

## PACCC MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday 21 December, 2004**

CitiPower and Powercor Boardroom, Melbourne

**ATTENDEES:** Shane Breheny – CEO CitiPower and Powercor (Chair)  
Brian Sullivan – Gen. Manager Corporate Services  
Garry Audley – Gen. Manager CitiPower Network  
David Wilkinson – Acting Gen. Manager Customer Services (for P. Bryant)  
Bryan Quinn – Gen. Manager Powercor Network  
Christine May – Customer Representative  
John Pye – Victorian Farmers Federation  
Robert Lorenzon – Australian Industry Group  
John McLean – City of Greater Bendigo  
Gavin Dufty – St Vincent De Paul

Richard Gross – Gen. Manager Regulation and Transition  
Hugo Armstrong – Corporate Affairs Manager (Committee Secretary)  
Cath Adams – Administrative Assistant (Minute Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Bryant – Gen. Manager Customer Services

Garry Audley advised that the latest regulations for the Road Management Bill were not completed by the due date. Interim regulations will have been approved by 1/1/05.

A presentation was given by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria (SEAV), outlining the organisation and the Business Energy Innovation Initiative (BEII). They also detailed the renewable energy support fund, typical projects and how CitiPower and Powercor might benefit. In discussion, the following points were made:

- SEAV is interested to collaborate with CP/PAL on various issues and opportunities.
- The issue of which electricity industry regulatory codes and standards would apply to distribution going forward is not yet resolved.  
SEAV needs to look at the issue of distribution loss factors, noting the absence of regulatory incentives to reduce them, and the desirability of joint work on the matter.
- There is potential concern about distribution costs arising from green initiatives being passed on to customers. It was suggested that potential distribution cost savings should also be returned to customers, offsetting possible costs.
- It was noted that the Victorian Government was moving towards a regulatory framework across the green energy issue, noting the AIG disagreed with mandatory measures and preferred a voluntary regime.

Bryan Quinn outlined the issues relating to recent poor network performance around Laver's Hill. Powercor's local Regional Asset Manager is liaising with customers in the area.