# Minutes of the Energy Northwest Regular Participants Review Board Meeting Red Lion – Olympic Room 2525 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pasco, Wash. March 24, 2015

Chair Michelle Caird called the regular meeting of the Participants Review Board of Energy Northwest to order at 2:30 p.m. on March 24, 2015 in the Olympic Room of the Red Lion in Pasco, Wash. There was a quorum present. An environmental analysis of the March 24, 2015 agenda had been prepared which reflected that all items on the agenda were exempt from further procedural compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act.

### Roll Call

### **Participants Review Board Members**

Michelle Caird, Chair Present Susan Thraen, Vice Chair Present Ray Mosbrucker, Secretary Present Karl Denison Present Steve Houston Present Ben Kostick Absent Stu Nelson Present Paul Rogers Present

Clay Smith Present (teleconference)

<u>Others Present</u>: Executive Board Members – Sid Morrison, Linda Gott, Jack Janda, Will Purser and Kathy Vaughn; Bonneville Power Administration – Cherie Sonoda; PSAV – Blaine Johnson; and Public Power Council – Kevin O'Meara.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Mark Reddemann; Brad Sawatzke; Brent Ridge; Bob Dutton; Mike Paoli; Dave Briggs; John Irvan; Carla Martinez; and Angela Smith.

# **Regular Participants Review Board Meeting**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were presented for approval:

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Mr. Karl Denison moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Paul Rogers seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Chief Nuclear Officer Report**

Mr. Brad Sawatzke, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nuclear Officer provided the CNO Report. Key highlights included: plant status; station focus; upcoming events; and Columbia Generating Station performance indicators.

### **New York Financial Trip Report**

Mr. Brent Ridge, Vice President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial and Risk Officer and Mr. John Irvan, Treasury / Finance Services manager, provided a report of the October New York Financial trip. Executive Board member and Audit, Legal and Finance Committee Chair Kathy Vaughn also provided input.

# Regional cooperation debt Update

Mr. Ridge provided an update on regional cooperation debt and the potential debt acceleration opportunity with the Bonneville Power Administration that could save the region \$21 million in rates in aggregate between 2016 and 2028. Mr. Ridge said pending BPA's path forward, a special PRB meeting may be scheduled in April (preferably face-to-face) prior to the April Executive Board meeting to discuss the proposal. BPA would also ask the PRB for a letter of support.

### **Quarterly Contracts Review**

Mr. Ridge presented on the recent quarterly contracts. Key points included: the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation pad construction project description, contract estimate and procurement method.

## **Commitment Review/Provide Majority-based Direction**

The following new commitment was added:

Potential special PRB meeting – John Irvan

### **Other Business**

After hearing no further discussion, PRB Chair Caird adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Angela Smith Board Relations