

**Electric League Code Committee
Meeting Notes from 4/15/2009
Submitted by Greg Batie**

Attendance:

Allan Toole	Power Plus	Dan Steinert	SASCO
Greg Batie	Sparling	Dick Becker	EES
Don Renbarger	Wood Harbinger	Christine Porter	Intertek
Jim McDougal	SNOPUD	Murray McKinney	McKinney & Assoc.
Rich Adams	Puget Sound Energy	Bill Eckroth	Labor & Industries
Wayne Hagan	North Sky Comm	Tom Ripple	Siemens
Cameron Clark	GE	Sid France	Puget Sound Energy
Linda Howell	Electric League PNW	Gary Lydum	Hozack Inc.
Len Whalen	Holmes Electric	Al Hewitt	Bussmann

Opening

Alan Toole opened the meeting at 7:30am

Previous Minutes

Minutes from the March 18, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Reports:

State of Washington - Bill Eckroth

- The layoffs of electrical inspectors effective April 1st, occurred in regions where new permits were the lowest. All but one of the 25 electrical inspectors that were laid off have found other employment with the State of Washington.
- Plan review has not lost the 2 FTE's that were approved during the 2008 legislative session.
- Bill is pushing out the plans to be reviewed to the reviewers. Currently the reviewer that does hospitals has a lot on his plate.
- Plan review is up 10% from last year.

City of Seattle - reported by Chris Porter

- Plan review has caught up.
- Watch calendar for presentation of the proposed Seattle Electrical Code to the City Council. Typically staff presents what actions were taken to arrive at the proposed code and the recommendations from the Construction Codes Advisory Board (CCAB). The council will accept public comment if they pre-register before the meeting.

City of Bellevue- Bob Johnston - not present

City of Tacoma - Pat Finney - not present

Puget Sound Energy - Syd France & Rich Adams

- They are at down 30 to 50% for new service or service upgrade requests.
- PSE has received an influx of funds as a result of the merger and they are spending it on wind farms and other programs.
- Power Business Conference core agenda is energy efficiency programs.

Seattle City Light - Not present (comments by Murray McKinney)

- Seattle City Light has cut all overtime for engineering and the crews. This has really affected getting new service work designed and installed.

Snohomish County PUD- Jim McDougal (<http://www.snopud.com/>)

- They are hosting the Electric League luncheon tomorrow and NEC 2008 Code Update class on Friday.
- They are working on a tidal current power generation feasibility study. Preliminary study identified 5 or 6 potential locations. Admiralty Inlet may be the first demonstration project.
- SCPUD received almost 1 million dollars to develop wind power and geothermal power generator, They want to pursue alternative resources for power generation.

UL - Bob Eugene (www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/) not present

IEEE - Dick Becker (www.ieee.com)

- Next months meeting will be on Tuesday April 28th with GE presenting on bus transfer and load shedding.

NEMA - Joe Andre (www.nema.org) not present

IAEI - Chris Porter - Not present see <http://psiaei.com/index.html> for chapter meetings.

- Cummins, NW did a presentation at the last chapter meeting about emergency generation and transfer switches that was well received.
- Next meeting is in July in Bellevue.
- Proposals for the 2011 code are done and have been voted on the committees. These will be posted to the web site in June. Comments are due October 23rd or 28th.

Washington State Building Code- Kristyn Clayton -not present

Electric League - Linda Howell (www.electricleague.net)

- The electric vehicle presentation by B2Green will be posted to the web-site.
- Next month's luncheon will be April 16-"Recessions are not Sustainable - Preparing for the Turnaround" at Snohomish County PUD
- May 15 **Electric League Day at the Races** - Emerald Downs - **Register by April 29**
- May 21 **The Evolving Washington State Energy Code - Mandating Green and You** (Electric League Luncheon at Puget Sound Energy.)
- June 17 **Powerful Business"** at Meydenbauer Center
- June 26 & 27 **Wind and Wine Tour** - Overnight in Walla Walla - **Register by April 26**
- July 9 **Mariners vs. Texas Rangers** - Networking at the Ballpark
- August 27 **Annual Electric League Golf Classic**
- **The May 20 Code Committee Meeting** will be held at Snohomish County PUD
- September's meeting may be combined with the IUAEI meeting on September 16th in Everett.

OLD BUSINESS

T-Ratings

- Required by the IBC. Len Whalen reported that they had to construct a 4 foot high wire cage around the busway so that combustible materials could not come into contact with the bus.

NEW BUSINESS

Noncoincident loads:

- Greg asked if noncoincident loads required mechanical or electrical interlocks. Dick Becker said that 220.60 states "Where it is unlikely that two or more noncoincident loads will be in use simultaneously", only the largest load that will be used at one time can be used in the load calculations. The consensus of the group was that mechanical or electrical interlocks between noncoincident loads are not required.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am