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Subject: Rate Design Workshop March 5 or 6

Workshop Steering Committee Members:

The steering committee met immediately after the DG Summit to design a one day workshop on rate design. Nancy Ryan and Beth Vaughan have talked to Prof. Severin Borenstein of Cal to commit to the event and are drafting up an agenda. Celeste is checking venues in Northern California.

The most difficult organizational challenge of this conference will be to limit the table to 20-25 seats, including one person from each IOU, one Muni executive (DiStasio), two CPUC commissioners, Nancy Ryan, and Prof. Borenstein. The only way we can do this is to have "affinity groups" within the CFEE board organize themselves to assign a representative(s) to the table while the others are observers in the room. My first cut from the board is that the groups in addition to IOUs would be:

- independent energy producers,
- labor,
- environmental orgs,
- munis and
- energy service providers. (I have put Shell, Direct Energy and Constellation in the ESP category, is that correct?)

IEPs may need to be further refined according to old v. new plants, gas fired, wind/solar/geothermal.

I would like Smutny, Tom Dalzell, Sheryl Carter, and Jim Pope to be captains of their groups organize a conference call to figure out who should be (or must be) at the table with the others working with them to make sure their issues are represented. (We did this once before on energy conservation and it worked well, except I left out the munis and got into big trouble.) I recall Pope said DiStasio should definitely be at the table for munis, with Ron Nichols as observer. If Pope should be at the table the whole time, or tag team with DiStasio, let us know. I have enclosed a CFEE board list so you can sort out who is in your group.

Other questions that remain:

CAISO. Do we invite Berberich, or Edsen, and would that person be at the table or observer?

Non CFEE board members who should be there. We have identified Matt Friedman of TURN. Sheryl and I have been assigned to talk to Matt on his approach to the exercise. Who else needs to be there.

Who would the second CPUC commissioner be? I imagine key staff from each commissioner's office should be observers. Who?

Anyone from the Governor's office, like Nancy McFadden, or Cliff or Ken? What about CEC?

We have CFEE board members from regulated water companies and Information and Communication Technologies (telco). They may have keen interest in observing. Do we set our table first and see if we have room for them (or their designees) to observe?

We are thinking of having the group meet the night before for a dinner, which could be used to enable different groups to talk to one another in preparation for the workshop. We could task Nancy Ryan and Peevey to briefly address each table to give them an assignment of what specifically they should be addressing the next day. If the night before does not work, do we want a cocktail reception afterwards with the possibility of dinner that night somewhere close and people spending the night? Let us know your preferences.

We will get a draft agenda out to you soon.

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