

Board Decision

Response to Governor's Advisory Committee Recommendations on Global Warming

February 16, 2005

RESOLUTION 312 ENERGY TRUST RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON GLOBAL WARMING

WHEREAS:

- 1. Governor Kulongoski's Advisory Committee on Global Warming, part of a west coast governors' joint strategy, is about to publish its report and forward it to the Governor.**
- 2. Energy Trust has examined the report's recommendations to determine what actions, if any, the Energy Trust could undertake to address the report's concerns and recommendations.**
- 3. Among other things, the report recommends an ambitious, 20-year energy conservation goal, ambitious short-term renewable energy goals, and the adoption of a Renewable Portfolio Standard.**
- 4. There are several areas in which Energy Trust programs respond directly to the report's recommendations. For example, Energy Trust's energy conservation goal should more than achieve the PGE/Pacific Power share of the report's conservation goal, particularly if Energy Trust programs are continued for 20 years.**
- 5. In other areas, Energy Trust needs to evaluate actual experience and/or coordinate with other efforts to help bring Oregon closer to the report's goals.**

It is therefore RESOLVED:

- 1. Energy Trust should evaluate actual savings in its gas program as the programs are implemented, determine whether the gas savings goal of 19 million therms is achievable or a different goal should be adopted. The Energy Trust planning and evaluation staff should report progress to the Board at its 2005 retreat.**

- 2. To help achieve the global warming report's renewable energy goals, the Energy Trust shall continue efforts to achieve its renewable energy goal, and the renewable energy staff should report to the Board:**
- **Third-party initiatives to develop a Renewable Portfolio Standard and potential Energy Trust role in implementing any adopted standard (at the April board meeting)**
 - **Biomass projects that can be initiated in 2005 (at the May board meeting), and a concerted biopower strategy (at the 2005 planning retreat)**
 - **2005 cluster wind development (at the July board meeting) and utility-scale wind projects (at the September board meeting)**
 - **Third-party initiatives such as extension of the production tax credit, which are crucial to achieving renewable energy goals**
 - **The above dates are tentative, subject to update**
- 3. Energy Trust staff should explore with the Governor's Office, the Oregon Department of Energy and others additional areas where Energy Trust programs may help achieve the objectives of the Global Warming Task Force report, and report to the Board at its 2005 planning retreat.**

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Vote: In favor: _____ Abstained: _____

Opposed: [list name(s) and, if requested, reason for no vote]

