

Tribal Energy Subcommittee
Thursday, March 22, 2018
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST
Meeting Summary

Agenda

- 3:00 Welcome and Roll Call**
- 3:05 Update from DOI**
- 3:10 TERA Working Group Update**
- 3:20 Model Statute Working Group Update**
- 3:30 1938 Act Working Group Update**
- 3:40 Taxation Working Group Update**
- 3:50 Next Steps and Adjourn**

Welcome and Roll Call

Update from DOI

- Recommendations and background materials will need to be submitted four weeks prior to the June 5th and 6th meeting in Albuquerque, NM.
- The meeting summary for the Houston RPC meeting will be posted on the DOI website soon.
- RPC Staff is finalizing a proposed standard template, which will be distributed to the subcommittees soon.
- Note that the RPC Staff is working to involve subject matter experts with public interest expertise, to participate in working groups as non-voting members.

Working Group Updates

TERA Working Group

- Will schedule call to discuss whether it makes sense to ask DOI to clarify what are not inherently federal functions.
- DOI Subcommittee members have engaged others at BIA to participate in the TERA Working Group and provide support as needed.

Model Statute Working Group

- Will continue to follow the timeline that put together for Houston.
- As move ahead with this, will engage key people from other tribes to provide input and comment.
- Working Group will keep RPC Staff in the loop as they solicit input and comments from outside the working group.

1938 Act Working Group

- Continue to face challenges that stand in the way of leasing on tribal lands (such as bond requirements, etc). Hope that the work of the 1938 Act Working Group will provide a path forward to address these challenges.

- Will circulate email for discussion about whether there are other avenues that the working group might consider in addition to or in lieu of proposing statutory amendments to the 38 Act (such as regulatory changes, for example).

Taxation Working Group

- Will continue to reach out to others, discuss, and move forward.

Next Steps

- As plan for Albuquerque, will keep in mind deadline of early May for the submission of recommendations and materials.
- The next subcommittee call will be on Thursday, April 5th, from 3:00-4:00pm.

Attendees:

President Russell Begaye, Navajo, Subcommittee Co-Director

Matthew Adams, CloudPeak

John Andrews, State of Utah

Bidtah Becker, Navajo

Josh Campbell, DOI

Tyler Fish, DOI

Monte Mills, University of Montana School of Law

Cynthia Monteau, MHA

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James Schindler, RPC Executive Director, DOI/BOEM

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