

Energy Key Industry Network (KIN) Conference Call Minutes

October 26, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Participants:	Niles Hushka, Co-Chair	Mark Johnson
	Bob Rowe, Co-Chair	Nichole Kivisto
	Brian Altman	Chris McCall
	Dan Berube	Joe Micheletti
	Carl Borgquist	Alan Olson
	Jason Brothen	Don Provost
	Rich Budde	Ben Reed
	Henry Dykema	Mark Reller
	Kathy Hadley	Jose Maria Sanchez Seara
	Bob Harris	
Staff:	Mary Craigle	Michaela Wolfinger
	Tom Kaiserski	Janice Wannebo

Bob Rowe welcomed everyone to the call followed by introductions.

KIN Activity Summary

Rowe reported the Energy KIN has been very active; three (3) in-person meetings (September 2014, March and May 2015) along with five (5) working groups discussing issues such as workforce, regulatory, marketing, access to capital and federal carbon rules.

KIN/DEQ Discussion on Montana Facility Siting Act (MFSA)

Rowe also reported there has been three (3) conference calls coordinated by the Department of Commerce with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) concerning the Montana Facility Siting Act (MFSA) focusing on potential modifications. Issues discussed were the 1-mile wide corridor, Determination of Need and Discussion of Process. Director Livers, DEQ, along with the Department of Commerce and this KIN are working on draft revision language for the 2017 Legislative session.

Next Meeting Topics

Rowe reminded KIN members to be thinking about the key topics that will be covered at the December 2015 meeting in Helena which are:

Workforce – October Workforce Symposium

Craigle acknowledged the Workforce Symposium held in Bozeman on October 11 & 12, 2015 went very well. Breakout panels discussed the challenges and opportunities that Montana faces in the future in regards to adequate workforce and came away with 13 pages of ideas for workforce solutions. Craigle indicated the symposium results will be compiled and distributed in the future.

Carbon Reduction/Clean Power Plan – discuss Governor’s Office/DEQ Stakeholders Group Activities

The stakeholder group process has changed from ‘draft’ to ‘final’ which has caused a delay in the process. There are twenty-two (22) other states involved in a lawsuit. DEQ is working with the Governor’s Office on this issue which is still moving forward even though there has been a slight delay. The Energy KIN would like to provide input as this process moves forward. Seara asked if there is an opportunity for the KIN to hold a conference call with DEQ in order to provide input on the developing stakeholder process? Olson felt this KIN needs to discuss this issue prior to the December 16th meeting. Craigle and Kaiserski agreed to talk with DEQ about holding a conference call in the near future.

Montana Facility Siting Act (MFSA) – Review KIN/DEQ Subgroup Findings

Refer to previous discussion.

Infrastructure Authority Proposal

Borgquist is working on a draft proposal prior to the December meeting and will distribute around the end of November for KIN members review. If any KIN members have suggestions, they should send them to Tom Kaiserski or Carl Borgquist.

Final report and recommendations

Craigle reported that each active KIN was assigned to come up with 3 to 5 recommendations prior to January 2016 so that, if necessary, it could be included in the Executive Planning Process (EPP). These recommendations may be implemented in-full or in-part by the Governor. The Energy KIN’s final recommendations will be determined during the December 16, 2015 meeting in Helena.

Call ended at 4:32 p.m.