

**M.O.R.E. Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 8, 2010**  
**Orcas Ferry Landing**

**Attendees:** John Mottl ( Orcas), Eric Youngren (Orcas), Peter Risser (San Juan), Jeff Dyer ( Lopez), Chris Greacen ( Lopez), John Ashenhurst (Crane), Andrew Borner (Shaw), John Bogert (OPALCO Board member), Winnie Adams (OPALCO Board Member), Beth Anderson, Anne Bertino, Elisa Scott- Howard ( OPALCO Energy Services )and Randy Cornelius (OPALCO General Manager), Bob Gamble (member)

Not present: Peter Kilpatrick (San Juan), Chom Greacen (alternate for Chris)

**Meeting began at 10:30.** Winnie Adams addressed the designing of the new OPALCO green power program MORE. Introductions were made.

John Bogert presented ideas to attendees about the direction and goal of the MORE committee.

- Of the 15,000 members there are 60 renewable connects.
- OPALCO receives their power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) which is 85% hydro and 15% other. There are price increases expected. John explained BPA Tier 1 and Tier 2 pricing.
- The cost for the amount of delivered energy is on the rise. Above and beyond what BPA can produce would result in rate increases of 3.5% per kWh. Randy expressed it would be five years before OPALCO was faced with Tier 2. Discussion of possible solutions was brought to the table. One solution was to penalize high usage and reward conservative members.
- Adopt a mission for all islands to achieve a zero load growth.
- Smart grid, Automated Meter Infrastructure, could be a tool for members to monitor and manage their electric bills from home.
- Set up the MORE committee as a 501(3)(c). Separate entity; low interest loans, school energy audits, funding sources for education.
- OPALCO board would like a self funding program; committee of volunteer members that's focus is production as an incentive. Similar to the PAL program, money comes in and the committee decides how to disperse as renewable incentives.
- Currently 500 members volunteer to purchase units of Green Power everyone concurred that number would rise if it was for local Green Power.
- Operate similar to the SNAP program. A collection of donations would be pooled and divided by production.

- The MORE committee would assist in enhancing programs, lobby for ideas and would develop a policy to take to the OPALCO board. By July 2011 federal code 1730 requires to have an interconnect policy that is more technical.

Randy Cornelius discussed the history of the Green Power programs.

- Green Power was established in the late 1990's.
- Volunteer members would opt to purchase block(s) of Green Power, in addition to their kWh charge and base fee.
- Renewable interconnect incentives were funded by the sale of the Green Power.
- In 2005 the board worked to keep self funding. There was a rate increase on Green Power and funding for interconnect incentives went down.
- In 2009 the incentives took a jump.
- In September of 2011 OPALCO will no longer be able to purchase Green Power from BPA.
- Interconnects with production that is no greater than 200 kWh, OPALCO does not have to report to BPA.

The meeting ended with an open discussion session.

It was agreed that the next meetings would take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** on San Juan Island from **8:30 am – 11:30 am**.

Location: **The Earthbox Conference Room  
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