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WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 20, 2009

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, Bryce Freeman, J.M Shafer and Bret Jones, a quorum was established. Also participating were Steve Ellenbecker, Director of Governmental and External Relations, Governor Mike Sullivan and Bill Stafford with Basin Electric

II. Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from February 27, 2009 Meeting

The minutes were approved by unanimous assent.

IV. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments at the time.

V. Bob Mitchell/Jerry Vaninetti-Update on Trans-Elect and WCI

Bob Mitchell (CEO of Trans-Elect) and Jerry Vaninetti (Vice President) gave an update on recent developments at Trans-Elect and in their management role for the Wyoming Colorado Intertie Project.

Mr. Mitchell reported that AES is selling its ownership interest in Trans-Elect to LS Power. He expects the transaction to be completed within two weeks and will keep WIA advised on details.

Mr. Vaninetti reported that Trans-Elect considers circumstances are favorable that Western Area Power Administration will utilize some of its federal stimulus funding under ARRA to provide further support for the WCI project. WCI is further down the development path than many other projects.

Trans-Elect anticipate that Duke and Greenhunter, wind project developers that have subscribed to capacity on WCI, will submit bids under Public Service Company's RFP for wind resources. The bids are due in April.

Trans-Elect reviewed the short-term budget requirements for WCI for the months of March and April, and asked that the WIA Board give formal approval to the budget. J. M. Shafer moved that the Board approve the budget in the amount of \$30,000 per month as the WIA portion (50% sharing with Trans-Elect), with the understanding that such funds are applicable to the development phase of the project. Bryce Freeman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Board also agreed to issue a joint press release with Trans-Elect and Western on WCI's March 11, 2009, Section 205 filing with FERC, for authority to sell transmission rights at negotiated rates, and for approval of its proposed Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Governor Sullivan asked for a clarification of the point at which WIA's financial responsibility under the WCI JDA ends. Mr. Vaninetti responded that the JDA specifies WIA financial responsibility ends at the point at which the project enters the "implementation phase", which occurs just prior to project financing. The JDA agreement includes clarification.

VI. WIA Staff Report

Steve Ellenbecker reported on the Governor's March 19 meeting with Western Administrator Tim Meeks, which J. M. Shafer and he attended. The Administrator encouraged the Governor to file a Statement of Interest (SOI) in response to the Request for Interest (RFI) published by Western March 4 in the Federal Register regarding its increased borrowing authority in the ARRA. J. M. mentioned that the SOI must be filed by April 3, and Steve mentioned the Governor's request that the WIA file WY comments. Mike Easley emphasized WIA support for taking the lead in filing the SOI. J. M. Shafer moved that the Board authorize staff to prepare a formal SOI in response to the March 3 Federal Register Notice. Bret Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Bryce Freeman offered to provide help in preparing the filing.

The Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the April 14 Board Meeting to be held in Laramie. Mike Easley requested that an additional agenda item be added to include a D. C. update by Tom Dennis. Bryce Freeman asked that the agenda be further revised to include the opportunity for a short Executive Session. The Board decided to meet for dinner April 13 at 6:00 PM at the Cavalryman Supper Club and asked that Holly make arrangements. J. M. Shafer reminded the Board that he would be unable to attend due to a previous travel commitment.

Steve Ellenbecker reported he had received a call from Kelly Mader, Vice President of Gov't Affairs for Peabody, requesting a discussion with WIA regarding the potential need for transmission capacity in coming years. Board members expressed a willingness to participate in the discussions.

Staff reported that progress continues on work with Warehouse 21 in redesigning the WIA web site and that discussion are underway with ICF regarding the Board-endorsed independent evaluation of WECC reliability criteria for line spacing in transmission corridors, subject to Board approval of a final bid.

VII. New Business

No new business at this time.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned