Minutes

Date: July 15, 2015
To: Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee
From: Carrie Pollo, Legislative & Regulatory Program Assistant
Subject: July 8, 2015 Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Item #1 – Opening Remarks & Introductions

Chair Bob Lingl, Council Member, City of Lompoc, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, followed by introductions of all in attendance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

OPEN SESSION

REPORTS / ACTION TIMES (4:05 – 5:00 pm)

Item #2 – Review and Discussion of Recent Developments Regarding Electric Utility Issues

Mario De Bernardo gave a position update regarding SB 350. There was a hearing for this bill on July 6 at the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee. The bill was presented by the author with 3 supporting witnesses. NCPA, SCPPA, SMUD and CMUA were only given 10-15 seconds to testify. The next hearing is July 13 at the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The main issues were not addressed. NCPA has now taken a support if amended position. NCPA is participating regularly in workshops with Kip Lipper regarding this bill.

Randy Howard met with Senate Pro Temp Kevin de Leon regarding the DG issue. IOUs are pushing aggressively regarding this and the Senator is very cognizant of the issue. A meeting has also been scheduled with Assembly Member Das Williams.
Jane Cirrincione gave background information regarding Energy Efficiency. Jonathan Changus reviewed serious concerns and is working closely with NRDC regarding additional language meeting EE levels that are achievable for energy efficiency. The City of Redding and the City of Santa Clara are not comfortable with language for SB 1330. NCPA will keep people closely in the loop as this develops.

Scott Tomashefsky gave an update regarding AB 1110 (Ting). The bill has gone through a total “gut and amend” to include GHG on the Power Content Label while preventing utilities from including Renewable Energy Credits and offsets in the calculation. NCPA is actively working with the author and stakeholders to seek a more comprehensive approach to reform the Power Content Label.

AB 1236, a permit streamlining bill for electric vehicle changers, is passing with no opposition. Roseville would like amendments that ensure the streamlining process doesn’t create problems for local utilities.

Stakeholder discussions on amendments to AB 1144 are ongoing. This bill would give RPS “bucket 1” value to energy generated by publicly owned wastewater treatment plants. Roseville, Palo Alto and Redding all have wastewater treatment plants and are interested in the bill.

AB 1520 is a “gut and amend” bill that would require disclosure of customer usage data through Public Records Act requests. NCPA has serious concerns about the impact this will have on customer privacy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting was moved to adjourn by Chair Lingl at 5:05 pm.

The next Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015 at the Port of Oakland.