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## Minutes of the

## **Colorado Clean Energy Development Authority**

World Trade Center, 1650 Broadway
Monday, February 11, 2008, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
(Approved by the CEDA Board of Directors on April 23, 2008)

The meeting was **called to order** by Tom Plant, CEDA Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. **Introductions** were made, including members of the audience.

**Board Attendance:** Joel Bladow, Cary Kennedy, Jeffrey Nathanson, Sam Weaver, Lee White. **Excused absences**: Don Elliman, Lola Spradley, John Stulp (Tom Lipetzky represented Commissioner Stulp).

Members of the public in attendance: Gary Beedy (Lincoln County Commissioner), Scott Prestidge (Congressman Udall's office), Chris Rundell (Prairie Wind), Craig Cox (Interwest Energy Alliance), Mark Morley (H20HYPRO), John Covert (Colorado Working Landscapes), Ron Lehr (American Wind Energy Association), Beau Boefoust (Clear Creek Power), Barbara Walker (Independent Bankers of Colorado), Rich Mignona (Colorado Public Utilities Commission), Eric Simons (Iberdrola Renewable Energies), Robby Robinson (Center for Applied Research), Dennis Swann (Harris Group), Josh Peterson, Joseph Hiller (Gideon Holdings), Tod Perry, Ross Kauffman (Beacon 360), Chad McConathy (CO Office of Economic Development and International Trade), Joe Taylor (Public Service Company of Colorado), Robin Kittel (Xcel Energy), Jerry Vaninetti (Trans-Elect), Keith Hay (Environment Colorado).

The Board reviewed and **approved the minutes** of the December 18, 2007 CEDA meeting. The Board reviewed and **approved the draft agenda** for the meeting.

It was noted that Morey Wolfson, Utilities Program Manager, Governor's Energy Office, would produce draft minutes of the meeting and distribute them. It was also noted that the draft minutes, once approved, and presentations will be posted on the Governor's Energy Office website: <a href="www.colorado.gov/energy">www.colorado.gov/energy</a>

The Board heard **updates** from:

- Robin Kittel, Public Service Company of Colorado, regarding several dockets at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, including the Electric Resource Plan, the SB 100 Resource Zones and Transmission Planning docket, and the Demand Side Management docket.
- Joel Bladow, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association on Tri-State's transmission plans, and current resource plans.
- Jerry Vaninetti, Trans-Elect LLC, regarding recent activity at the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority and the High Plains Express.
- Morey Wolfson, regarding the Colorado Coordinated Planning Group and the Colorado Long Range Transmission Planning Group.

The Board then discussed the need for a **statutory modification to HB07-1150** to have CEDA moneys deposited in a financial institution instead of in the State Treasury. This is necessary because CEDA is not a part of any department within Colorado State Government and cannot access funds held by the Treasurer. Action taken: the Board agreed to support this statutory change. The Board then discussed upcoming legislation which would authorize the CEDA to issue statewide bonds for the purposes of advancing distributed renewable energy systems. Keith Hay from Environment Colorado introduced the concept, however there was not any language provided, so the board agreed not to take any official position on the bill.

Tom Plant stated that on January 30, 2008 CEDA filed a **status report** required by HB07-1150 with the Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee of the Senate and the Transportation and Energy Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Board was sent a copy of the Draft CEDA Goals and Objectives document. The Board felt that before it spent much time reviewing the document, it would prefer to consider specific project ideas to determine how CEDA can help with developments. Joel Bladow offered that he is interested in seeing whether there may be an opportunity for CEDA to consider participation in the proposed **Alamosa-Walsenberg transmission line**. It was decided that the project should be explored and brought back to the next meeting.

Several **upcoming meetings** were announced, including coordination between the western state infrastructure authorities.

It was suggested that the **next meeting** of CEDA should be in late April.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:00 a.m.