

## **Notes for October 8, 2003 meeting of Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council**

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Meeting location: OK Dept. of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Board Room

Meeting time: Wednesday, October 8, 10 am to noon

### **Participants (13 signed in):**

Adams, Greg	Chermac
Dennis, Keri	Assistant to US Rep. Tom Cole
Janco, Albert N.	Professional Engineer
Kindblade, Lu	Caddo Coop Assoc. CDE
Maloney, Rick	Ok Dept of Ag, Food, and Forestry
McNabb, Kylah	Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative
Moore, Bob	Cash Financial
Moore, Janis	Ethan Energy
Robinson, Ross	Norman Economic Development
Scott, Seneca	Green Corn Organization
Stadler, Steve	OSU Geography Department, OWPI-OSU
Ward, Chuck	Oklahoman's United
Young, Tom	

1. Welcomes, Introductions
2. Review minutes from last meeting, approved
3. Announcements
  - Wind Farms Update
    - FPL 102 MW farm north of Woodward complete and online soon
    - 51 MW to OG&E, 51 MW to OMPA
  - Blue Canyon
    - Zilkha has experienced some difficulties with construction, due to windy weather and rocky landscape of the slick hills
    - Still on line to have project complete by end of 2003
  - 501 (c)(3) Status
    - Nearly complete
    - Signatures and final documents need to be completed
    - USDA grants available to apply for as long as 501(c)(3) status is pending
  - Other Announcements/News
    - Motion: OREC should select committee to help educate utilities about wind in an attempt to foster programs such as 'green pricing program'
    - Problem with 'Green Tag' market in Oklahoma
    - Potential that 'green tags' are being sold as Oklahoma 'green tags' when they were actually generated from a facility in another state
    - OREC could track Oklahoma green tags on website to clarify this issue with help from Ken Zimmerman
    - 2 new jobs at Dept of Commerce, one being a renewable energy position
    - Ok Sen. Nichols is retiring
    - KS wind conference – potential RPS legislation in KS
4. EDGE – Economic Development Generating Excellence
  - Expert teams recommend ways for Oklahoma to become globally competitive
  - Holding public forums in November for public input – to be used in final report

- OREC members could attend public forums to provide additional input

#### 5. Committee Activities

- Bergey
- Ward
  - Remove 50 MW minimum in current state PTC
  - Systems Benefit Charge (SBC) possible?
- Hankins

#### 6. OREC Ventures Report

- In-State Manufacturing
  - Dept of Commerce has created folder and brochure to attract wind manufacturers
  - The above information was given to several manufacturers at an AWEA meeting by Mike Bergey
  - OK needs to show long term commitment in order to attract manufacturers – 500 MW in next 5 years
- Education
  - Workshop planning going well for CKTC workshop
  - OREC brochure given to everyone for review
- Coop Distributed Generation
- Farmer Owned Projects
- Coal Impacts
  - Some progress – Sale of minerals in Wyoming

#### 7. Next Meeting:

- Place: Dept. of Ag, Board Room
- Date/Time: Wed., Nov. 12, 10 am to noon