

# PNWER Economic Leadership Forum Agenda

November 17-19, 2010

Skamania Lodge – Stevenson, WA

## Wednesday, November 17th

11:00am - 5:00pm **Registration located in the Front Gallery outside the Stevenson Ballroom**

2:00pm - 5:30pm **Transportation Roundtable focusing on Rail  
Room: Stevenson B**

Proposed Co-chairs: Senator Mary Margaret Haugen (WA)/Representative Terry Beyer (OR)

- Overview on Amtrak Cascades, Washington State Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding and status of federal grants: Kelly Taylor, ODOT
- Host railroad update with BNSF and UP, Terry Finn & Brock Nelson
- National perspective on high speed rail and update of progress on rail corridors—Bruce Agnew, Cascadia Center, Petra Todorovich, Regional Plan Association (RPA) and Gunnar Hand, Executive Director, RailLA

Next steps on alternative on rail governance models—general discussion and finance—What do we have to do to be competitive?

- Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Washington State Chair of Senate Transportation Committee
- Rep. Judy Clibborn, Washington State Chair of House Transportation Committee
- Representative Terry Beyer, Chair, Oregon House Transportation Committee
- Gail Achterman, Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission
- Loren Herringstad, All Aboard Washington

6:00pm –8:00pm **Reception hosted by the Government of Canada, featuring Canadian Consul General Denis Stevens  
Room: Stevenson Ballroom A**

9:00 pm **Hospitality Suite located in the Hood River Suite, 4th Floor, Room 421**

## Thursday, November 18th

8:00am—  
9:30 am **Breakfast Panel Addressing the Regional Impact of the US 2010 Midterm Elections featuring US Consul General Phil Chicola, Hon. Barry Penner, BC, Rep. Mike Schaufler, OR, Rep. Jim Jacks, WA  
Room: Stevenson Ballroom A**

9:30am -  
11:45am **Energy—Cross Border Regional Regulatory Coordination  
Room: Stevenson C/D**

Roundtable Discussion- “How do state & provincial regulatory agencies coordinate regionally to address the challenges of the regional grid system including the cost of integration of renewables, balancing, firming & capacity of renewables (cost allocation)”, featuring:

### Regional Energy Chairs

- Sen. Phil Rockefeller, Chair of Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee, WA
- Rep. John McCoy, Chair of House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, WA
- Rep. George Eskridge, Chair of House Environment, Energy & Technology Committee, ID
- Hon. Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, AB
- Rep. Bryce Edgmon, AK
- Rep. Deb Boone, OR
- David Danner, Executive Director, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
- LouAnn Westerfield, representing Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Tom Kaiserski, representing Montana Governor’s Office
- Oregon Public Utilities Commission representative
- Alberta Electric System Operator representative

Utility Panel Discussion on the challenges faced with California and greater renewable integration  
Moderated by Jeff Morris, Director of PNWER Energy Horizon Program

**Transportation  
Room: Stevenson B**

How to finance High Speed Rail through Public Private Partnerships (P3s): How do you mix public & private funding to achieve high speed rail- This Panel will address Risk Management, Insurance Premiums, Tax Credits for Railroads and Limited Liability Issues. Featuring:

Overview: Bruce Agnew, Cascadia Center for Regional Development

Moderator: Larry Ehl, Washington State Department of Transportation

- Brian Painley, CH2MHill
- Mark Hemphill, HDR Engineering
- Fred Cummings, TransLink

12:00pm -  
1:15pm **Luncheon Keynote featuring Sharon Banks, CEO of Cascade Sierra Solutions  
Room: Stevenson Ballroom A**

## Thursday, November 18th (continued)

1:30 pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Energy (continued)</b> <b>Room: Stevenson C/D</b></p> <p>Roundtable to consider new legislative solutions for developing greater regional efficiency for the energy system, featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Jeff Morris</li> </ul> <p>Regional Energy Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sen. Phil Rockefeller, Chair of Senate Environment, Water &amp; Energy Committee, WA</li> <li>• Rep. John McCoy, Chair of House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, WA</li> <li>• Rep. George Eskridge, Chair of House Environment, Energy &amp; Technology Committee, ID</li> <li>• Hon. Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, AB</li> <li>• Rep. Bryce Edgmon, AK</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transportation</b> <b>Room: Stevenson B</b></p> <p>Greening our Highways: A Case Study on the I-5 Corridor Moderator: Steve Marshall, Fellow, Cascadia Center for Regional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Deb Eddy, Washington</li> <li>• Tonia Buell, Project Development &amp; Communications manager, Washington State Department of Transportation</li> <li>• Art James, Innovative Partnerships Project Director, Oregon Department of Transportation</li> <li>• Tim Murphy, Director, Transportation Systems, Idaho National</li> </ul>
3:45pm —5:00pm	<p><b>Joint Transportation and Energy Session:</b> Transportation/Energy corridors and update on U.S.-Canada Clean Energy Dialogue.</p> <p><b>Room: Stevenson B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilizing rail corridors for electrical grid expansion</li> <li>• US-Canada Clean Energy Dialogue Update (Paul Manson, SeaBreeze)</li> <li>• Alberta Update- Bev Yee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Division, Alberta Environment</li> </ul>	
6:00pm	<p><b>Reception hosted by APEGGA, APEGS &amp; APEG-BC</b></p>	
9:00pm	<p><b>Hospitality Suite located in the Hood River Suite, 4th Floor, Room 421</b></p>	

## Friday, November 19th

8:00am - 9:00am	<p><b>Breakfast Keynote featuring Sen. Jim Kastama, Washington State</b> <b>Room: Stevenson A</b></p>	
9:00am - 12:00pm	<p><b>Innovation—Developing a Regional Innovation Strategy</b> <b>Room: Stevenson C</b></p> <p>Moderated by David Zeponi, Working Group Co-Chair, Executive Director, Northwest Food Processors Association</p> <p>Innovation Collaboration - Identifying best practices for enhanced regional collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Steven VanAusdle, Walla Walla Community College</li> <li>• Egils Milbergs, Executive Director, Washington Economic Development Commission</li> <li>• William Mounts, President, P/E Limited</li> <li>• David Kenney, President &amp; Executive Director, Oregon BEST</li> </ul> <p>Working to identify clusters of innovation for stimulating regional collaboration with forum participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Seufert, Productive Measurement and Improvement Advisor, NWFPA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Arctic Caucus Sidebar (11 AM - 12PM)</b> <b>Room: Stevenson D</b></p> <p>Overview of Arctic Caucus Leadership Forum</p> <p>This informal meeting will be open to those interested in the upcoming Arctic Caucus meeting in Barrow, Alaska on December 1 &amp; 2. We will go over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agenda</li> <li>• Logistics</li> </ul>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	<p><b>BHP and Potash Corporation: the story behind the BHP Billiton \$38 billion takeover bid for Potash Corp in Saskatchewan featuring Lyle Stewart, MLA (former minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan)</b> <b>Room: Stevenson A</b></p>	
1:00pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>PNWER Executive Committee Meeting</b> <b>Room: Stevenson A</b></p>	