

1 REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2
3 Wednesday, August 3, 2016

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5 The meeting of the Regional Energy Committee was held at Northwest Regional Planning Commission
6 in St. Albans, VT. At 5:53 PM, B. Buermann opened the meeting.

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8 ATTENDANCE:

9 Commission: Buermann, Bob ; Bilodeau, George ; Bothwick-Leslie, David ; DeBevec, Dennis
10 ; Leach, Christopher ; Irwin, William ; Voegele, Albin ; Speer, Neal ; Larocque, Alisha ;
11 Scangas, Laz ; Garrett, Harold ; Kane, Mark .

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13 Staff: T. Newton

14 Guests: N. Garland

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16 **Welcome and Introductions**

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18 **Changes to Additions to the Agenda**

19 No quorum.

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21 **Review of Regional Energy Plan**

22 Committee decided to discuss the Regional Energy Plan despite a lack of quorum.

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24 T. Newton explained new VEIC generation targets to be used in the plan. The wind generation targets
25 provided to NRPC have been reduced from previous targets. T. Newton also explained an alternative
26 method created by BCRC to develop regional generation targets.

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28 Review of Section III

29 T. Newton noted that he had obtained additional data regarding electricity usage by zip code and
30 additional information about generation within the region that will be integrated into Section III. The
31 Committee briefly reviewed data from public electrical utilities serving the region regarding where they
32 obtain their electricity used on the grid.

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34 Review of Section IV

35 The Committee reviewed Section IV and determined that the introduction should be expanded to
36 include additional information about the behavioral changes that need to occur to ensure that the
37 LEAP targets are achieved by the region. W. Irwin and B. Buermann discussed the color scheme of the
38 graphs and the size of the graphs in the section. T. Newton noted he will work to use a more readable
39 color scheme and will enlarge graph size. The Committee discussed capacity factors and the idea of co-
40 locating ski resorts with wind turbines.

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42 Section V

43 The Committee’s discussion of Section V centered on ensuring that the goal, policies and
44 implementation steps are sufficiently explained in text to display their connection to energy and

1 energy-related policy. W. Irwin also urged that the text stress the importance of taking action on all
2 energy issues and how action is often limited by economic circumstances of governments and
3 individuals. The Committee also discussed the importance of ensuring that biomass resources being
4 sustainably harvested. The Committee also suggested some different ways that hydro generation data
5 could be displayed.

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7 The Committee agreed to meet again on September 7th at 5 PM.

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