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Week 3—State Energy Siting Returns

Slow continues to be the best word to describe this legislative session so far. New legislators are working their way through the unfamiliar process while both Houses are occupied with rules reviews and minor legislation. Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) is working through its budget process that it projects should be completed on or around March 9th.

Legislative leaders want to adjourn no later than April 1, 2007 to avoid further delays on the now scaled-back statehouse expansion that could jeopardize the building being ready for the 2008 legislative session. As yet no key issues have emerged nor has there been any great controversy other than the statehouse expansion. However, behind the scenes, water and power interests are working quietly to lay down a foundation of information and build a network of alliances in anticipation of the pending Supreme Court decision on the conjunctive management rules. And energy siting may again become an issue.

The Idaho Legislative Council Interim Committee on Energy, Environment and Technology met last Thursday, January 25th, to adopt its Draft 2007 Idaho Energy Plan. Co-chairs will introduced the draft plan in the House Environment, Energy & Technology Committee and most likely Senate State Affairs for review and discussion. The draft plan may be viewed on Legislative Council's website at www.legislature.idaho.gov. If approved in these committees, the plan would then be codified through a concurrent resolution and put into the permanent record of the House and Senate Journal.

While the plan is supposed to be a consensus document, two minority reports signed by the four Democratic members of the interim committee are attached relating to energy facility siting and low-income energy assistance. The draft plan recommends that siting decisions continue to be made by local government; however, Senate Democrats introduced legislation last week to create a State Energy Facility Planning Committee.

CALENDAR

**January 29—February 2
2007**

Monday, January 29:

ICIE Environmental Regulatory Committee, 10 am
Givens Pursley Conference Rm

House Natural Resource & Conservation— Fish & Game, UI Center for Livestock & Environmental Studies
1:30 pm Rm 412

Senate Resources & Environment: UI Technology & Science Innovations/ INL Clean-up 1:30 pm Rm 433

Tuesday, January 30:

Senate Agriculture: National 25x25 Renewables Council 8 am Rm 437

Ag Advisors Noon Yen Cheng

House Agriculture: 25 x 25 Renewables Council, 1:30 pm, Rm 416

Wednesday, January 31:

Food Producers of Idaho
8:30 am, ISDA Conference Room

House Natural Resource & Conservation— Irrigation District Voter Qualifications 1:30 pm Room 412

Senate Resources & Environment: Wildlife & Domestic Diseases
1:30 pm Rm 433

Thursday, February 1:

IACI 10 a.m. IACI Conference Rm

House Natural Resource & Conservation 1:30 pm Room 412

Friday, February 2:

Senate Resources & Environment: Fish & Game Commissioners Terms/Outfitters & Guides Annual Update 1:30 pm Rm 433

Rules

IDAPA 24: Bureau of Occupational Licenses:

24.05.01 Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals
Docket No. 24-0501-0601

IDAPA 58 Department of Environmental Quality

58.01.02 Water Quality Standards *Pending rule*
Docket No. 58-0102-0505

58.01.08 Public Drinking Water Systems *Pending rule*
Docket No. 58-0108-0601 & 0602

58.01.11 Ground Water Quality *Pending rule*
Docket No. 05-0111-0601

58.01.16 Wastewater Rules *Pending rule*
Docket No. 58-0116-0502

58.01.17 Reclamation and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial
Wastewater *Pending rule*
Docket No. 58-0117-0601

58.01.12 Water Pollution Control Loans (Fee Rule) *Pending rule*
Docket No. 58-0112-0501

IDAPA 31 Public Utilities Commission

31.11.01 Safety and Accident Reporting Rules for Utilities Regulated by
the Idaho Public Utilities Commission *Pending rule*
Docket No. 31-1101-0601

The House Resource and Conservation Committee is expected to hold print hearings on water-related legislation on Wednesday, January 31st. We will be presenting an RS for printing on behalf of Southwest Irrigation relating to irrigation district voter qualifications. Idaho Water Users Association is also expected to introduce legislation also related to the internal workings of irrigation districts. More next week.

Energy

HOUSE

H0030.....by ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY CITIES - ELECTRIC GENERATION - Adds to existing law to authorize cities to participate as joint owners or power purchasers in joint electric generation and transmission projects; and to provide required terms and provisions for participation agreements and related matters. **HOUSE: 1/19** Introduced/Print **1/22** Environment, Energy & Technology **1/25** Report out with do/pass **1/26** 2nd reading to 3rd Reading

H0032.....by ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY ENERGY RE-SOURCES AUTHORITY - Amends existing law to allow the Idaho Energy Resources Authority to manage and operate distribution facilities; and to allow the State Treasurer to invest in fixed or variable rate bonds of the authority so long as such bonds are not less than investment grade. **HOUSE: 1/19** Introduce/Print **1/22** Environment, Energy & Technology **1/25** Report out with do/pass **1/26** 2nd reading - to 3rd reading

SENATE

S1041.....by KELLY, LANGHORST, WERK, BILYEU, STENNETT, BURKETT, MALEPEAI EN-ERGY FACILITY SITING - Adds to existing law relating to major energy facility siting to create a State Energy Facility Planning Committee; to provide membership; to provide for the state energy facility siting management plan; to provide for permits and licenses; to provide for expansion, enlargement or alteration of energy facilities; to provide for review and siting licenses; and to provide for the creation of site review panels. **SENATE: 1/19** Introduce/Print **1/22** State Affairs