

Final Report

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

Energy Horizons Institute Course

San Diego, California

Date: December 9-10, 2009

Government of Alberta ■

Overview:

Honourable Len Webber, in his capacity as Minister International and Intergovernmental Relations, participated in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Energy Horizons Institute course in San Diego, December 9-10, 2009. The course is a certificate program designed to educate Canadian and U.S. legislators on the North American energy infrastructure and delivery system.

Mission Objectives:

- Learn about the North American energy infrastructure and delivery system.
- Where appropriate, highlight Alberta's achievements in the energy sector and profile the province as a resourceful, responsible energy producer and a strong supporter of greater economic cooperation with the U.S.
- Network with state legislators from across the U.S. who are enrolled in the course and explore potential areas of mutual interest and opportunities to enhance cooperation with jurisdictions in the U.S. to strengthen Alberta-U.S. ties.

Results:

The course was the second of three classroom sessions in the certificate program. The first classroom session was held in Boise, Idaho, July 12-16, 2009 concurrent with the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit. In addition to the classroom sessions, four webinar sessions have been held to date.

Topics covered in this session included: American smart grid efforts both now and 10 years into the future; energy financing on how projects and pipelines are financed; project management of proposals; the impact of volatile credit markets on project financing; refining capacity; low carbon fuel standards and refining margins; and energy efficiency performance contracting. Attendees were also given opportunities for meaningful discussions on their respective energy industries, as well as free time to allow for networking and relationship-building.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives, allowing the Honourable Len Webber to meet the requirements of the course and network with U.S. state legislators in attendance.

Delegation:

Honourable Len Webber, Minister International and Intergovernmental Relations, MLA Calgary-Foothills.