

Tribal Affairs Subcommittee
Thursday, December 21, 2017
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST
Meeting Summary

Agenda

3:00 pm Welcome

3:10 pm Working Overview

3:50 pm Wrap-Up/Next Steps

Welcome

The subcommittee was reminded that media requests should be forwarded to the RPC Support Staff at: rpc@ios.doi.gov

Working Overview

The results of the survey were shared with the subcommittee and the group discussed how they might approach each topic and form smaller workgroups to accomplish the work. It was decided that before breaking into smaller workgroups the subcommittee requires additional information on the current federal statutory and regulatory structure for energy development on tribal lands.

A clarification was made that all subcommittee findings and recommendations are solely advisory and subcommittees do not have the authority to make regulatory or legislative changes. The subcommittee was given examples of some of the projects the other RPC subcommittees are taking on that do not require regulatory or legislative changes.

The subcommittee agreed to focus on a vehicle to transfer leasing, permitting, and royalty authority from DOI to interested tribes.

Next Steps

- Monte Mills will prepare a draft taxonomy of the current regulatory requirements and procedures for energy development on tribal lands, regarding leasing and permitting, that might be of interest to the subcommittee. He will provide it to Dr. Payson in time for Dr. Payson to review it and make possible edits/revisions to it, before distributing it to the subcommittee members prior to the next meeting on January 11th.
- The subcommittee will address the name change at the next Subcommittee meeting.
- The next subcommittee call will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 3pm EST.

List of Attendees:

Bidtah Becker, Navajo
Charles Robertson, Choctaw
Chris Mentasti, ONRR
Chris Stolte, DOI
Everett Waller, Osage
James Schindler (RPC Executive Director), DOI, BOEM
Jackson Brossy, Navajo
John Andrews, State of Utah
Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance
Kim Oliver, ONRR
Matthew Adams, Cloud Peak
Monte Mills, University of Montana

Natasha John, Navajo
Rachel Milner Gillers, Kearns & West, Facilitator
Robert Joe, Navajo
Roger White Owl, The Three Affiliated Tribes
Russell Begaye, Navajo
Steven Payson, ASIA
Yvette Smith, ONRR