,926.00
Fringe Benefits	88,862.00	0.00	88,862.00
Travel	176,204.00	0.00	176,204.00
Supplies	10,938.00	0.00	10,938.00
Other (Training)	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00
Indirect	8,344.00	0.00	8,344.00
Total	816,274.00	0.00	816,274.00

4. Schedule Status - Milestones:

Title Employee Training
Planned Date October 31, 2013
Verification Method Employee Training Event Summary

Title Employment of (2) Electricity Specialists
Planned Date April 1, 2010
Verification Method Acceptance of Offer of Employment

5. Significant Changes in Approach/Aims:

The Commission anticipated being able to begin activities related to the objectives of the project upon receipt of the grant award. However, due to state requirements, the Commission cannot begin expending any grant funds until the State's Interim Finance Committee has approved the work program and grants authority for the Commission to accept the funds and begin activities supported by the grant. The Interim Finance Committee is scheduled to meet February 3, 2010.

6. Actual/Anticipated Problems or Delays:

The only actual delay the Commission has experienced is the delay caused by the requirement for the State's Interim Finance Committee to approve and authorize the Commission to accept the grant funds.

The Commission is seeking to hire highly qualified individuals with expertise in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency and/or transmission. It may be difficult to find such individuals given the narrow areas of expertise.

If the Commission is not immediately successful in finding qualified candidates for the two new positions, actions will be taken to modify the job descriptions as well as expand recruitment efforts.

7. Personnel Updates

No personnel can be hired until the Commission receives approval from the Interim Finance Committee.

8. Product of Technology Production

Not Applicable