

**SILVER STATE ENERGY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MARCH 3, 2015
MINUTES**

**Call to Order
11:00 A.M.**

Grand Canyon Conference Room, Southern Nevada Water Authority
100 City Parkway, Suite 700, Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Rory Dwyer, City of Boulder City; Douglas Beatty, Colorado River Commission; Edward Wright, Lincoln County Power District No. 1; Mike Fetherston, Overton Power District No. 5; David Johnson, Southern Nevada Water Authority

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Krantz, Chuck Hauser

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rory Dwyer. The meeting was noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting law.

Rory Dwyer asked the two directors new to the board to introduce themselves. Dave Johnson introduced himself as the Deputy General Manager for the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA). Mike Fetherston stated that he was representing Overton Power District No. 5 and that he is currently working for NV Energy.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no speakers wishing to be heard.

ITEM NO.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 20, 2014

ACTION: A motion was made by Edward Wright and seconded by Dave Johnson that the agenda for the meeting and minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY AN APPEAL FILED WITH THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS BY THE SILVER STATE ENERGY ASSOCIATION AND TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS BY THE SSEA MANAGER: SOUTHERN NEVADA INTERTIE PROJECT INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS APPEAL STANDSTILL AGREEMENT AMONG GREAT BASIN TRANSMISSION, LLC, SILVER STATE ENERGY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSWEST EXPRESS LLC AND THE ENGINEERING COORDINATION AGREEMENT AMONG GREAT BASIN TRANSMISSION, LLC, SILVER STATE ENERGY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSWEST EXPRESS LLC

Scott Krantz provided background relating to the actions that the Board of Directors are being asked to ratify. Project No. 2A, operating under Project Services Agreement No. 2A: Eastern Nevada Transmission Project (ENTP) Development Agreement, originally started in 2008, when the initial right-of-way application was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Shortly thereafter, two other companies, TransWest Express and Great Basin Transmission, submitted right-of-way applications for corridors running through almost identical areas as the Silver State Energy Association's (SSEA's) planned right-of-way. SSEA continued its environmental efforts and submitted a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in March 2011. Subsequently, a geographic region called the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area (ISA), bordering the National Park area, was designated by Congress, blocking any transmission lines running north and south through Las Vegas. As a result, each company's projects stalled until the ISA issue could be resolved. In 2014, Congress removed the ISA designation, thereby opening up opportunities for each of the projects. SSEA submitted a revised draft EA in September 2014 and became aware that the three projects had alignments overlapping each other. BLM informed the parties it would not continue right-of-way processing efforts until all could coordinate their alignments. BLM set up a meeting in December to get the parties together for that effort. At the meeting, before the differences could be resolved, BLM informed the parties that it had issued a Decision Record and a Finding of No Significant Impact to Great Basin Transmission. After unsuccessful attempts to get BLM to modify the decision, SSEA and TransWest Express both filed appeals to the Decision Record. Since the appeals generated interest in trying to mutually coordinate the alignments, an Appeal Standstill Agreement was signed by the parties to stay the appeal process until the alignments were determined. After working successfully to coordinate each of the alignments, the Engineering Coordination Agreement, which required a joint submission of the alignments to the BLM, was signed by all parties. Thereafter, SSEA and TransWest Express withdrew their appeals.

Representatives of each of the SSEA members were kept informed of these actions as they developed, but due to the short time constraints required, it was not feasible to get prior approval from the Board of Directors. Therefore, this item is asking for ratification of the appeal, the Appeal Standstill Agreement and the Engineering Coordination Agreement.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Douglas Beatty and seconded by Edward Wright to ratify an appeal filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals by the Silver State Energy Association and to ratify the execution of the following agreements by the SSEA Manager: Southern Nevada Intertie Project Interior Board of Land Appeals Appeal Standstill Agreement among Great Basin Transmission, LLC, Silver State Energy Association and TransWest Express LLC and the Engineering Coordination Agreement among Great Basin Transmission, LLC, Silver State Energy Association and TransWest Express LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SSEA MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUBSCRIPTION TO IHS GLOBAL INC. NORTH AMERICAN GAS AND POWER SUITE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500 PER YEAR**

Scott Krantz stated that SSEA has not had any fundamental market data such as long-term pricing forecasts since 2010. A subscription to IHS Global's services will provide hourly pricing information, long-term forecasts, regional market forecasts and other market intelligence to help SSEA more effectively buy and sell power. Since a one-year subscription will most likely provide all the updated information that SSEA requires, it is expected that the subscription will not be renewed from year to year.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Edward Wright and seconded by Douglas Beatty to authorize the SSEA Manager to execute a subscription to IHS Global Inc. North American Gas and Power Suite service in the amount of \$16,500 per year. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **RECEIVE AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM STAFF ON THE SSEA FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET**

Scott Krantz gave an overview of the SSEA budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which totaled \$76 million. A summary was presented that listed SSEA expenses by category and the funding sources. Scott mentioned that the Administrative & General budget will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at its meeting in May in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement. Additionally, in accordance with Project Services Agreement No. 3: Power Supply Management Services Agreement, each of the participating members taking full requirements services is given their estimated costs/project budgets for the year, which does not require Board approval.

5. RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM STAFF ON ANY ELECTRIC RESOURCES AND TRANSMISSION ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEEDS OF, REQUIREMENTS FOR, OR IMPACTS ON THE SSEA OR ANY OF THE SSEA MEMBERS

There were no updates to report.

6. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no speakers wishing to be heard.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:21 a.m.