



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
October 25, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 5:40 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Cain, Ode, Siegel and Williamson

Absent: Denver

Staff: Neal De Snoo

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Report on Solid Waste Management Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)

Commissioner Siegel reported that the Public Works Commission is planning to appoint a liaison to the Energy Commission and is working on undergrounding policy.

Commissioner Bachrach reported that the Council will be making appointments to a new task force to investigate a city-wide transit pass.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that the State has hired a facilitator to help agencies resolve the dispute over funding allocations. Staff also reported that PG&E's RFP for low-income weatherization is due out soon.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

No report.

6. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Policy Statement and Implementation Plans

No report.

7. Report on Renewable Energy

Staff reported that it met with Commissioners Bachrach and Ode to discuss a draft RFP. Staff provided an overview of the draft.

Paul Fenn of the American Local Power Project discussed the status of the Community Choice Initiative, which would allow public agencies to aggregate all electricity customers within their jurisdiction. He reported that 13 public agencies (including Berkeley) have endorsed the policy. He reported that he will be working to find a sponsor for the policy in the 2001 legislative session.

8. Report on Residential Energy Consumption

Commissioner Siegel reported that he is trying to schedule a briefing to the Commission by 5 energy experts at LBL.

9. Report on Educational Activities

No report.

10. Discussion of Expiration of the Electricity Ratecap

Staff reported that the Mayor asked the City Manager and the Energy Commission to respond to the expected electricity rate hikes. Staff presented a description of the problem and possible responses. The Commission

expressed interest in the idea of negotiating an extension of the rate freeze beyond March 31, 2002 in exchange for allowing PG&E to rollover a portion of their losses. The Commission asked staff to discuss this with TURN.

The Commission recessed at 6:45 for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community Energy Services Corporation (MSC: DB, JC, 5-0). The Commission reconvened at 8:45.

#### ACTION ITEMS

11.     Approval of Minutes of September 25 and October 5  
The minutes of September 25 were corrected (item 1, the Commission convened at 5:40) and passed (MSC: DW, DB, 4-0-1, JC absent)

The minutes of October 5 were passed (MSC: SO, DB 4-0-1, JC absent).
12.     Items for Next Month's Agenda

Community choice and recruitment of new members was added to the agenda.
13.     Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM (MSC: DW, DB, 4-0-1, JC absent).