

NOTES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2011 NGS NREL STUDY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING/
CONFERENCE CALL

Introductions/attendance: Letty Belin, Bryan Newland, Cathy Wilson, Harrilene Yazzie, Sandra Silva, Tim Allen, John Bunyak, Bob Postle, Dave Murillo, Carol McCoy, Moon Hom, Ralph Morgenweck, Lorri Gray-Lee, Terry Fulp, Bob Wright, Bret Anderson, David Hurlbut, Cindy Hoeft, Frank Fryman, Sandy Eto

Past minutes/notes: Approved - No Corrections.

Study status update (Dave Hurlbut): The NREL Executive Management review of the report is today (12/1). The tribal impact section is now completed, but we have not received reviewer comments back. NREL incorporated some of the findings from the GRIC contracted economic report into Tribal chapter, but most of the report from GRIC was tables. Cindy will send the GRIC economic report out to the EC members. NREL may have to proceed without incorporating peer? reviewer comments if they don't receive them in time. They are contacting reviewer to get status of review and to see if it will impact the 12/14 presentation. Work on the generation alternative section will continue after the executive review today. It should be ready in early to mid January for circulation. The 12/14 report presentation will be a Video Conference. Four Reclamation VTC rooms have been reserved, although there is a concern on availability on Denver location. Cindy is working on it.

There was considerable discussion regarding the need for NREL to have enough time to ensure the report is complete before sending out to the EC, the timing of the EC receiving the advance review copy to review for factual errors, the actual presentation of the report to the EC, sending the report to the cost share partners and three effected Tribes in advance of the general public, correcting factual errors, sending it to EPA and making it available to the general public for comment. David Hurlbut said it would be beneficial to NREL if they could have an extra week before submitting it to the EC for review to incorporate tribal section peer review comments and better explain information for the non-energy types. Several members asked for at least 3-4 days to review before the presentation. It was also stated that there was at least a verbal commitment to allow the cost share partners (SRP and CAWCD) to see the report in advance of the public to review for factual inaccuracies. It was also stated that the three affected Tribes should probably get the report before the public also. There was a consensus that EPA should not receive it until the EC has an initial review. Discussion then was on determining the schedule for review with possible dates to the EC of 12/15, 12/16, or 12/19 with the presentation on 12/21 and EC comments back to NREL by 12/23.

Letty Belin found out from EPA this morning that they don't expect to publish the proposed BART rule until late spring or early summer. Letty is going to contact EPA to see if the report submission date could slip to mid January to allow more time to provide comments. Some consideration should be given for waiting to incorporate the GRIC economic report. There is concern about all reviews being done over the holiday season. All were reminded that the letter to EPA stated a draft report would be given to them by 12/1 and a final report by 12/31. If EPA agrees to a delay this needs to be formally documented with them. It was determined that after Letty talks with EPA the EC would determine the schedule. Another meeting was scheduled for 12/7 at 1:00 pm EST to further discuss.

Invitation to speak at Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Meeting

Scott Haase is on the agenda to be on the power panel at the CRWUA meeting, in Las Vegas 12/16. He was requested to provide his proposed presentation to the EC beforehand.

Next meeting/call: December 7, 2011, at 1:00 pm, EST (11:00 am MST; 10:00 am PST).