Renewable Initiatives Forum: Dialogue on Implementation Issues for Renewables and Transmission

Tuesday, March 10th

Co-sponsored by the American Wind Energy Association, the Biomass Power Association, the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative, the Western Area Power Administration, the National Hydropower Association and others

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1501 M Street, NW
Conference Center ('S' Level)
Washington, DC 20005

AGENDA

Forum Purpose:

The afternoon will be dedicated to:

- Identifying needed activities and opportunities for coordination and collaboration that are necessary to achieve the new administration's goal of doubling renewable energy development within three years; and
- Discussing participants' respective organization's top transmission and siting-related initiatives to address implementation challenges; and
- Identifying gaps across sectors where coordination is vital.

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12:30-1:00 pm	**Registration**	
1:00-1:05	**I. Welcome, Introductions & Meeting Purpose**	*Abby Arnold, NWCC facilitator, Kearns & West, Inc.*
1:05-1:35	**II. Perspectives on Federal Policy Direction /Initiatives**	
	○ *What are key federal initiatives with regard to transmission implementation?*	*Bill White, David Gardiner & Associates, LLC*
	○ *What is necessary to garner support for these initiatives?*	*Greg Wetstone, AWEA*
	○ *What is your organization's role in implementing these initiatives?*	*Chase Huntley, The Wilderness Society*
	○ *What is the role for other stakeholders in attendance?*	

1:35 – 2:00	***DOE***	
	o *What top priorities does DOE have to implement doubling renewables in the next three years?*	*Megan McCluer, U.S. DOE, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy*
	o *What coordination is necessary for DOE to be successful in implementation?*	*David Meyer, U.S. DOE, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability*
2:00 – 2:45	***Roundtable Discussion: Stakeholder Perspectives***	
	o *What are your organization's top initiatives to double renewables in the next three years and develop transmission to support renewables generation?*	*Miles Keogh, NARUC*
		Tom Sloan, Kansas House of Representatives
		Glen Andersen, NCSL (via conference)
	o *What is your organization's role in beginning a coordination strategy?*	*Steve Clemmer, Union of Concerned Scientists*
	o *What gaps in sector collaboration exist?*	*Ron Grady, HDR/DTA, NHA Member*
		Katherine Gensler, SEIA
2:45 – 3:25	***Regulatory Commissions***	
	o *What collaborative efforts do you view as the most integral to the success of doubling renewables in the next three years?*	*Jon Wellinghoff, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*
	o *What do you need from various stakeholder groups?*	*Rick Sergel, NERC,*
	o *What role do you see for your organization?*	*Rick Morgan, DC Public Service Commission*
3:25 – 3:45	**Break**	
3:45 – 5:15	**II. <u>Regional Transmission Initiatives That Support Renewables: Regional and National Dynamic</u>**	
	Roundtable Discussion: Regional Transmission Planning Needs and Strategies for Cross-Regional Collaboration to Support Doubling Renewables in Next Two Years and Beyond	*Moderator: Abby Arnold, NWCC Facilitator, Kearns & West, Inc.*
	o *What collaborative efforts do you view as the most integral to the success of building new transmission to support developing renewables in the next three years?*	*Jay Caspary, SPP*
		Dale Osborn, MISO
		Doug Larson, Western Interstate Energy Board
	o *What do you need from various stakeholder groups?*	*Anne Gillette, CA Public Utilities Commission, RETI, (confirmed)*
	o *What role do you see for your organization?*	*David Terry, Governors Wind Energy Coalition*

5:15 – 6:00	**IV. <u>Discussion of Next Steps, Gaps in Sector Collaboration, and Opportunities for Coordination</u>**
6:00	**<u>Adjourn for Evening/Reception:</u>** ***Reception to follow upstairs, at the American Wind Energy Association's offices.***