

**Planning, Analysis, & Competitiveness (PAC) Subcommittee**  
**Friday, August 31, 2018**  
**11:00am-12:30pm EST**  
**Meeting Summary**

**WELCOME AND DOI UPDATE**

- NREL tour will be offered September 12. Please RSVP by COB September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Sector meetings will also be September 12 in the afternoon at the Denver Federal Center Office.

**Special Presentation from outside group: The Wilderness Society**

- This office of the Wilderness Society works on energy issues related to BLM out of their Denver office.
- They are presenting 3 ideas around issues brought up in the past by GAO: Leasing low potential lands, lease suspension, and oil and gas bonding.
- Oil and gas bonding
  - Issue: the cost of the bond is so low that performance is at risk
  - It does not reflect the complexity of development today and for inflation.
  - Proposed solution: adjust the bonding amounts appropriately.
- Leasing low potential lands
  - Issue: these lands have low competition and are leased without competition. This incurs cost by BLM to offer these leases with little compensation.
  - Proposed solution: Limit leasing in low competition areas
  - When low potential land is offered for leasing it keeps it from other uses. Increasing the minimum bid would reduce this problem.
  - BLM comment: These leases make it to a lease sale based on expressed interest by industry, and the current view point is that if industry is willing to put dollars on the table then BLM will lease.
- Lease suspension
  - Issue: There is little direction for how or when leases are placed in suspension, many of these leases can sit in suspension for a decade or more, currently there are 3 million acres in suspension.

**WORKING GROUP UPDATES:**

***Locatable***

- A conversation was had that the RPC is likely not the best location, and there is already a committee in DOI working on this topic.

***Non-Fossil***

- Preparing potential recommendations for next public meeting

***Coal***

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***Studies***

- Earlier this summer conducted meetings with BLM and BOEM staff

- We will have one meeting next week to respond to BOEM's request for feedback and fact checking re: jobs around drilling wells.

***Alaska***

- Working on a potential future recommendation on offshore revenue sharing.

***Onshore***

- No update at this time.

***Offshore***

- In Denver we will be getting a bit more history around the leasing like 10 year lease and 7 + 3 leases.
- No recommendations at this point.

***Additional Ideas and Next Steps***

September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled

**Attendees:**

John Crowther, State of Alaska

Pat Noah, ConocoPhillips

Marisa Mitchell, Intersect Power

Emily Hague, API

Walter Cruickshank, Interior

Roderick Eggert, CO School of Mines

David Kreutzer, Heritage Foundation

James Schindler, DOI

Chris Mentasti, DOI

Pam Eaton, The Wilderness Society

Nada Culver, The Wilderness Society

Tim Spisak, BLM