

MID-AMERICA REGULATORY CONFERENCE

Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

Marriott Denver Hotel

Denver, CO

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance:

Sandy Hochstetter	Arkansas	Anne Boyle	Nebraska
Kevin Wright	Illinois	Lowell Johnson	Nebraska
David Hadley	Indiana	Frank Landis	Nebraska
Larry Landis	Indiana	Tony Clark	North Dakota
Bill McCarty	Indiana	Susan Wefald	North Dakota
Judy Ripley	Indiana	Judy Jones	Ohio
Diane Munns	Iowa	Denise Bode	Oklahoma
Mark Lambert	Iowa	Bob Anthony	Oklahoma
Elliott Smith	Iowa	Jim Burg	South Dakota
Brian Moline	Kansas	Gary Hanson	South Dakota
John Wine	Kansas	Bob Sahr	South Dakota
Laura Chappelle	Michigan	Becky Klein	Texas
J. Peter Lark	Michigan	Julie Parsley	Texas
Bob Nelson	Michigan	Ave M. Bie	Wisconsin
Dave Svanda	Michigan	Burnie Bridge	Wisconsin
LeRoy Koppendrayer	Minnesota	Bert Garvin	Wisconsin
Phyllis Reha	Minnesota		
Robert Clayton	Missouri		
Bryan Forbis	Missouri		

MARC President, Commissioner Ave M. Bie called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. and a quorum was established. New members were introduced. Commissioners Peter Lark of Michigan, Robert Clayton of Missouri, and Gary Hansen of South Dakota attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting were read. The attendance list was corrected to show that Mark Lambert from Iowa was in attendance. The corrected minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Commissioner Judy Jones presented the treasurer's report for the period July 2002 to June 2003. Net assets increased for the twelve-month period by approximately \$18,900. Investment earnings for the period were approximately \$13,900. For Year ending June 2003, MARC incurred

approximately \$29,000 in expenses. The treasurer's report was approved. Anne Boyle reported that the 2003 Nebraska MARC Conference was still in the accounting stage. The \$30,000 seed money for the Nebraska Conference has been returned to the treasury.

Old Business

President Ave Bie provided an update of the 2004 MARC Conference to be held in Madison, Wisconsin. It will begin on Sunday, June 13th and end on Wednesday, June 16th at Noon. Ave Bie described several of the Saturday and Sunday activities planned for attendees and their families. In collaboration with NARUC, the activities and agenda will appear on the NARUC and MARC websites. Participants will be able to register for the conference on-line.

Ave Bie provided an update of the January 2004 MARC Commissioners Retreat in San Antonio. It will be held on January 8, 9 and 10 which is the weekend before the Martin Luther King Holiday. She noted that the dates conflict with the New Commissioners Conference sponsored by NRRI. She suggested that if Commissioners had ideas on workshop topics to e-mail those ideas to her.

Anne Boyle provided a 2003 MARC Conference report. She thanked Dave Hadley, Susan Wefald and Sandy Hochstetter for their assistance in planning the energy agenda at the Omaha Conference. She also provided an update on the conflict with the Hilton Hotels over the claimed penalties for late confirmation. The Hilton Hotel has reduced the amount of penalty, but negotiations to further reduce the penalty are ongoing.

New Business

Bob Nelson provided an update on the Triennial Review. He reported that several regional workshops were planned as well as a series of conference calls to deal with the goals of the task force. One of the goals is to develop a template for procedures including discovery and protective orders.

Susan Wefald provided an update on the Organization of MISO States activities. Diane Munns is the chair of the search committee for an executive director of OMS. She also reported that MISO will be holding workshops in various states. She reported that OMS committees are up and running. She also noted that there is nothing in the OMS by-laws that replace the jurisdiction of state commissioners.

Sandy Hochstetter presented a proposed resolution on Transmission Policy. She asked for MARC's support for the resolution, which urged Congress to support having an electricity policy that encouraged more robust regional wholesale markets. The resolution would be used as "talking points" with the region's Congressional delegation. Several states were not comfortable with some of the

language in the resolution. Several Commissioners had concerns that such a resolution might be inconsistent with MARC's by-laws. No vote was taken on the resolution. A letter would be drafted by Sandy Hochstetter and circulated among individual Commissioners who could decide individually whether or not to sign the letter supporting the concepts in the resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.