

Military Economic Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
December 8, 2016 9:00 AM

Present: Kathleen Cathey, Senator Wyden's Office; Kymberli Erevia, Morrow County Planning; Larry Lindsay, Lindsay Ranches; Carla McLane, Morrow County Planning; Jake Madison, Madison Ranches; Jeff Maffuccio, Idaho Power; Steve Meyers, Umatilla Electric; Matthew Vickery, Agri Northwest; Thomas Wolff, Columbia Basin Electric. By Phone: Russ Gibson, Oregon Military Dept.; Bob Guertin, Oregon Wind; Kevin Meenaghan, U.S. Navy; Kellen Tardaewether, ODOE; Max Woods, ODOE; Karen Wagner, Senator Merkley's Office.

The meeting started at 9 a.m. The discussion began with consideration to moving venue to a public meeting in order to intersect with other economic issues. Of particular consideration were expansion of UMCD water rights with CDA and the need to better involve bordering counties. Group also briefly touched on the expectations moving forward for this group including inviting new attendees and the fact that this is a liaison group, not a decision-making body.

Boardman to Hemingway: Briefly touched on the EIS, the Navy application and their route choices. BLM in open protest period until end of 2016. Idaho Power working with agencies in proposed power route in order to reduce impact to cultural status areas and reduce land waste. Wyden's office is interested in the public comment period regarding private property. Discussed how the POD is to be reviewed, and discussed assumptions for private property, the POD intended for federal lands. Idaho Power is looking at impact per route they could apply POD across the board. ODOE wants to reduce duplicity (July timeframe) need to comply with standards (EFSC). Endangered species and cultural rules apply to all lands. Draft Proposed Order (DPO) will include areas for public comment (as applicable), online ODOE for site certificates to receive notices.

Wind projects: Orchard Wind is partial re-do to Buttercreek, there are still 4 strings. Original project developer still owns project/property rights. Orchard Morrow County permit, Umatilla already in place with final turbine selection outstanding for connectivity. Orchard not unanimous at Morrow County Planning Dept. mtg. (vote 5-2) Official approval letter to go out by Morrow County Planning Department with a potential appeal. No comments from Lindsay/Madison. Mariah project permit has expired, partnering to re-establish application for permit in January-February, and power purchase is still outstanding. Saddle Butte approved by counsel with no appeals entered to-date. WheatRidge in contested case proceedings with one opposing party.

Group skipped discussion regarding REPI and White Paper.

Redhawk MOA: Air Force is working to create new operating area. This causes concern for Search and Rescue operations for training in the Emergency Management Planning Annex. The Washington Ground Squirrel s not to be listed federally by (paper available). Not changing state listing at this time, looking for project data from wind farms, etc. in support. This impacts about 40k unfragmented land in our area for species of interest.

Next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am, location TBD.