



IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Final Minutes
Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
July 16, 2015

The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (Commission) participated in a tour of western Idaho energy facilities hosted by the Idaho Petroleum Council (IPC) on Thursday, July 16, 2015. The following members were in attendance:

Chairman Chris Beck
Vice Chairman Margaret Chipman
Commissioner Ken Smith

In addition to Commission members, approximately 44 industry representatives, state agency representatives and interested citizens participated in the tour.

The tour departed from Idaho Department of Lands' Office, 300 N 6th Street, Suite 103, Boise, Idaho, at approximately 9:08 a.m. IPC representative Suzi Budge reviewed the tour itinerary and guidelines and stated the tour was informational only and that the Commission would not be conducting any business. Ms. Budge thanked everyone for attending.

As the tour was headed to Langley Gulch Power Plant, Ms. Budge mentioned that Idaho Power Company (IPCo) staff will provide details and show participants several aspects of the power plant. In addition, Dr. Ed Ratchford, State Geologist and Director of Idaho Geological Survey (IGS), will point out where gas facilities are in operation and describe geology of the area. Ms. Budge noted that the tour will stop for lunch in Fruitland and be joined by additional IPC members for informal discussions with participants.

The tour arrived at Langley Gulch at approximately 9:55 a.m. Rich Hahn and Mike Williams of IPCo began the tour in the control room, where they provided general information about the power plant. It has been operational since June 2012; two turbines (natural gas and steam) produce up to 300 megawatts of electricity. Natural gas plants such as Langley Gulch are based on aircraft jet engine technology. Mr. Williams remarked that at 7-8 cents per kilowatt, Idaho has the second least expensive electric power in the nation. The power plant receives natural gas from the Williams' Northwest pipeline. The tour then walked through the power plant, where IPCo staff pointed out different elements of the plant, including the compressor, the turbines, boiler, cooling tower and retention pond.

The tour departed Langley Gulch at 11:40 a.m. and drove on Highway 30 past a natural gas processing plant, a portion of the Williams' Northwest pipeline, and State 1-17 well, currently the only producing natural gas well in Idaho. The State 1-17 well provides power for the town of New Plymouth. Tom Schultz, Director of Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), commented that the gas from this well is processed locally and does not go to the processing plant. State 1-17 has been in production for more than one year. Production data is not yet known, but will be posted on IDL's public website when available.

The tour stopped for a brief break at Lion's Park, where Dr. Ratchford showed a geologic map of Idaho. Dr. Ratchford stated that IGS is mapping the surface to help identify subsurface geology.

The tour then proceeded to Fruitland where lunch was provided for participants at Fruitland Middle School. Representatives from Alta Mesa, IPCo and IDL were available for discussions.

The tour arrived back in Boise at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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/s/ Chris C. Beck

Chris C. Beck, Chairman
Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

/s/ Thomas M. Schultz, Jr.

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Secretary to the Commission

The above-listed final minutes were approved by the Commission at the October 7, 2015 special Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting.