



ATNI Energy & Telecommunications Committee Report

2014 Annual Conference

Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

September 22-25, 2014

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Monday Sept. 22 2014 1:30pm – 3:30pm Telecommunications Committee Meeting

Telecommunications Policy Updates - FCC regional trainings and consultations - challenges and opportunity for Tribal telecommunications and broadband development, Randall Harris.

Presentation by Judy at Garvey, Shubert & Baer Law firm on key policy issues facing tribes.

Tribal Technology Training Convening - Updates from the event held at Microsoft, T3 Steering Committee, Randall Harris, Andrea Alexander, Monica Babine, WSU Center for Digital Divide, James Parker, IT Consultant & Senator John McCoy:

Report on successful convening at Microsoft that addressed the technology training gaps we as native people face with the fast changing field of the technology industry. We need to empower our native people through training to ensure we can use this tool in all our work. We will hold a follow-up strategy session at the Digital Smoke Signals meeting at Tulalip on Oct 15-16, 2014.

First Net - Development of the first responder network, how tribes can link to EMS and Public Safety Networks, Shelley Westall, Washington OneNet, Outreach & Marketing

Presentation on Cyber Security, a growing field for business and career opportunity,

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014 1:30pm - 3:30pm Energy Committee Meeting

Report on the DOE Office of Indian Energy Training Program held in Portland, updates on Resource Development and Future Opportunity: Mr. JD Tovey III, BPA:

Results: Mr. Tovey demonstrated how his tribe uses their strategic planning process to update their overall tribal comprehensive plan. He reported how energy is integrated into the plan and provides a roadmap that links back to tribal values and goals. Modern Values:

"The CTUIR must actively pursue the reduction of greenhouse gases to sustainable levels by striving to conserve energy and developing energy independence for the sustainability of the Tribal community and its environment."

The ATNI Energy Committee noted the need for all tribes to share successful strategies on how to communicate and integrate successful energy planning across all departments within Tribal organizations. Due to the high level of interest and participation at the DOE/BPA/ATNI Energy Training in July 2014, efforts will continue to link to future meetings and provide training.

CTUIR, Tamastklikt Cultural Institute Wind Turbine Project & Sustainability Partnerships, Jess Nowland: Mr. Nowland demonstrated how the wind turbine energy project has helped to save funds for this non-profit organization and enabled them to use funds for other purposes.

Energy Trust of Oregon & Tribal Projects in Eastern Oregon, Ed Whales and Susan Badger-Jones: Presentation on how this state wide non-profit demonstrates energy cost savings programs that can assist tribal governments and businesses implement energy saving programs. This has also resulted in new job creation in the growing industry of energy efficiency and conservation.

Western Electricity Coordination Council (WECC), Byron Woertz: Presentation on updates on the plan for the transmission lines for the Western United States. One of the issues WECC is addressing is how to respect the cultural resources of tribes and reflect on the mapping?

BPA Tribal Affairs Update, Ken Johnston - Acting Tribal Affairs Manager: Provided an update on the ongoing staffing issues at BPA. Due to the lack of local hiring authority and the recent loss of staff within BPA Tribal Affairs, any hiring for the office will take a long time. The ATNI Energy Committee expressed concern as this has a direct impact on services to tribes in the BPA footprint. We need to see local hiring authority re-instated and will follow-up with congressional delegation to encourage such action. The ATNI Staff and Energy Committee has arranged for key meetings between BPA leadership and ATNI member tribes Weds at the ATNI Annual Conference. We are also pleased that Elliot Mainzer, BPA Administrator will provide a presentation as well as meet one on one on Weds, Sept. 24, 2014.

The ATNI Energy and Telecommunications Committee will hold follow-up conference calls in the next week to debrief on action items. In addition, we are working with AT & T to host a one day "Native Youth Technology Career Day" at AT & T Bothell offices early November. We are checking for any potential date conflicts the first two weeks of November. Once the date is selected permission slips and registration flyers will be sent out.

For more information please see the ATNI Energy Newsletter.