

Planning, Analysis, & Competitiveness (PAC) Subcommittee
Friday, February 15, 2019
11:00am-12:30pm EST
Meeting Summary

WELCOME AND DOI UPDATE

- Looks like the federal government will be funded this afternoon, so the RPC can continue its work.
- The RPC staff is waiting for decisions on the timing of the next public meetings, nominations, and Charter.
- David Bernhardt has been nominated by the President to become the next Secretary of the Interior.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:

Coal

- Looking into a proposing a study on non-thermal uses for thermal coal.
- Working to organize a project list of upcoming ideas.

Studies

- The group is on hold till the government take report is publicly released.

Onshore

- Recommendation for Notification for Permit to Drill was discussed by the group.
 - “RPC recommends that the Interior Department work with Congress to draft legislation for a Notification of Permit to Drill (NPD) process in lieu of an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for certain wells. Wells approved under an NPD must still comply with all other applicable laws such as the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).“
 - A few minor formatting changes were made in the document.
 - The document was updated to call out that the Secretary should promote the recommendation in his legislative agenda.
 - ***This recommendation was approved by the Subcommittee and will be submitted to the RPC for consideration at the next meeting***
- The working group will move forward with additional recommendations now that the NPD recommendation has been approved.

Non Fossil Fuels/Renewable

- Recommendation on wind land based leasing policy.
 - “The Committee recommends that the Secretary direct the National Office of the Bureau of Land Management to issue an Instruction Memorandum or other instrument to update and clarify wind energy right-of-way (ROW) acreage rent schedules, megawatt (MW) capacity fees, lease and grant renewal processes, bond

requirements, and application priority for projects in the eleven states subject to BLM’s Wind Energy Development Program (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming), including guidance on the implementation of the rule on Competitive Processes, Terms, and Conditions for Leasing Public Lands for Solar and Wind Energy Development and Technical Changes and Corrections, 81 Fed. Reg. 92,122 (Dec. 16, 2016) (the “Rule”).”

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Offshore

- Waiting on the results of the IHS government take study. BOEM will present information to the subcommittee once the study is posted online.

Alaska

- No update given at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Colin McKee, State of Wyoming

James Schindler, DOI

Chris Mentasti, DOI

Marisa Mitchell, Intersect Power

Renee Orr, DOI

Randall Luthi, NOIA

Tim Charters, NOIA

Jennifer Golladay, DOI

Kathleen Sagamma, Western Energy Alliance

Lindsay Goldstein, DOI

Kevin Simpson, Shell

Matthew Adams, Cloud Peak

Lynn Helms, North Dakota

Renee Orr, DOI

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