

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
BENTON COUNTY**

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
2011 Strategic Planning Workshop**

Date: August 3, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: 250 North Gap Road, Prosser, Washington

Present:

Commissioners Sanders, Bertsch and Hall
General Manager Sanders
Assistant General Manager Bartram
Legal Counsel Hultgrenn
Director of Power Management Bickford
Director of Engineering Dunn
Director of Operations Hunter
Manager of Human Resources Walsh
Manager of Risk Management and Treasury White
Manager of Communications and Governmental Relations Miller
Manager of Engineering Gottschalk
Manager of Accounting Meyer
Manager of Information Systems Swanson
Manager of Key Accounts McAloon
Manager of Prosser Branch Sullivan
Superintendent of Support Services Splattstoesser
Senior Engineer Scherer
Supervisor of Information Systems Mills
Supervisor of Executive Administration Cole
Administrative Assistant-Finance Henderson
Applications Analyst Scrimsher

Guests: Ted Kelly, Burns and McDonnell; Sue Dicile, Sue Dicile Group

Vice-President Robert Bertsch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Assistant General Manager introduced Mr. Kelly and Ms. Dicile, both consultants on today's topic of Strategic Planning and Smart Grid.

General Manager introduced the agenda for today's meeting and the current state of the District's smart grid process. A presentation was provided on the Smart Grid Maturity Model and the District's current technology plan relating to smart grid.

Mr. Kelly gave a presentation on the overview and planning basics for smart grid, discussing the current grid, smart generation, smart transmission systems, smart distribution systems, and smart customers. Communications today and tomorrow were discussed, and the presentation continued on

creating a smart grid business case, including business considerations, obstacles, types of projects to consider, smart grid features, and the need to develop a smart grid vision. Creating an education plan, including a communications plan, was reviewed. At the conclusion of the presentation, a brief discussion was held on revenues and capital costs relating to smart grid implementations.

At 12:10 p.m., President Lori Sanders announced that the commission meeting would recess for 20 minutes for lunch.

At 12:30 p.m., President Lori Sanders reconvened the commission meeting into open public session.

General Manager reviewed the Smart Grid Maturity Model and asked what level the commission believed the District was at in the five grid stage. A discussion was held, and it was concluded by the General Manager that the Commission believed the District was between Levels 1 and 3, depending upon which Smart Grid project was being discussed .

Ms. Dicile led the commission and staff on a discussion of the benefits, concerns and risks of developing a smart grid program. At the conclusion, Manager of Communications gave a brief presentation on a customer survey from NewEdge that targeted customer knowledge on the District relating to AMI technology.

Ms. Dicile led a discussion on determining guiding principles and the District's approach to smart grid, taking into consideration what the public wants and needs to know.


General Manager noted talking points for the commission and staff would be developed on specifically what has been implemented, and what could be considered in the future of smart grid.

Hearing no objection, President Lori Sanders adjourned the Commission Meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Robert E. Bertsch, Vice-President

ATTEST:



Jeffrey D. Hall, Secretary