

**Washington Clean Energy Leadership Council
Clean Energy Industry Event
Hilton Vancouver Washington – September 30, 2010**

Notes from the Audience Participation Session:

I. Questions, Answers and Comments:

What is the opportunity for SW WA and new job creation?

- BPA has \$419 million to spend on upgrading transmission. SW WA is a hub for transmission related issues and already has over 3000 people working on transmission in Clark County. The CELC plan provides a framework to grow this sector.
- SW WA home to many innovative lighting companies that could participate in MDIs.

What is the relative importance of incentives (ie Oregon)?

- Direct incentives are much blunter instruments. The CELC is focused on activities that will drive tangible, project-based outcomes.

What is the mechanism to fund the plan?

- The CELC has not decided this yet; however, Navigant Consulting has made some intital recommendations.

Question from facilitator: Can the MDIs succeed without an organization overseeing their completion?

- Probably not

How do you manage the risk?

- A portfolio of investments approach. Leading edge clean energy is a high-risk investment, but also high reward.
- The idea that the state could be an investor in these projects and expect an ROI is interesting. The question should be posed to the CELC to ponder.

How does the EPA's role as carbon police affect WA?

- Highlights the need and the opportunity WA has to pursue clean energy technology businesses.

Who is involved in deciding who participates in the MDIs?

- The structure and operation of a clean energy leadership group has not been decided by the CELC.

When do we expect standards to be developed in order to lower risk for product developers?

- Don't know. This is not something the CELC has investigated.

Question from facilitator: Would the public utilities present like to give their input on the plan?

- No answer from public utilities.
- CELC understands that for WA to innovate in the utility sector there will have to be buy in and participation from all players in WA's complex electricity system. A clean energy leadership group would be a focal point in bringing the crucial players together to accomplish projects and policy alignment.

Audience Comment: The utility companies have been good to work with because they have the ability to reward successful enterprises while the state doesn't have these same tools.

How hampered is the state by the constitutional amendment prohibiting the state from lending credit to private companies?

- Seems to be more of a political issue than actual reality.
- This has been used as a specter to stop discussions in this state. In order to be innovative, we need to challenge this issue and create jobs while protecting the public purse. This is not a clear cut rule against assisting private enterprises.