



5 November 2008

Mr. Doug Dean
Director, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, Colorado 80202

Attn: Dockets No. 08I-113EG, 08I-420EG, 08I-227E and 08R-424E

Dear Mr. Dean:

On 3 November, the Interwest Energy Alliance held two ex parte meetings with Chairman Ron Binz and Commissioner Matt Baker, pursuant to Commission Decision No. C08-0903.

The topics of discussion covered several dockets, so I am filing this cover letter and the attached summaries with Dockets No. 08I-113EG, 08I-420EG, 08I-227E and 08R-424E.

This disclosure is being filed within two business days following a permitted ex parte communication with a Commissioner. As required, this disclosure letter states the time, date and place of the meeting, lists the persons attending, and contains a summary description of the topics discussed.

No written materials were provided at either meeting.

Thank you, and best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Cox".

Craig Cox
Executive Director

cc: Geri Santos-Rach

Ex Parte Meeting with Commissioner Matt Baker

3 November 2008

Participants

- Tony Munoz, Commission Staff
- Geri Santos-Rach, Commission Staff
- Jeff Ackerman, Commission Staff
- Rick Gilliam, SunEdison
- Ron Lehr, representing Interwest Energy Alliance
- Craig Cox, Interwest Energy Alliance

This meeting, held in a Commission meeting room, ran approximately from 3:30 to 5:15 pm and primarily covered dockets 08I-113EG, 08I-420EG, 08I-227E and 08R-424E. This is a summary discussion of the topics discussed by the participants, and I will note the docket of each discussion points by annotating “113,” “420,” “227” or “424” representing the dockets. No annotation indicates a non-docket discussion topic.

- Discussion of SORECs (424)
- Discussion of RES rules (424)
 - Retail rate impact cap
 - Third-party ownership issues
 - Utility ownership issues
 - Solar grid parity issues
 - Discussion of hedge values of renewables
- Discussion of energy-first planning (113)
- Discussion of cost issues, relating particularly to solar (113)
 - Possible project development fund?
 - Smart grid discussion
 - Integration issues
- Discussion of transmission issues (227)
 - Interstate long-line proposals
 - RTO functionalities/control areas
 - Market-based transmission approaches
 - Sharing best practices and learning from other jurisdictions
- SB 100 Discussion (227)
- Incentives to do more transmission, more quickly (113, 420, 227)

- Discussion of policy approaches
 - Discussion of hedge value of renewables and rate stabilization issues
 - Discussion of market-based approaches
- Forecasting issues (113, 227)
 - Rewarding diversification of portfolio
- Solar incentives (113, 420)
 - Policy approaches to solar incentives
- Transmission planning issues
 - Discussion of importance of long-term, coordinated planning
 - Getting from conceptual issues to projects in the ground
 - Energy-first planning