

Energy Policy committee meeting Report - 11/11/2015

G. Thomas Bellarmine

The following people attended the meeting:

Thomas Bellarmine, Tom Schneider, Jim Fancher, Richard Wakefield, Jay Greenberg, Denis King, Veronika Rabl, Fred Denny, Russ Harrison, Aline McNaull, Chris McManes; On the phone/Webex: Harold Adams, Michael Jaske, Kenneth Lutz, Tony Posawatz, Jerry Carroll, Russ Lefevre, Jim MacInnes

The high lights of the meeting:

- Policy support for IEEE-PES Smart Grid Project
- IEEE Conference on Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT2016), September 2016, Minneapolis; need speakers for sessions on policy/regulatory issues (in integrating DER in distribution)
- Two new EPC position statements approved by the BOD: "Greening the Electric Power Supply" and "Transforming Transportation by Diversifying Energy Sources"! Lessons learned?
- EPC member, Saifur Rahman, elected IEEE PES President-elect!

Legislative Update:

- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee introduced a bi-partisan energy bill addressing efficiency, infrastructure, supply, accountability and energy conservation policy
- Senators Gardner (R-Colorado) and Peters (D-Michigan) are working on a bi-partisan Senate Competes reauthorization. IEEE-USA is providing input on the bill

WORK IN PROGRESS AND FOLLOW-ON EFFORTS

- **Status and schedule for converting recently approved position statements to e-books**
- **NEPR UPDATE :**
 - Tom Schneider plans to briefly document "lessons learned" in developing the first NEPR (National Energy Policy Recommendations) .
 - Fred will make Tom's observations part of a living document on "EPC Procedures for the NEPR" which will not be part of the NEPR but part of an EPC Procedures Manual. Fred Denny will contact Saifur Rahman and ask him to join the ad hoc NEPR team (along with existing members - Fred, Denis, Dick, and Paul). Having the PES President-Elect involved will enhance EPC-PES coordination.
- Fred Denny will develop a first draft of a spreadsheet identifying the issues / NEPR sections needing attention and showing the members who have weighed in on these issues. This spreadsheet will separate the issues into two categories:
 - a) non-controversial issues requiring NEPR additions or changes
 - b) controversial issues requiring some discussion
- By March 2016 a revised draft of the NEPR will be completed.

GUEST SPEAKER: BENJAMIN L. SCHMITT (2015-2016 IEEE-USA State Fellow)

- Energy Diplomacy Officer for Europe, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. State Department
“EUROPEAN/EURASIAN ENERGY SECURITY ISSUES.”
- United States and European Union Geostrategic Energy Security Objectives in Europe
- United States Geopolitical Energy Security Engagement in Central Asia
- United States and European Union Energy Market Harmonization and Private Sector Concerns

Other items discussed:

- NEPR ADDENDUM “BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE INTELLIGENT ELECTRIC GRID” 2016
- CARBON MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE UPDATE
- IEEE International Connected Vehicles Conference, China
- Water & Energy Congressional briefing joint w/AIChE
- Energy policy discussions in Presidential debates
- Congressional Briefing on Electric Vehicles
- Contacting regions/chapters and offer energy policy/ energy issues was discussed.

EPC LEADERSHIP

- EPC Chair: Fred Denny was selected as EPC Chair.
- EPC Vice Chair: Jim McInnes was nominated.

NEXT MEETING DATE – January 21, 2016