



TRIBAL LEADER FORUM SERIES

**EXPLORING THE BUSINESS LINK OPPORTUNITY:
TRANSMISSION & CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST**

February 7-8, 2012

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The second in a series of planned DOE Office of Indian Energy-sponsored strategic energy development & investment forums, and co-sponsored by DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, this two day Forum will provide an opportunity for Tribal leaders and executives to: interact with industry executives and federal leaders, get up to date information on transmission development and planning activities in the West, and hear the latest in trends in recent financing of clean energy projects. This Forum will also provide a venue for Tribal leaders and executives to hear directly from, and talk directly to, each other regarding best practices in tribal project partnerships and investments.

****** There is no fee to register for the Forum, but it is important that you register by sending an e-mail with your name, contact information and e-mail address to the Office of Indian Energy at IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov.
Registration due by February 3, 2012******

Please call the **Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel** at 303-893-3333 (or 1-800-325-3535) to make hotel reservations.

For more information regarding hotel accommodations, please contact Jacquelyn Pless at jacquelyn.pless@ncsl.org.

AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
MEETING ROOM—WINDOWS ROOM

8:30am – 8:50am	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS <i>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED</i> Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy Lamont Jackson, Representative, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability Introductions
8:50am – 9:10am	FEDERAL TRANSMISSION DISCUSSION: TRANSMISSION EXPANSION IN THE WEST Timothy Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration (confirmed)
9:10am – 9:30am	TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC: PERSPECTIVES FROM BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION Bill Drummond, Deputy Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration (confirmed)
9:30am – 10:45am	TRANSMISSION POLICY AND REGULATION PRIMER: OVERVIEW OF JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITIES & CURRENT POLICY TRENDS

	<p>The Basics of Transmission in the West</p> <p><i>Robert Henke</i>, Senior Vice President, ICF International (confirmed)</p> <p><i>Laurie Woodall</i>, Principal, URS Phoenix (confirmed)</p> <p><i>Jennifer Weddle</i>, Shareholder, Co-Chair American Indian Law Practice Group (confirmed)</p>
10:45am – 11:00am	BREAK
11:00am – 12:15pm	<p>TRANSMISSION & RENEWABLES: NEW TECHNOLOGIES & INTEGRATION PROGRAMS AND GREEN LINE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>DOE Transmission Priorities and Initiatives</p> <p><i>Laura Morton</i>, DOE Rapid Response Transmission Team Lead (confirmed)</p> <p>Trends in Transmission Development: Energy Storage & Green Lines</p> <p><i>Michael A. Stosser</i>, Partner, Day Pitney LLP (confirmed)</p> <p><i>Keith Sparks</i>, Director of Development, Clean Line Energy (confirmed)</p>
12:15pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)
1:15pm – 3:00pm	<p>TRIBAL CASE STUDIES & BEST PRACTICES: TRANSMISSION & CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Wheat Grass Wind, LLC</p> <p><i>An inter-tribal commercial wind partnership</i></p> <p><i>Travis Stone</i>, Shoshone Bannock Tribe (confirmed)</p> <p><i>Rebecca Kauffman</i>, President & COO, Southern Ute Alternative Energy Investment Fund (confirmed)</p> <p>Five Nations Energy</p> <p><i>Five Nations Energy Inc. is one of five licensed electricity transmitters in the province of Ontario. This inter-tribal transmission company serves First Nations communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan.</i></p> <p><i>Lucie Edwards</i>, Chief Executive Office, Five Nations Energy Inc. (confirmed)</p> <p><i>Ed Chilton</i>, Secretary/Treasurer, Five Nations Energy Inc. (confirmed)</p> <p>Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) & Tribal Interconnection Requests</p> <p><i>The Upper Great Plains Region of WAPA has received multiple and approved interconnection requests for tribal renewable energy projects. This update will include that discuss the interconnection process, lessons learned and explanation of current queuing process for Western.</i></p> <p><i>Dirk Shulund</i>, WAPA UGP (confirmed)</p>
3:00pm – 3:20pm	BREAK
3:20pm – 5:00pm	CLEAN ENERGY PURCHASING & RPS STATUS UPDATES

	<p>Renewable Energy Standards & Markets Summary An executive summary of Western States’ Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), Compliance Status and Tribal Energy Resource Areas of Highest Potential <i>Sarah Busche</i>, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) Strategic Energy Analysis Center (confirmed)</p> <p>UTILITY PURCHASER PERSPECTIVES</p> <p>Xcel Energy <i>Jim Hill</i>, Xcel Energy, Director, Resource Planning (PSCo) (confirmed)</p> <p>Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative A board leader for an electric cooperative which serves a large indian community to share his thoughts regarding the challenges and future of an electric cooperative in a changing technological and marketplace environment, and the unique intersections with rural and tribal communities. <i>David Archambault II</i>, Board Chair, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative (confirmed)</p>
5:00pm – 5:30pm	<p>DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES</p> <p>Updates on DOE’s EAct 2005 Tribal Renewable Energy Purchasing Guidance and Discussion of Minority Energy Procurement Opportunities <i>Pilar Thomas</i>, Deputy Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy</p>
5:30pm – 5:45pm	<p>DAY ONE CONCLUSION</p>
5:45pm – 7:00pm	<p>RECEPTION—SILVER ROOM <i>Sponsored by American Indian Law Practice Group Greenberg Traurig</i> Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres will be served</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 MEETING ROOM—WINDOWS ROOM</p>	
9:00am – 9:20am	<p>DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR POLICY UPDATES: CLARIFYING AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR TRIBAL PROJECT APPROVALS CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED <i>Jodi Gillette</i>, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior (confirmed)</p>
9:20am – 10:30am	<p>FINANCING ISSUES & TOOLS FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIAN COUNTRY</p> <p>Tribal Economic Development Bonding – Update <i>Christy Jacobs</i>, Director, Internal Revenue Service (confirmed)</p> <p>New Markets Tax Credits & Other Infrastructure Finance Tools & Strategies for Tribes – Update <i>Steve McSloy</i>, Partner, SNR Denton (confirmed)</p>

	<p>USDA RUS Program – Update <i>Ted Buelow, USDA Programs (confirmed)</i></p>
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am – 12:00pm	<p>FINANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY DOE Office of Indian Energy: Renewable Financing in Indian Country Executive Primer <i>Sam Booth, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) (confirmed)</i> <i>Matt Ferguson, Principal, Renewable Energy Practice, Reznick Group (confirmed)</i></p>
12:00pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
1:15pm – 2:45pm	<p>NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRANSMISSION EXPANSION PLANNING National Transmission Planning: Promoting Clean Energy and the Next Generation of Our National Infrastructure <i>Jennifer DeCesaro, Special Advisor, Department of Energy (confirmed)</i></p> <p>Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) RTEP Status Update <i>Byron Woertz, Senior Project Manager, WECC (confirmed)</i></p> <p>Western Governors’ Association (WGA) WGA’s Status Update on the RTEP’s Water/Energy Nexus Analysis and Work <i>Tom Iseman, Program Director, WGA (confirmed)</i></p>
2:45pm – 3:00pm	BREAK
3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>CLOSED SESSION—TRIBAL LEADERS AND TRIBAL EXECUTIVES This session is dedicated to providing an open forum for Tribal leaders and executives to exchange stories and ideas to better promote and facilitate efforts, on all levels, related to transmission and clean energy development and investment.</p>
4:30pm – 4:45pm	CONCLUSION & WRAP-UP