Minutes of the ERC Meeting November 19, 2010

Members present:

Ron Harper, CEO & General Manager, Basin Electric Power Coop, (Council Chairman)

Representative Tom Lockhart (Council Vice Chairman)

Paul Lang – President Western Operations, Arch Coal Inc.

Senator Charles Townsend

Carl Bauer – President, Bauer Consulting, Inc.

Keith Rattie - Chairman, President, & CEO Questar, Corporation

Jim Kleckner – VP of Operations, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Maha Mahasenan – Senior Policy Advisor, Hydrogen Energy

Ingrid Burke – Ex Officio, Director, RIENR

Members absent:

Rob Wallace - Manager, Government Relations, G.E. Energy

Tom Buchanan - Ex officio, UW President

Meeting Attendees:

Mark Northam

Mary Byrnes

Ron Surdam

Shanna Dahl

Sarah Schulmeyer

Don Roth

Cath Harris

David Mohrbacher

Don Richards

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Council Chairman, Ron Harper, opened meeting at approximately 7:10 a.m.

Tom Lockhart motioned and Paul Lang Seconded that the 8/27/10 minutes and the 11/19/10 agenda be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously. (Minutes – Appendix A)(Agenda – Appendix B)

Discussion of ERC, SER, CCTF Evaluation

Don Richards gave an update on the Evaluation regarding specific questions at the directive of UW President, Tom Buchanan. (Appendix C) Richards focused on the Summary of Items for Consideration on page 14. Several clarifications emanated from the Action Items:

- Item D Needs the UW Board of Trustees approval
- Item G It was suggested that the ERC meet with UW Administration and the UW Board of Trustees to determine the process for affirming the clarity of roles and responsibilities of the ERC.
- Item I There would be an internal audit of operations to identify that the ERC is fulfilling their responsibilities to the School of Energy Resources; whether WYCUSP and GE receive input from the ERC; and whether the ERC is in agreement of the expenditure of SER funds.

Recognition of Senator Chuck Townsend's Contribution to SER

Chairman Harper recognized Senator Townsend's contributions to the School of Energy Resources through his appointment with the Energy Resource Council.

Chairman Harper and Vice Harman Lockhart left to meet with UW President and the Governor at approximately 7:50 a.m. Chairman Harper requested Paul Lang to chair the end of the ERC meeting.

Budget Update

Northam gave a budget update. (Appendix D)

Academic Update

Don Roth gave an update on Academics. (Appendix E)

Outreach Update

Mary Byrnes gave an update on Outreach activities. (Appendix F)

WY-CUSP

Ron Surdam gave an update on WY-CUSP. (Appendix G)

Action Items

A four hour teleconference meeting is to be set for a date in January to discuss the action items in the "Evaluation Regarding Specific Questions" at the directive of UW President, Tom Buchanan, and "How to Meet Donor's Expectations."

Future Meetings

A January four hour teleconference will be set in lieu of the March 25, 2011 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Harper, Chairman