

Email sent to group with March 16th meeting information

Subject: WUTC - Washington Conservation Working Group - Follow-up to February 17th Meeting and March 16th Meeting Agenda

To Members of the Washington Conservation Working Group -

Hello!

Thanks for the good session on February 17th. While talking process is always a bit like making sausage, you did a great job of coalescing the issue list and successfully launching into substance!

A number of documents are attached. As you will see from the March 16th agenda you will have a chance to provide input, revise as appropriate, and finalize these documents. That said, if you want to share any thoughts, concerns, or proposed edits via e-mail prior to the meeting, that would be great. (I know the WUTC Staff has some thoughts to discuss, I am sure you will too.)

The documents include:

- 1) February 17th Draft Meeting Notes (prepared by the WUTC Staff - thanks!) - Per your notes protocol, you will provide me with edits, which I will incorporate before filing the notes in the docket;
- 2) Description of Process - This is my earlier strawman proposal which I have revised to conform with your discussion at the last meeting;
- 3) Revised Issue List - As you will recall, on February 17th, the Working Group had a vibrant discussion on how to reorganize, consolidate, and streamline my Candidate List of Issues (including actually removing some issues). Here is the end product. My thanks to the WUTC Staff who double-checked my revisions to make sure they made sense and provided some suggestions. Let me know if I have inadvertently deleted, mischaracterized or added new issues.
- 4) February 17th Working Document - This is my summary (and mine alone) of my understanding of where the Working Group landed with respect to emerging consensus. We will have a standing agenda

item at the beginning of each meeting to review, discuss, modify as appropriate, and confirm the Working Document summarizing the prior meeting. It will be a good test to see if we are making as much progress as we think!

5) Proposed Work Plan - The Proposed Work Plan lays out the tentative agenda for our remaining sessions. It is pretty ambitious, and I think we should revisit it each meeting to make sure that we are on track and that nothing needs to be removed. My thanks to the WUTC Staff who helped brainstorm this proposal. We will discuss and finalize the Work Plan on March 16th.

6) Proposed Agenda for March 16th Meeting - This was developed jointly by the WUTC Staff and myself. It is, for the most part, the agenda you developed at the last meeting, with a couple of additions. (I am thinking we should wait until the April meeting to return to the timing/overachieving issue, but I would like to talk in March about assigning a subgroup the task of developing a strawman proposal for the Working Group to consider).

In addition, you no doubt recall that we have some outstanding assignments. A subgroup was formed to prepare a matrix that describes how PSE, Avista, Pacific and the NWPCC each calculate Avoided Costs and Total Resource Costs, where the individual approaches differ, and the underlying rationale for the individual treatment. The subgroup is staffed by folks from PSE, Avista, Pacific Power, the WUTC Staff, the NWPCC staff and, to the extent they have time, Public Counsel. Bob Stolarski is the lead. We are hoping the matrix will be distributed by March 9th. In addition, each of the utilities are going to provide a copy of their tariffs in Word. Finally, everyone is encouraged to pull together foundational and reference materials (for example, Ryan Dyer is working on some reference information for purposes of your March 16th Foundational Definition discussion).

That's it for now. Give me a call if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you again on March 16th at 9:30. Cheers, Kristi