



S305 NGEC Executive Board Conference Call

August 30, 2011

1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern

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Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | Bill Bronte |
| 2. Roll Call | Steve Hewitt |
| 3. Approval: August 2, 2011 Minutes | Bill Bronte |
| 4. Review: Action Items | Steve Hewitt |
| 5. State Executive Board membership – new reps for:
Missouri DOT and Washington State DOT | Bill Bronte |
| 6. Status: Finalizing 305 Appropriations letter with signatures | Bill Bronte |
| 7. FRA position paper on CEM | Mark Yachmetz/JohnTunna |
| 8. Progress Report: Joint Procurement Task Force | Bill Bronte |
| 9. Discussion/Action: 305 DMU specification development
a. States and industry surveys of interest -Steve Hewitt | Mario Bergeron |
| 10. Discussion/action: Proposed revisions to the Locomotive
"Requirements" Document | Mario Bergeron/Dale Engelhardt |
| 11. Locomotive Technology Task Force – Reports on
Locomotive Vehicle/Technology Report and the
Top Speed variation Impact Study | Mario Bergeron/Dave Warner |
| 12. Discussion: Filling Adm Task Force Chair vacancy
and Board Secretary position vacancy | Bill Bronte |
| 13. Update/Next Steps: Structure and Finance Working Group: | DJ Stadler |
| 14. Executive Board meeting – Charlotte, NC - September 15 | Bill Bronte/Steve Hewitt |
| 15. Other: | All |

Adjourn

Status: Decisions/Action Items – from 8-16-11 Executive Board webinar meeting

DJ Stadtler will complete the draft letter to the appropriators by the end of the day today (August 16, 2011) and will provide the letter to Steve Hewitt for distribution to Board members. DJ will also provide a signature sheet. As members approve the letter, they should sign the signature sheet, scan it, and send it to Steve Hewitt and Bill Bronte. All responses are due by Friday, August 19, 2011. DJ will be responsible for distributing the letter “on the Hill.”

Status: The letter has been drafted and distributed to all Board members. Awaiting signatures and final formatting and then on to DJ for distribution on the Hill

FRA will complete its position paper in regards to CEM and a suggested disclaimer statement prior to the August 30th Board call.

Status: to be discussed on this agenda

DJ Stadtler will check on the status of the current grant agreement modification and get back to the Board as soon as he gets an update.

Status: Task Complete – Grant agreement modification has been signed by FRA and Amtrak and distributed to all Board members and AASHTO.

The Joint Procurement Process Task Force will continue its work and will provide ongoing updates to the Board as an open agenda item.

Status: Update on this agenda

The Locomotive Technology Task Force has prepared a white paper on the issue of 110-125 mph. The white paper will go to the Technical subcommittee on August 17, 2011, and then on to the Executive Board.

Status: The LTTF has completed two reports – “Locomotive Vehicle/ Technology Report and the “Top Speed Variation Impact Study” – both reports have been distributed to the Tech subcommittee and the Board. They are meant to be internal documents, at this point, not posted until the Admn TF has developed an information disclaimer.

On the Board’s next call, Shayne Gill will report on the response to the invitation to the SCORT states to participate in the Railroading 101 webinar series – equipment module.

Status: Shayne?

The Board will consider action on the issue of developing a 305 DMU specification on the August 30, 2011 call. Bill Bronte will work with Stan Hunter and Steve Hewitt on a solicitation for state volunteers for assisting in the development of a 305 DMU specification. David Ewing

will also assist in getting state volunteers.

Status: We did not issue the solicitation asking for volunteers – although David Ewing did do some outreach. We did conduct a states survey of interest in having a 305 DMU specification developed and the results were that 11 states expressed support - 4 of those states are members of the Executive Board. An industry survey was also conducted to help find resources to assist in developing a DMU spec. 9 expressions of interest and about 4 or 5 comments/suggestions have been submitted. US Railcar also produced a draft Requirements document for subcommittee review. Dale Engelhardt will revise it based on a number of comments received, and put it in a format consistent with other requirements documents. He will bring it back to the subcommittee in 4 weeks.

Mario Bergeron to ask Dave Warner to prepare a revision to the Locomotive Requirements document to allow for Tier III and 110 mph, at least for the first procurement, and a time line for revising the Locomotive specification. The revision will be distributed to Board members by the end of next week, and consideration by the Board will be on the agenda for August 30, 2011.

Revision has been drafted and distributed to Board members and the Technical subcommittee approved it on August 25, 2011 – pending any additional input/comments to be provided by Kevin Kesler, who was on vacation last week. Dale Engelhardt to reach out to Kevin for his input.

Prior to leaving Missouri DOT, Rod Massman will inform the Board as to the state's intentions to continue on the NGENC Board or not, and to name a replacement for Rod if they intend to remain on the Board.

Status: Rod has informed the Board that Missouri wishes to remain as a Board member and that Eric Curtit is to be their representative. Eric plans to be in Charlotte and has signed off on the Approps letter for Missouri.

Jeannie Beckett will notify Paula Hammond of the Board's request for a note to Bill Bronte designating a new Washington State DOT replacement for Scott Witt.

Status: Jeannie Beckett has recommended that John Sibold be the state's representative on the Board. John Sibold signed the approps letter on behalf of Washington State.

Leo Penne will check on the status of a joint press release from AASHTO, FRA and Amtrak on the adoption of the PRIIA 305 Trainset specification.

Status: Leo/Shayne?