

## **Budgets and Contracts Committee**

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Room 142, Federal Building, Richland, Washington

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### **8:30 am Welcome and Introductions**

- Goals for the meeting – Harold Heacock, committee Chair
- Approve January committee meeting minutes

### **8:35 am Budget Information: FY03 Project-level Funding \*\***

*Purpose of Agenda item: To hear details about FY03 expenditures to date at the project level.*

- DOE-RL (invited)
- Committee questions
- DOE-ORP (invited)
- Committee questions
- Regulator perspective on FY03 and FY04 (Ecology, EPA, invited)
- Committee discussion of advice topics

*(Discussion framing questions: How are project budgets being tracked? How is TPA compliance tracked? What is happening with infrastructure funding? How are Baseline Change Requests going to be managed for 03? What are the Board's overall principles related to the budget process?)*

**\*\*NOTE: IF FY04 PROJECT-LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE PER DOE-HQ, IT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY RL AND ORP.**

### **10:35 am BREAK**

### **10:50 am "Conditional Payment of Fee" Contract Mechanism**

*Purpose of Agenda Item: To learn about how this mechanism affects contractors and DOE's expectations for contract management.*

- Doug Shoop, DOE-RL (invited)
- Committee questions and discussion of advice topics

*(Discussion framing questions: What kind of leverage does DOE have with contractors? Are there adequate financial penalties for safety and other problems?)*

### **11:35 am DOE-ORP Budget Issues**

- Supplemental technologies contracts let to date
- Cost estimate for 3<sup>rd</sup> LAW melter in the WTP
- Regulator perspectives
- Committee questions and discussion

### **12:20 pm Update on Additional Items**

- River Corridor Contract status report
- M-91 negotiation progress report

**12:30 pm LUNCH**

**1:30 pm Board Advice on DOE Budget Process**

*Purpose of Agenda Item: To synthesize discussion from the morning sessions for possible advice on FY03, FY04 & FY05 budget processes and activities.*

- Status report on guidance for FY2005 and planning for public involvement activities
- Regulator perspectives (Ecology, EPA, invited)
- Committee discussion of possible advice

*(Discussion framing questions: What are the Board's overall principles related to the budget process? How will DOE ensure TPA compliance under the new budget structure? How much responsibility for prioritization has been delegated to contractors?)*

**2:45 pm Committee Work Planning/Path Forward**

- Planning for Budget focus at April HAB meeting
- Update committee Work Plan and Issue Manager assignments
- Need for additional committee meeting later in March

**3:30 pm ADJOURN**

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, Mar 11: Deadline for hotel reservations for April HAB meeting in Spokane
- Wednesday, Mar 12, all day: RAP meeting
- Thursday, Mar 13, all day: TWC meeting