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INDIAN COUNTRY ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORK GROUP

Official Designation

Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group (“Working Group”)

Purpose

The purpose of the Working Group is to provide advice and recommendations to the Director of the Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs (OIE) and the Secretary of Energy with respect to the strategic planning and implementation of OIE’s energy resource, energy business and energy infrastructure development policy and programs.

Objectives and Scope of Activities and Duties

The Working Group shall:

- (a) make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (“OIE Director”) on the energy and infrastructure development, education, capacity building, and electrification goals and objectives of programs carried out under Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and make administrative and policy recommendations to improve these programs, including actions that should be considered to encourage non-Federal resources (including private resources) to supplement Federal financial assistance;
- (b) Provide guidance to the OIE Director and the Secretary about best practices and methods that would allow the Department with respect capacity building related to energy development activities on Indian lands.
- (c) Provide the OIE Director and Secretary with advice on better facilitating and encouraging appropriate development of tribal energy resources to stimulate Indian tribal economies.
- (d) Make recommendations on how the Department may assist tribes in developing their expertise in managing all aspects of energy exploration and development activities.
- (e) Respond to OIE Director or Secretarial requests for recommendations on DOE policy on programs or policies regarding Indian energy development.
- (f) Share with the OIE Director regarding policies and approaches with respect to development that are sensitive to tribal development and stewardship consistent with tribal cultural values
- (g) Perform such other Indian energy resource development related functions as the OIE Director or the Secretary may assign to the Working Group.
- (h) serve as a liaison between the Tribes and the OIE on energy resource programs;

- (i) encourage transfer of the results of the energy efficiency and renewable energy activities carried out by the Federal Government;

Time Period Necessary for the Working Group to Carry Out Its Purpose(s)

The Working Group's responsibilities are continuing in nature and shall continue until terminated by the OIE Director.

Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for This Working Group

Support shall be furnished by the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. OIE will be responsible to pay for all travel related costs, including per diem subsistence costs, for the Working Group members. Support for the Working Group is contingent on annual appropriations.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs

Operating Costs: \$150,000

Estimated Number and Frequency of Working Group Meetings

The Working Group may meet at least four times a year, once each quarter, or as deemed appropriate by the OIE Director. Members may participate in meetings by phone.

Members

Members shall be appointed by the OIE Director. All members must be elected officials of tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf) of Federally-recognized tribes actively conducting eligible energy development activities. The OIE Director will seek to ensure the Working Group represents the diversity of federally-recognized tribes, including geographic, economic, and population diversity.

Officers

The Working Group shall be led by Co-Chairmen. The representative from the OIE is designated as a permanent Co-Chair of the Working Group. The appointed tribal members shall designate a tribal representative to be a Co-Chair of the Working Group.

Subcommittee(s)

To facilitate functioning of the Working Group, subcommittee(s) may be formed. The objectives of the subcommittee(s) are to make recommendations to the Working Group with respect to matters which are related to the responsibilities of the Working Group. The subcommittee(s) shall be comprised of such members of the Working Group as may be determined by the Co-Chairmen of the Working Group.

Rules of Procedure

The Working Group will operate by consensus and may adopt any other administrative rules and procedures.

Adopted on January 26, 2012

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