

MORE Steering Committee Minutes
December 8, 2010
San Juan Island, OPALCO Conference Room

MORE Committee in Attendance: Winnie Adams - Chair (OPALCO Board Member), Eric Youngren (Orcas), John Mottl (Orcas), Chris Greacen (Lopez), Peter Risser (San Juan), and Peter Kilpatrick (San Juan).

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

More Committee Absent: Andrew Borner (Shaw), and John Ashenhurst (Crane)

Public in Attendance: Susan Risser (San Juan)

I. Winnie Adams- Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order. Winnie determined and confirmed that there is a quorum of MORE Steering Committee Members.

Minutes from the 11/10/10 were presented and approved with one correction. Under “committee attendance” the minutes incorrectly showed Chris Greacen was from Orcas, and he is from Lopez.

II. Winnie Adams - Summary of Presentation to Board

Winnie shared that the Board accepted the concept of the MORE program, but felt the language in Policy 14 was difficult to understand and needed to be cleaned up. The board expressed concern about the MORE bonus payment.

The second reading of Policy 14 is scheduled for the next OPALCO board meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 16 at the OPALCO Eastsound office. Winnie would like representation from the committee at this meeting.

III. Beth Anderson - Policy 14

OPALCO staff worked on the wording per the recommendations made from the Board at the November 2010 board meeting. The enhancements to the document have made it more descriptive and member friendly. A preamble describing the policy’s intent was added as well as descriptions for Net Metering and Buy/ Sell. The wording in the MORE section was left unchanged.

The committee reviewed the redrafted policy. Questions were brought up and answered; everyone agreed that the policy was much clearer after the revisions.

The committee addressed the Board's concern regarding the bonus payment. There was a concern that the committee would be creating a failed program by removing the incentive for early adopters through the bonus payment. The committee decided to change the declination rate under the established rate per kWh, to balance the bonus payment.

Eric Youngren made a motion to change the table declination rate by reducing the established rate per kWh from \$0.005 to \$0.02 per year after the first period and extend the bonus payment an additional year. The motion was seconded and voted on by a show of hands, four in favor, two opposed.

IV. Winnie Adams- Formation of "Green Team" for each island

It is agreed that a council member from each island would oversee a team of people for their island. The idea was that six to twelve people would attend functions providing educational outreach, perhaps partnership with other organizations. In addition, literature on how to get started would be provided along with a list of installers. The team would attend local events (SJ County Fair, Farmers Market, etc.) and be advocates for the MORE program.

V. Winnie Adams – MORE Oversight Council

The council would consist of the same members from the committee. Monthly traveling would be omitted to each island and the council will meet less frequently, but at least quarterly using teleconferencing for meetings when scheduled.

Peter Risser made a motion that the present MORE Steering Committee will become the initial council and each island will form a "Green Team" (promotional member support group), which the council will manage. The Council will meet less frequently and take advantage of video conferencing when possible. They will also partner with the IEC group to assist with development and operation of the Green Teams. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a voice vote.