



2010 PNWER Economic Leadership Forum

Action Items

Energy

PNWER should survey energy groups in the region to gauge interest in having individual meetings at a single site twice per year to save travel dollars for regulators, and to consolidate meetings so principal energy legislators could participate at one location. This would facilitate a collaborative regional list of shared issues and possible goals to address them. The PNWER Energy Group would like to continue to address the following issues in this context:

- What needs to be communicated to California
- Focus on dynamic capacity and renewable integration across region.
- Develop economic goals for developing smart grid technologies on the ground & do better job of coordinating an export strategy

Transportation

- 1) PNWER should support ongoing efforts for a preliminary engineering and financial study for high speed rail operation between Nisqually and Vancouver, WA including analysis of a third track
- 2) The Transportation Working Group recommends that PNWER explore a University consortium joint research project to address how rail right of ways could be used for smart grid and telecom expansion.
- 3) PNWER should write to US Secretary LaHood to call for release of already appropriated hi-speed rail funding and that funds under the program that have been returned should be considered to augment WA and OR's submitted requests for funding.

Innovation

Working group will work with PNWER to explore funding sources to develop an inventory of clean energy clusters in terms of region's innovation assets.