

M.O.R.E Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2010
Lopez Fire Hall Conference Room

MORE Committee in Attendance: Winnie Adams - Chair (OPALCO Board Member), Jeff Dyer (Lopez), Eric Youngren (Orcas), John Mottl (Orcas), and Chom Greacen (Alternate/Lopez).

OPALCO staff in Attendance: Beth Anderson (OPALCO Energy Services/ Technical Services), and Elisa Howard (OPALCO Energy Services).

More Committee Absent: Andrew Borner (Shaw), John Ashenhurst (Crane), Chris Greacen (Orcas), Peter Kilpatrick (San Juan), and Peter Risser (San Juan).

Winnie Adams - Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Winnie determined and confirmed that there was a quorum of MORE Steering Committee Members.

Chom referenced the minutes from the October 13, 2010 meeting, and suggested that the sentence about MORE generators should read: The energy that MORE generators deliver directly on the grid will be netted against consumption with excess generation being paid annually. Eric Youngren made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Beth Anderson - Second Draft of Policy 14

The committee discussed the second draft of OPALCO Policy 14 – Interconnection of Member Generators. Beth Anderson requested special attention be made to the new section 14.5 MORE Fund/Production Incentives to assure that it captured the intent of the recommendation of the MORE subcommittee on incentive mechanism.

A question was raised on whether MORE should have a completely separate policy. The committee discussed the idea and concluded that all interconnect generators should be covered under the same policy.

Suggestions from the committee to Policy 14 are outlined below:

14.1 Availability

14.1.8 Administrative Cost - Jeff Dyer has reservations about the wording and feels that if an administrative cost occurred, all members of the cooperative should be charged, not just the generators of the program. After discussing the issue at length, the committee decided to include additional language to this section as follows: a *minimal* fixed fee for administrative cost and *annual* meter reading of the meters.

14.3 Net Metering

14.3.1.2 A verb needed to be added to the sentence “Any banked kWh’s remaining on April 30th of each calendar year...” The suggested addition would be “*Payment for* any banked.....”

14.5 MORE Fund/Production Incentives

14.5.1.1 Replace the word *certified* with *approved by OPALCO*. To specify a date, use the date that the last OPALCO green power incentive was paid.

14.5.1.3 First sentence was changed to read: “*Generators will be admitted in the incentive program on a first come, first serve basis until* the time that the aggregate total of all production....” Committee would like to strike “and new opportunities for inclusion will be announced if expected funds are sufficient” from the last sentence, the sentence will end after ... “MORE Committee.”

14.5.1.4 This section was revised to include language that references specific maximum generation for OPALCO commercial service tariffs of 10,000 kilowatt hours. Wording was replaced in the second to last sentence to read: “Energy produced in excess of *maximum incentive* is not eligible for incentive funds.”

In the table, the committee decided to specify the dates that each year will cover and also to increase year one (1) to span from the date the last incentive was paid until June 30, 2012.

14.5.1.5 Insert *fiscal* before year in both first and last sentences. Insert language that generators are subjected to the same maximum generation cap as in section 14.5.1.4.

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 the Technical Advisory Sub Committee will have a conference call or webinar meeting with Beth Anderson to complete the review and suggested revisions to Policy 14.

Winnie Adams - Renaming MORE

Suggestions are as follows:

- Morgan Meadows (who was not present but sent in her suggestion) - LERN (Local Energy Renewables Now) or LEARN (Local Energy and Renewables Now)
- John Mottl - MOST (Member Owned Solar Technology)
- Eric Youngren - GPP (Green Power Producers) or GPPF (Green Power Producers Fund)
- Winnie Adams - APS (Alternative Power System)

The next meeting will be held on Orcas, November 10, 2010. The committee will meet in the Parlor Room at the Orcas Hotel, starting at 10:45 am.