

# NOTES

## USB CONFERENCE CALL

March 10, 2010; 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Facilitator: Lloyd Meyer

EER: Boyd Wilson

Attendees: Andrew Miller, Mark Ralston, Sarah Moore, Lee Hall

USB Members: Cheryl Talley, Chris Aiken, Eugene Rosolie, Gary Nystedt, Mattias Jarvegren, Rob Roy, Rob Currier, Steve Brown, Tom Schumacher

TOPICS	SPEAKER
<p><b>USB Charter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The message that Lloyd received is that there does not seem to be a need for a major change Lloyd took out obsolete language that pertained to the year 2006.</li><li>• They asked for an historical statement to give some background information.</li><li>• Regarding the specific tasks (commit to a monthly meeting and the Energy Efficiency Summit) they want to add these to the document.</li><li>• Have a general statement about the willingness to communicate and share information to their Utility and other Utilities in their nearby area.</li></ul>	<p>Lloyd Meyer <a href="mailto:lcmeyer@bpa.gov">lcmeyer@bpa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Summit Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are one week from the Summit today.</li><li>• Andrew asked for questions, comments, and concerns.</li><li>• The final agenda is posted on the BPA site.</li><li>• The moderators are finalizing their presentations, with about a dozen specialists coming.</li><li>• We have over 180 people registered now and Andrew expects 190 to 200 people registered. This exceeds last years' attendees by about 10-15%.</li><li>• They said the key topics look to be what is needed for the Region as we move forward with the Sixth Power Plan.</li><li>• Wes Thomas is prepared to be the Summit Chair.</li><li>• Andrew was praised by members of the USB for his excellent leadership for organizing this Summit. They said he gets an "A+" for his efforts and the results.</li><li>• Andrew has no requests for us at this point.</li></ul>	<p>Andrew Miller <a href="mailto:ajmiller@bpa.gov">ajmiller@bpa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Recovery Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hopefully everyone has seen the introductory email and the first batch of leads.</li><li>• The EERs are calling the Utilities to follow-up and ask a few questions.</li><li>• We are trying to determine how many of these projects can be captured and put in the PTR system to claim savings for the Region.</li><li>• Similar to the experience we had with the Construction leads with WA State, the alerts may have the incorrect zip code. If the Utilities can provide feed back to any correct zip codes that would be very helpful.</li><li>• BPA has had internal discussions about how much engineering support for these ARRA projects. BPA will provide the same level of Commercial and Industrial TSP. This may include upfront studies and other engineering services. BPA will not provide a "Circuit Rider" due to increasing costs.</li><li>• There was a question asked about admin fees on ARRA projects? More research it needed here.</li><li>• Weatherization projects (primarily Residential through the CAP agencies)</li></ul>	<p>Mark Ralston <a href="mailto:mdralston@bpa.gov">mdralston@bpa.gov</a></p>

will be a part of this and BPA is working on how to go after these on a “non-programmatic” approach. But the Utility may not be able to claim this for HWM.

- BPA is careful to avoid double counting ARRA projects in the PTR.
- There is the possibility of a Utility to double fund (claim incentive money from BPA on top of ARRA funds). Should BPA send a message out to the Utilities? There was discussion and some of the Utilities on the call will check.

### **Residential Products Promotion**

- Sarah Moore thanked the Utilities that provided comments to the draft Implementation Manual.
- The Direct Install program should always be Utility lead. The Utility can have requirements, (liability coverage, background checks, and workers that the Utilities would want to represent them in the field).
- On the CFLs, there will be a regional program that will provide savings to the Utilities.
- Regarding lighting fixtures, a Utility can have this program in their area or not.
- Showerheads will be available at retail, online, bulk purchases, or direct install.
- Direct Install will always be Utility-lead. Fluid Market Strategy may be used by the Utility, but only if the Utility wants to work with Fluid. The Direct Install program will probably be available Post-2011.
- CFL measures will start April 1, 2010 with Fluid Market Strategy (changing from PEI).
- The Showerhead program will start at retail in a couple of months. (Federal Showerhead Code is now 2.5 GPM). Code tracking is handled by NEEA and they should be putting this on their website. BPA would like to summarize these Code Changes on the BPA site.
- MOUs will be sent to the Utilities from Fluid Market Strategy. Utilities can determine the length of the MOU. Utilities can drop out at any time.
- NEEA is starting to promote high-efficiency televisions under the Consumer Electronics Initiative.
- Marketing material that will accompany the Direct Install include (access to bulk purchasing and acquire marketing material that Fluid helps produce). Fluid can help train local companies for a Direct Install program, or Fluid can do all the installation work if the Utility would like.

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### **Smart Grid Update**

- The Smart Grid Demonstration project \$89million matched to US DOE's \$89million (total of \$178million). Battelle is the project manager and is centered at Battelle's operations center in Richland, WA. The entire project is five years and this first six months is the conceptual design portion.
- Received the initial funding from US DOE. Battelle is finalizing all the contracts with the 12 Utilities that were selected. BPA is involved in the technical design of this project.
- The grid, the utility level and the end-use consumer level (commercial, industrial, and residential level).
- BPA is studying how this helps with renewable integration with energy and capacity. BPA has three roles in this project: Communication and outreach; Business Case Analysis; Technology and design how this system will operate.
- Lee Hall mentioned both the City of Ellensburg and Flathead Electric's projects.
- There is a conference call today at noon on the funding opportunity announcement for residential Demand Reserve.

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A question was asked about using Demand Response in the Agricultural sector. BPA is still working on this sector.