

**Portfolio Options Committee
Draft - Minutes
November 16, 2007**

Committee members attending

Jason Eisdorfer (Chair)	CUB (residential customer representative)
Lori Koho	Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff
Robin Straughan	Oregon Department of Energy
Sven Andersen (proxy)	Oregon Department of Energy
Joelle Steward	Pacific Power
Matt Wingard	Small Business Representative
Jesse Jenkins	Renewable Northwest Project
Cameron Yourkowski	Renewable Northwest Project
Roger Rees	Oregon Heat (residential customer representative)
David Philbrick	Residential customer representative
Marc Cody (proxy)	Portland General Electric
Dave Tooze	City of Portland (local government representative)
Jeff Bissonnette	Fair and Clean Energy Coalition (public interest group)

Others attending

Doug O'Connor	Pacific Power
Thor Hinkley	Portland General Electric
Scott Havis	Green Mountain Energy
Amanda Mortlock	3 Degrees
Kathy Ramsey	Pacific Power
Rhonda Rasmussen	Pacific Power
Erica Keeley	Climate Trust
Peter Weisberg	Climate Trust
Bill Edmonds	NW Natural
Inara Scott	NW Natural

Absent

Chris Fisher	Small Business Representative
Doug Kuns	Portland General Electric
Gary Thompson	Sherman County (local government representative)

Minutes from September 12, 2007 were approved.

NW Natural "Smart Energy" – Presentation Posted at
http://www.oregon.gov/PUC/electric_restruc/indices/pac.shtml

Bill Edmonds of NW Natural presented their Smart Energy program. This program provides customers with a way to offset the greenhouse gas emissions associated with their natural gas use. David Philbrick asked how long it would take to build enough funds to begin a project. Bill replied that their expectation is there needs to be a project within 2 years of when the money comes in.

The discussion then moved to the role the POC might play in oversight of this program. As a background, Jason provided an overview of the role the POC played in the past. Jason sees two primary functions for the POC. One is to understand exactly what the utility is doing

with the money ratepayers are directing to these voluntary programs. The other is to assure that the marketing for these programs is clear and effective. The POC also pushed making sure a ratepayers choice to participate in these programs followed them if they moved. The POC also reviews program participation and retention data and compares that with nationwide benchmarks.

Bill said he thought the NW Natural program would benefit from participation in the POC. The general consensus around the table was to take a recommendation to the Commission asking them to direct the POC to include NW Natural's Smart Energy program in the voluntary programs it provides oversight of. Jason said he would draft a recommendation from the POC to Commission. The POC can finalize the draft at the next meeting so Lori can take it to the Commission.

Interactions between RPS and voluntary options

Jason suggested we form a subcommittee to discuss specific issues and then bring the summary of that discussion back to the POC. Jason will organize that meeting.

Fuel mix/Labeling

This was on the agenda but not discussed. More background information is needed. The discussion needs to be about the best way to let customers know what has happened to the net system mix when the utility has sold or banked RECs.

Topics for next meeting:

- Vote on recommendation to the Commission regarding POC is the oversight of NW Natural's Smart Energy Program. (Lori & Jason to bring draft recommendation for review)
- Utility year end reports
- Fuel mix/labeling concerns
- Still need to schedule subcommittee to review SB 838 interactions with voluntary programs.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2007 at PacifiCorp Offices. 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Submitted by Lori Koho, OPUC