## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Thursday, January 12, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER

Organizational meeting

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Barbieri Vice Chairman Furniss Rep Vander Woude Rep Horman Rep Scott Rep Young Rep Wisniewski Rep Raybould Rep Allgood Rep Bundy Rep Lambert Rep Mickelsen Rep Redman Rep Wheeler Rep Chew Rep Necochea Rep Rubel

#### COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel

ABSENT/ None EXCUSED:

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

**Chairman Barbieri** explained and answered questions from Representatives regarding the rules of the Committee. He advised members the committee will be fully electronic.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:43p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Power	Tyler Hansen, Stations Engineering and Reliability Manager
	Avista	Bruce Howard, Senior Director of Environmental Affairs for Avista.
	Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association	Will Hart, Executive Director Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association
	Rocky Mountain Power	Russ Westerberg, PacifiCorp Idaho Representative

## If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			COMMITTEE SECRETARY
Chairman Barbieri	Rep Wisniewski	Rep Redman	Jeremy Collier
Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Raybould	Rep Wheeler	Room: EW08
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Rep Scott	Rep Lambert	Rep Rubel	
Rep Young	Rep Mickelsen		

# **HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representatives, Vander Woude, Horman, Wisniewski, Chew, Rubel
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Tyler Hansen,** Substations Senior Manager for Idaho Power presented to the Committee on behalf of the Idaho Power Company. He stated Idaho Power's three core values and advised Committee members of Idaho Power's charitable contributions which totalled \$980,189.00 in 2021. He stated Idaho Power took its responsibility to provide reliable electricity supplies for customers seriously, noting that Idaho Power was able to keep the lights on 99.9% of the time. He explained to Committee members where power is generated and how it is transmitted to customers. Mr. Hansen stated Idaho Power served more than 610,000 customers across a service area of 24,000 square miles. Mr. Hansen stated one MegaWatt powers 800 homes.

**Mr. Hansen** explained the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line is key to Idaho Power's clean energy future, advising the transmission line will generate 1,000 MegaWatts of power in both directions. Mr. Hansen stated a diverse energy mix meant Idaho Power commercial customer prices were well below the national average. He noted Idaho Power's clean-energy goal is to provide 100% clean energy by 2045.

**Mr. Hansen** explained Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan to the Committee. He advised the plan informs company strategy by forecasting growth and determining least cost resources to meet demand. He noted the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan outlines adding 120 MegaWatts of solar power in 2022, converting Bridger Units 1 and 2 from coal to natural gas by summer 2024 with a 2034 exit date, acquiring resources to meet growing demand in 2023 through 2027, exiting Bridger Unit 3 and Valmy Unit 2 by year-end 2025 and bringing Boardman to Hemingway online by 2026.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Hansen** explained that one MegaWatt is able to power 800 homes for a duration of one hour. He stated that electric vehicles will require resources to charge and substantial distribution system upgrades are required to meet the added load. Mr. Hansen advised the Committee the replacement of substation transformers is a continuing challenge, and as the development of small modular nuclear reactors reaches a certain level of availability, Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan will be adjusted accordingly. **Mr. Hansen** also stated Idaho Power's resource planning and investments are made with the intention of meeting Idaho's load, he noted Idaho Power's mandated responsibility to prioritize Idahoans energy needs as Idaho is Idaho Power's territory. He stated that hydropower is a reliable and immediate resource for generating energy, and said removing hydropower would impact prices. Mr. Hansen advised that Idaho Power understands physical and intellectual security is an important part of stewardship, explaining high potential targets are protected by walls and cameras.

**Bruce Howard**, Senior Director of Environmental Affairs for Avista presented an overview of Avista to the Committee. He stated Avista served a total of 775,000 customers with 233,000 of those customers living in Idaho. He noted the Pacific Northwest Interconnect system is a robust one. He advised that Avista's service territory covered 30,000 square miles with a population of 1,725,000 people. He added that Avista has five offices in the state of Idaho. Mr. Howard advised the Committee of the sources of cost and rate pressure: low load growth, (close to 1%) reliability standards (transmission and generation), system upgrades due to aging infrastructure, cyber security protections, security of physical infrastructure, operational modernization, wildfire resiliency and public policies.

**Will Hart**, Executive Director of the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association, stated the association consists of eleven rural electric power cooperatives and ten municipal power companies. He explained how Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities distributed power to over 140,000 Idahoans. He noted that consumer-owned utilities deliver electricity to the customer "at cost", with no members operating on a "for profit" basis. He noted that consumer-owned utilities are self-regulated by elected boards of directors and city councils. He explained they draw 96% of their power from the Bonneville Power Administration. He stated they faced issues renegotiating a more fair and balanced Columbia River Treaty. Mr. Hart advised the Committee of the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association support for the Gateway West and Boardman to Hemingway transmission lines, and for hydropower.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Mr. Hart** advised Committee members the Idaho Legislature has no role in the renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty. Mr. Hart also advised the same was the case with regards to the issue of dam breaching.

**Russ Westerberg**, PacifiCorp Idaho Representative, presented to the Committee regarding Rocky Mountain Power. He advised Rocky Mountain Power is responsible for 77,623 customers in Idaho. He explained 81% of customers are residential, 18% are commercial or agricultural and 1% of customers are industrial. Mr. Westerberg noted the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation's charitable donations totalled \$136,030 in 2022. He stated that significant investments had been made in renewable resources, which currently represent 30% of Rocky Mountain Power's capacity with the intention of reducing the percentage of coal in the resource mix to less than a majority by 2027. He noted the intention was to lessen this percentage each year thereafter.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Thursday, January 26, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Research and demonstrations taking place at Idaho National Labratory	John Wagner, Director, Idaho National Labratory

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Barbieri Vice Chairman Furniss Rep Vander Woude Rep Horman Rep Scott Rep Young Rep Wisniewski Rep Raybould Rep Allgood Rep Bundy Rep Lambert Rep Mickelsen Rep Redman Rep Wheeler Rep Chew Rep Necochea Rep Rubel

### COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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# **HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen (Coletti), Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representatives Wisniewski, Bundy, Rubel
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 24, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

> John Wagner, Director of the Idaho National Laboratory [INL], presented to the Committee. Director Wagner explained the Idaho National Laboratory is responsible for high-complexity, multi-disciplinary research and development. He stated the mission of INL is to achieve energy security, on critical infrastructure, physical and cyber security. He noted the transition to cleaner, non-carbon electricity is an important part of INL's work. Director Wagner explained the INL site with facilities enabling energy and security and research and development on a large scale. He stated that over the last five years INL has grown by 40%. He stated there is strong bipartisan support in Washington, D.C. for INL. Director Wagner stated that 52 reactors have been demonstrated on the site, but no new reactors have been demonstrated since the early 1970s. Director Wagner stated that INL is re-establishing US leadership in advanced nuclear technologies. He noted that different sized nuclear systems would work with wind, solar and hydro to provide things beyond electricity for industrial processes. He stated that redirection of surplus energy to value products was important, noting the importance of hydrogen to the future of energy.

**Director Wagner** went on to explain the security and resilience of critical infrastructure. He noted armor protection of transformers can guarantee power is protected from physical attack. He advised the Committee of the importance of including cyber-security in the design of software. He noted INL's work with the Department of Homeland Security to provide cyber security training for private sector and agency employees.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Director Wagner** explained the safety and security of nuclear systems is paramount. He noted that guaranteeing the safety and security of systems over decades has led to INL's provision of training today. Director Wagner addressed gird resiliency, and explained INL has developed systems to restore power to areas affected by grid disruption. He noted that severe weather incidents have been a new challenge for system resilience, noting the disruption caused by a cold snap in Texas. Director Wagner stated a number of advanced reactors use a different level of uranium enrichment than the current reactors use, and the only country producing this uranium is Russia. He noted that Russia's actions have made them a poor option for uranium, stating that Russia has weaponized energy. He stated there is a correlation between energy security and national security. Director Wagner noted the urgency of re-establishing uranium development capability to secure the nuclear energy portfolio.

Director Wagner noted the positive economic impact of INL, with INL employing 5,700 people and engaging with local contractors. He noted the economic impact in the region has increased by 35% to \$3.4 billion. He stated the large economic impact of the increased activity at the INL site. Director Wagner noted a positive relationship with the Department of Environmental Quality with regards to the operation of the site. Director Wagner noted that INL employed 500 interns each year. He advised the committee of the difficulty faced in employing and retaining cyber-security staff. He noted that an additional 3,000 jobs are expected to be created at INL over the next five years, and this figure did not include the high volume of construction workers that will also be needed in the future. He noted INL's work with local education institutions in accreditation of qualifications.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 2:00pm Room EW41 Monday, January 30, 2023

## Time change to 2:00pm

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Office of Energy & Mineral Resources	Richard Stover, Administrator, Office of Energy & Mineral Resources
	Pacific Northwest Economic Region	Matt Morrison, CEO, Pacific Northwest Economic Region
	Pacific Northwest Economic Region	Brandon Hardenbrook, COO, Pacific Northwest Economic Region
	Pacific Northwest Economic Region	Senator Winder, President, Pacific Northwest Economic Region

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Redman Rep Wheeler Rep Chew Rep Necochea Rep Rubel COMMITTEE SECRETARY Jeremy Collier Room: EW08

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# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023

**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen (Coletti), Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representative Raybould, Rubel
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

> Richard Stover, Administrator of the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources [OEMR], presented to the committee an overview of the energy and mineral landscape in Idaho. He noted the responsibilities of OEMR as the clearinghouse for energy and mineral information. He noted OEMR's responsibility to administer loan & financial assistance programs, and it's role as the administrative arm of the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance. He said the focus of OEMR is protecting reliable, affordable and sustainable power in Idaho, and is the state-cooperative agency for NEPA projects, coordinating comments and input among state agencies. He said that Idaho produces less energy (electricity, natural gas and fuel) than it consumes, and the disparity is caused by the transportation of fuels. He noted that Idaho imports all petroleum products. He stated Idaho is a net-exporter of electricity, consuming 70% of the electricity produced in the state, and the power sources in Idaho are hydro-power, wind and solar power which comprise 78% of the energy produced in the state. He noted the average utility rate in Idaho in 2021 was the lowest in the nation and mentioned OEMR's dedication to maintain low energy prices for Idaho consumers and businesses. He said Idaho's energy expenditure totalled 7% of the state's Gross Domestic Product, and approximately 2,400 energy businesses operated in Idaho with 50,800 energy jobs in the state. He advised the low cost of energy in Idaho has attracted businesses to the state.

**Mr. Stover** advised Committee members of the programs currently being ran by OEMR, and the State Energy Loan Program had granted 15 loans. Mr. Stover mentioned the positive impact of the Government Leading by Example Program which audited local governments to find energy efficiencies. He noted the Energy Resiliency Grant Program had funded a number of investor and consumer owned utilities projects and had an immediate impact on the grid.

In response to questions from Committee Members, **Mr. Stover** noted roof-top solar had been a significant beneficiary of the State Energy Loan Program. He said wind and solar power were intermittent and this factor is considered into the utility companies Integrated Resource Plans. In answering a question regarding Cobalt, Mr. Stover stated Idaho expected to mine enough cobalt for 400,000 batteries. He advised the Energy Resiliency Grant would be strategically tied to federal funding and federal funding is designed to secure and fortify grid resiliency.

**Sen. Chuck Winder**, President of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region [PNWER], presented to the Committee the regional importance of energy production and technology across ten regional jurisdictions. Sen. Winder advised the initiative for his presidency is food security and supply chain resilience, and noted during the pandemic there was not a substantive plan for the provision of basic needs. He stated the importance of developing a cooperative strategy between the regions included in PNWER. Sen. Winder noted the importance of reforming the permitting process to quickly utilize the oil supply, and without reform the United States could become dependent on foreign states for energy supplies. Sen. Winder noted the availability of minerals in the Northwest United States and in Canada.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Sen. Winder** noted that Canadian policy had limited the production of energy and resources and the presence of the Canadian and American and PNWER summits. He explained PNWER's role in appealing for cooperation between local, state and federal governing authorities and the permitting process was regulated by the federal government.

**Sen. Winder** advised the importance of developing common goals across PNWER based on realistic expectations regarding climate change and electrification and the importance of recognizing the need for fossil fuels in future planning. He stated no transition plan is currently in place and such a plan would unfold over decades. Sen. Winder advised the Committee of the impact of neighboring states' environmental policies on Idaho, noting the importance of PNWER opposing the policies.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Monday, February 06, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30204	Clean energy resources	Rep. Horman

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS			COMMITTEE SECRETARY
Chairman Barbieri	Rep Wisniewski	Rep Redman	Jeremy Collier
Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Raybould	Rep Wheeler	Room: EW08
Rep Vander Woude	Rep Allgood	Rep Chew	Phone: 332-1128
Rep Horman	Rep Bundy	Rep Necochea	Email: henv@house.idaho.gov
Rep Scott	Rep Lambert	Rep Rubel	
Rep Young	Rep Mickelsen		

# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 06, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel

ABSENT/ Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Mickelsen, Chew

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

- MOTION: Rep. Necochea made a motion to approve the minutes from January 30, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.
- **RS 30204: Rep. Horman** presented **RS 30204**, proposed legislation removing definitions of "renewable energy" and "renewable energy generation projects," replacing those terms with definitions of "clean energy" and "clean energy generation projects." The new definition of clean energy includes water, hydro, geothermal, wind, solar and biogas, while adding nuclear, hydrogen, energy and battery storage, and other non-carbon emitting resources.
- MOTION: Rep. Raybould made a motion to introduce RS 30204. Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Tuesday, February 14, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 96</u>	Clean energy resources and clean energy generation	Rep. Horman
	Department of Environmental Quality Overview and Rules Overview	Jess Byrne, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality

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Rep Redman Rep Wheeler Rep Chew Rep Necochea Rep Rubel

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# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representative Vander Woude
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- **H 96: Rep. Horman** presented **H 96**, legislation to adjust the definition of clean energy to include nuclear power.
- **MOTION: Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 96** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Those speaking **in support** were **Mary Alice Taylor**, Association of Idaho Cities; **Will Hart**, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities; **Ron Williams**, Idaho Energy Resources Authority; and **Douglas Jones**, Idaho Water Engineering. They were of the opinion **H 96** would provide opportunities to invest in affordable hydropower energy.

# VOTE ON<br/>MOTION:Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Chew requested to be recorded as voting<br/>NAY. Rep. Horman will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Jess Byrne**, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, presented an overview of the Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ]. Director Byrne noted the importance of Federal Environmental laws to the work of DEQ, stating federal environmental laws provide specifically for state delegation, set minimum standards, make certain activities illegal and include citizen suit provisions. He advised DEQ has primacy over the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] for the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Regarding DEQ program implementation, Director Byrne noted that primacy must be authorized in Idaho Code, and that authorization often has stringency requirements. He explained the EPA must approve of Idaho's programs. Director Byrne stated the benefits of state primacy are stringency, flexibility and the ability to control fines which Director Byrne advised could make problems worse, noting DEQ's preference for compliance assistance. **Director Byrne** provided an overview of the agency rules. He advised incorporation by reference referred to the process of complying with new federal requirements, often through updating dates in rules. He noted that incorporation by reference is done in consultation with stakeholder groups. Director Byrne explained how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were appropriated, funding 72 construction projects, and the eligibility criteria caters to small systems serving 10,000 or less, as this helped allocate the funding after a large number of requests. He reviewd how DEQ received \$70 million ARPA funds that aided the lake Couer d'Alene nutrient reductions projects, the Triumph Mine Work, Solid Waste Projects and Contaminated site cleanups throughout the state.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Director Byrne** advised the \$70 million ARPA funds he previously referenced were in addition to \$300 million funds that were already appropriated. Director Byrne noted a large backlog of necessary system upgrades. He stated demand is being driven by a combination of changes in federal requirements, high growth and aging infrastructure. Director Byrne explained the discrepancy in ARPA funding for counties across Idaho as the result of the number of requests and how different areas met the previously stated population requirements.

**Jerri Henry,** Drinking Water Protection Finance Division Administrator, was called upon to answer questions from the Committee regarding lead service line replacement and drinking water. She stated the focus for lead service line replacement was on conducting inventories.

**Director Byrne** noted that \$2 million of General Funds was provided for Lake Coeur d'Alene for projects that were selected and are now under way. He stated the remaining amount has been prioritized by the Citizens Advisory Group.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Thursday, February 16, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Department of Environmental Quality	
<u>58-0102-2201</u>	Water Quality Standards	Mary Anne Nelson, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator
<u>58-0117-2201</u>	Recycled Water Rules	Mary Anne Nelson
<u>58-0105-2201</u>	Rules and Standards for Hazardous Waste	Michael McCurdy, Waste and Remediation Division Administrator
<u>58-0101-2101</u>	Control of Air Pollution in Idaho	Tiffany Floyd, Air Quality Administrator

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Scott, Raybould, Lambert, Mickelsen,
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- DOCKET NO.
  Mary Anne Nelson, Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ] Surface and
  58-0102-2201: Wastewater Division Administrator, presented Docket No. 58-0102-2201, a pending rule regarding Idaho's human health criteria for arsenic. Dr. Nelson explained the history of the health criteria for arsenic. She noted the DEQ's research into the presence of arsenic in Idaho's ambient waters. She noted the rule is not broader in scope or more stringent than federal rules require.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Dr. Nelson** noted **Docket No. 58-0102-2201** outlined the criterion for exposure to arsenic by taking into account fish tissue element and domestic water supply. Dr. Nelson noted that 17 discharge facilities across Idaho have a discharge limit and another 20 that have a monitoring requirement. She advised the monitoring assesses the daily maximum and the monthly average of arsenic in the discharge. She advised assessment could include collecting fish and analyzing their tissue or analyzing a water sample. Dr. Nelson noted the rate of consumption was decided as 66 and a half grams per day, the mean consumption rate of a high consuming population.

**DOCKET NO. 58-0117-2201:** Mary Anne Nelson presented Docket No. 58-0117-2201, a pending rule regarding provisions that allow the Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ] to issue general reuse permits. She noted that as of 2021, 147 Idaho communities recycled 6 billion gallons of water. She noted there are no federal rules that apply to waste water. She noted DEQ's recycled water program has been in place since the 1980s. She explained that Docket No. 58-0117-2201 removes restrictive language and streamlines rules.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Dr. Nelson** noted **Docket No. 58-0117-2201** does not make changes to policy, and explained the introduction of a streamlined permitting process.

Mary Alice Taylor, Association of Idaho Cities testified in support of Docket No. 58-0117-2201 and Docket No. 58-0102-2201.

- DOCKET NO.
  58-0105-2201: Michael McCurdy, Waste and Remediation Division Administrator, presented Docket No. 58-0105-2201, a pending rule updating Idaho's Rules and Standards for Hazardous Waste to maintain consistency with federal regulations. He noted these rules regulate the treatment, storage and transportation of hazardous waste. He noted DEQ's primacy in regards to the hazardous waste program.
- **DOCKET NO. 58-0101-2101:** Tiffany Floyd, Air Quality Administrator, presented Docket No. 58-0101-2101, a pending fee rule revising Idaho's Title V Operating Permit Program to fulfill the requirements of Idaho's delegation agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]. She noted the rule also includes zero-based regulation rulemaking and DEQ's annual incorporation by reference of federal regulations. She noted that comments were addressed throughout negotiations with stakeholders. She noted some are for ease-of-use, such as deletions of sections and the collection of numbers into tables. Ms. Floyd noted that overall 26,000 words were removed and the rule chapter was shortened by 45 pages. She explained the revised fee structure is the result of rulemaking negotiations between stakeholders including the Idaho National Laboratory. She noted that 13 changes were incorporated by reference, with one change impacting the rules governing landfills the rest were administrative in nature relating to DEQ.
- MOTION: Rep. Horman made a motion to approve all dockets. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Chairman Barbieri** thanked the Page, **Emma Brulotte**, for her service to the Committee and she thanked the Committee members and the Chairman.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AMENDED AGENDA #1 HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Thursday, March 02, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing	
<u>24-0501-2200F</u>	Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals	Tim Frost, Division Deputy Administrator, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
<u>S 1013</u>	Establishes the Institutional Controls Program	Michael McCurdy, Administrator, Waste Management & Remediation Division Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
<u>H 235</u>	Provisions regarding underground facilities damage prevention.	Rep. Lanting

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# **HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, March 02, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representative Chew
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- **DOCKET NO. Tim Frost**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Occupational and Professional **24-0501-2200F**: Licensing presented **Docket No. 24-0501-2200F**, a pending fee rule relating to the rules of the Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Frost** noted the Senate Health and Welfare Committee had approved the rule.

MOTION: Rep. Furniss made a motion to approve Docket No. 24-0501-2200F. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Barbieri put the Committee at ease at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman Barbieri resumed the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

S 1013: Michael McCurdy, Administrator for the Waste Management & Remediation Division at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, presented **S 1013**. legislation moving the authority of the Institutional Controls Program [ICP] from administrative rules to statute. Mr. McCurdy provided an overview of the history of the Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Complex Superfund Facility. He noted the underlying purpose of the ICP is to protect locals from dangerous soil and to provide appropriate disposal options for contaminated soil for the local communities. He listed the services performed by the ICP: permitting, inspections, contractor training, database of sampling and cleanup, property disclosures and disposal. Mr. McCurdy noted all these services are free. Mr. McCurdy provided an overview of the regulatory framework changes since 1995, explaining that S 1013 resolves legal uncertainty. He noted that **S 1013** make no changes to requirements or standards. or what is applicable. He explained that enforcement would be delegated to DEQ. Mr. McCurdy reviewed the support DEQ had received for S 1013 from; Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission, Bunker Hill Mining Corp, Bunker Hill Task Force, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Hecla Mining Company, Kootenai County Commissioners, Pandhandle Health District Board of Health, Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce, Shoshone County Commissioners, Shoshone County Mayor's Coalition, Shoshone Medical Center and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. McCurdy** noted that **S 1013** would permit the Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ] to delegate authority to Panhandle Health District. Mr. McCurdy noted the necessity to monitor the redevelopment of barriers and new constructions in the area. He advised the source of the dedicated funds are settlement monies, environmental remediation funds, cost recovery funds from Union Pacific Railroads, and Environmental Protection Agency funding. He noted the annual funding for each fiscal year was \$530,000.

- MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to send S 1013 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 235: Rep. Lanting presented H 235, legislation to define emergency excavation and notice of emergency excavation, and establish a process for underground facility owners to carry out an emergency excavations. Rep. Lanting explained H 235 outlines the responsibilities of the utilities during an emergency excavation and extend the validity period for surface-markings from 3 weeks to 4 weeks.
- MOTION: Rep. Wheeler made a motion to send H 235 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Lanting will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- **ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Wednesday, March 08, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Magic Valley Energy Presentation on Lava Ridge	Luke Papez, Senior Project Developer, Magic Valley Energy Amy Schutte, Communications Director, Magic Valley Energy
HCR 4	Supporting a no-build option on proposed Lava Ridge Project	Rep. Nelsen

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COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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Rep Scott	Rep Lambert	Rep Rubel	
Rep Young	Rep Mickelsen		

# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 08, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

EXCUSED:

PLACE: Room EW41

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representative Rubel
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Amy Schutte**, Communications Director for Magic Valley Energy, presented an overview of the need for wind energy in Idaho and the Lava Ridge Wind Project. She noted the importance of clean energy goals in the integrated resource plans of PacifiCorp and Idaho Power, explaining that wind power is a growth industry totalling 16 percent of Idaho's electricity usage. Ms. Schutte advised the Committee of the demand for clean energy among Idaho businesses.

**Luke Papez**, Senior Project Developer for Magic Valley Energy, provided an overview of the draft environmental impact statement and a time line of the public comment process. Mr. Papez explained the alternative geographic proposals for the wind project, noting the alternatives preferred by the Bureau of Land Management [BLM]. Mr. Papez introduced **David Tuthill** and **Jack Alexander**.

**David Tuthill**, Idaho Water Engineering, explained the Lava Ridge Wind Project would not impact draw down on the aquifer and the project's water use equates to 0.03 percent of all irrigated acres in three county areas for two years.

**Jack Alexander**, Synergy Resource Solutions, noted the project adds infrastructure to preserve grazing access. He advised the new infrastructure will include troughs and fences.

**Luke Papez** explained Magic Valley Energy's commitment to preserving the condition of all project roads, to protecting local wildlife and to preserving the Minidoka National Historic Site. He advised Committee members of the positive economic impacts of the project. Mr. Papez stated passing **HCR 4** sets a dangerous precedent for Idaho industries.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Papez** stated the local counties have signed on as cooperating agencies to the BLM's process. He noted the involvement of multiple levels of government, from local to federal. Mr. Papez noted there is currently no contract for the sale of the power, advising there is need for the power across the West. He noted that evaluations to determine the impact of turbine locations in relation to airspace were ongoing. Mr. Papez advised that the BLM had assessed the region's ability to house workers employed during the construction of the project. Mr. Papez stated the \$4 million of ongoing tax revenue is based on the revenue and projects of Magic Valley Energy, advising as the project grew so would tax revenue. He explained a reclamation plan had been submitted by Magic Valley Energy. Mr. Papez noted Magic Valley Energy was in receipt of a federal tax credit for it's wind power production. He explained the history of Magic Valley Energy, noting the companies American origin.

HCR 4: Rep. Nelsen presented HCR 4, a House Concurrent Resolution to support a no-build option on the proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project. He noted broad local opposition to the project, advising the Committee of the negative agricultural and economic impacts of the proposed project. Rep. Nelsen noted the support of all legislators from the Magic Valley area and numerous local County Commissioners for HCR 4. Rep. Nelsen advised members the consultation with Magic Valley residents has been inadequate. He noted the opposition of local highway districts to the Lava Ridge Wind Project, and questioned the longevity of the number of jobs the project was expected to create. He noted this project would be the largest in the continental United States, with hundreds of turbines.

Rep. Clow noted the lack of long term jobs created by the project.

Those speaking in support were Dean Diamond, citizen; Brian Olmstead, citizen; Mark Doerr, citizen; Nicki Kroese, citizen; Janet Keegan, Friends of Minnidoka; Joan Hurlock, citizen; Matt Bridges, citizen; John Steiner, citizen; Don Hall, Twin Falls County; Marilyn Borek, citizen; Kristina Reininger, citizen; Shauna Robinson, citizen; and Jerry Holton, citizen; and David Lehman, Idaho Agricultural Aviation Association; Dr. John Hannowell, citizen; Lyle Johnstone, citizen; and Julie DeWolfe Arroyo, citizen. They were of the opinion that HCR 4 was right to support a no build option because of the project's impact on the Minidoka National Historic Site, and questioned the accuracy of the environmental impact statement. They also expressed concerned about the aviation safety impact of the project.

Those speaking **in opposition** were **Peter Richardson**, Idaho Energy Freedom; **Brad Mitchell**, Group; **Ron Williams**, LS Power and; **Roy Prescott**, citizen. They were of the opinion that **HCR 4** was wrong to support a no-build option, as they were of the opinion that the Lava Ridge Wind Project would provide affordable energy, strengthen the economy of Southern Idaho and felt concerns about the project were based on fear. They felt adoption of **HCR 4** would indicate clean energy development was not supported in Idaho.

- MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to send HCR 4 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Neslen will sponsor the resolution on the floor.
- **ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 P.M. Room EW41 Thursday, March 16, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link: https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1098aa</u>	Authorizing the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to enter into certain voluntary contracts and agreements	Jess Byrne, Director, Department of Environmental Quality

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# HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel

ABSENT/ None EXCUSED:

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- s 1098aa: Jess Byrne, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ], presented S 1098aa, legislation authorizing the Department of Environmental Quality to enter into voluntary contracts and agreements with municipal agencies, corporations and private parties. Director Byrne explained S 1098aa broadened DEQ's ability to enter into agreements, listing examples of opportunities for DEQ to use this ability. He noted the terms of agreements would be limited to five years and subject to renewal.

In response to questions from Committee Members, **Director Byrne** advised enabling statutes allow DEQ to accept certain funding without giving the authority to spend the funds. He stated **S 1098aa** would allow DEQ to enter into cost recovery programs to expand it's capacity. He explained spending authority would enable the spending of money that DEQ expected to receive, adding funding from private entities would fund the cost of DEQ's work. He noted currently only one company was expected to enter into such an agreement with DEQ.

**MOTION: Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **S 1098aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Those speaking **in opposition** of the legislation were **John Runft**, Idaho Regional Waste Services; **Ian Frost**, The L&R Group; and **Amber Avery**, The L&R Group. They were of the opinion **S 1098aa** presented an apparent conflict of interest as a regulator would receive money from regulated parties and concern regarding the nature of voluntary agreements.

The speaking **in support** of the legislation were **Peyton Nunes**, Republic Services; **Alex LaBeau**, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry; **Roy Eiguren**, US Ecology Corporation; **Benjamin Davenport**, Idaho Mining Association; and **Mary Alice Taylor**, Association of Idaho Cities. They were of the opinion voluntary agreements would enable DEQ to partner with private industry and as the agreements between DEQ and private entities would be public the potential for corruption to occur is removed and enable DEQ to more comprehensively regulate activity. **Director Byrne** reiterated any agreements entered into between DEQ and private parties must be voluntary. Director Byrne noted there were a number of full time positions that regulate US Ecology, and further agreements with US Ecology would enable further oversight of their work. He noted the legislature's authority over DEQ spending.

In response to questions from Committee Members, **Director Byrne** advised individuals that break the law would be treated no differently that any other employee at DEQ. He advised employees hired through **S 1098aa** could be used for other work but not be reimbursed by the company. He explained the use of **S 1098aa** would not affect the way in which entities were treated, but would speed up the oversight process overall.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 3 NAY and 4 Absent/excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Barbieri, Furniss, Vander Woude, Horman, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Mickelsen, Wheeler, Necochea. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Scott, Wisniewski, Lambert. Reps. Young, Redman, Chew, Rubel were absent/excused. Rep. Wheeler will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair

## AGENDA HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment Room EW41 Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER

Approval of the Minutes

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# **HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

- DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
- TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

**EXCUSED:** 

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Necochea, Rubel
- ABSENT/ Representatives Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Chew
- **GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Necochea made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting with the following correction: On page 2, paragraph 3 to add Rep. Necochea to the AYE count on the Roll Call Vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Chairman Barbieri** thanked the Committee Page, **Tucker French** for his work during the session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to call of the chair at 1:43 p.m.

Representative Barbieri Chair