

CLUB 20 Energy Committee Meeting
July 15, 2009
Ouray County Events Center-Ridgway

Energy Committee Chairman Dave Cesark opened the meeting and welcomed the group and invited self introductions

The Energy Committee hosted an interesting presentation from Emerald Energy about the MegaFlora Tree which is a genetically engineered hybrid. The tree can be harvested in as little a time as 18 months, can be grown on marginal lands, uses substandard water for irrigation, including effluent streams. This hybrid tree produces exceptional biomass and density per acre, re-grows from its own stump but produces no fruit or fertile seeds, making it non-invasive yet highly productive over a long lifetime. This tree grows to heights of 65 feet has huge leaves which absorb high levels of carbon dioxide, which is ideal for biofuels, bio-energy and reforestation. This tree can reduce CO₂ emissions by 50% and also produce energy. For more information, contact Manuel Lemus or Ernie Valdes with Kajavic Industires 559 392 3560 kajavic@gmail.com . [Handout](#)

Lee Boughey from Tri-State thanked CLUB 20 for its support in regards to opposing further PUC regulation. Lee had visited with the CLUB 20 Executive Committee and Board of Directors during the Spring Meeting seeking support in opposing a PUC proposal to increase regulation of Tri-State. It looks as though there will not be more PUC regulations applied to local electrical cooperatives by the PUC. Lee also spoke about some of the renewable programs Tri -State has in the works in New Mexico and Colorado, which include wind and solar projects.

Mike Eberhard from Halliburton and Mike Nickolaus from the Ground Water Protection Council phoned in a webcast and presented on Hydraulic Fracturing technology and discussed the multitude of existing regulations already in-place to adequately protect ground water.
[Eberhard PowerPoint](#)
[Nickolas PowerPoint](#)

Howard Boigon of Hogan & Hartson law firm also called in and provided an update on the implementation of COGCC rules. [Boigon article pg1](#) [Boigon article pg2](#)

The Energy Committee passed a policy resolution supporting the current practice of Hydraulic Fracturing and opposing new federal legislation to remove it's exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act. **(insert policy)**.

The committee agreed to forward a proposed policy on Cap & Trade to the Natural Resources Committee for consideration during their pending discussion on the issue.

Due to time constraints no old polices were reviewed during the meeting.

Chairman Cesark requested that a proposed policy supporting the use of Clean Fuel Vehicles be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned.