



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thompson Valley Schools**

**JANUARY 8, 2004**

**Present**

Thompson Valley-Scott Weber, Douglas County-Bill Chambers & Doug Stroup, Jeffco-Wayne Benbow, Jim Faes, Tom MacDonnell & Joe DeMers, St. Vrain-Ralph Bozella, Mapleton-John Kreutzer, Colorado Springs District 11-Thomas Fernandez, Denver Public Schools-Larry Vair, Adams 12-Sam Crispin, Poudre-Jerry Garretson, John Holcombe & Stu Reeve, Xcel Energy-Melanie Newman, OEM&C/Rebuild CO-Joan Gregerson & Peter D'Antonio

**Welcome/Minutes**

Bill Chambers, CASDEM Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and distributed the meeting agenda. Bill distributed the meeting minutes from the November 6, 2003 meeting and the meeting minutes were approved by those in attendance. The current CASDEM membership list was distributed and updated.

**OEM&C/Rebuild CO Update**

Joan Gregerson handed out an update of services provided and projects they are currently working on. This included current resources and staff assigned to those resources. If your interested in the handout, we have put it up on our CASDEM web site for your reference. Joan introduced Peter D'Antonio who is now available to work with small/rural school districts regarding energy management programs, EPA Energy Star certification, and High Performance School design. The OEM&C continues to reach out to school districts to provide energy services and resources. Thomas Fernandez/CO Springs District 11 and the OEM&C will be working on a southern CO satellite CASDEM group. John Kreutzer with Mapleton Schools will be heading up a committee of CASDEM/OEM&C staff to continue our outreach to rural school districts and the potential of other CO satellite CASDEM groups.

**EPA Energy Star**

Bill presented an offer & handout from the EPA to help school districts in Colorado use the benchmarking tool for schools. The EPA is offering resources and services for CASDEM members to benchmark all of their schools. School districts of 30 or more schools would work with EPA resources out of Washington DC and those districts under 30 schools would work with the regional office out of Denver. This would create a database of energy efficiency standards/goals for Colorado schools and could be used as

a resource/performance standard for new and existing schools. The CASDEM membership voted unanimously to accept this offer. Bill has a letter drafted by the EPA and will distribute the letter to the CASDEM membership soon. The EPA Energy Star benchmarking web site will be down for reconstruction from Jan 14 through Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. A new and improved tool will be launched on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Xcel Updates**

Melanie Newman updated CASDEM regarding a proposal to the PUC to increase electric rates by 2.3%. The proposal has been tabled by the PUC until March and the increase if approved would not go into effect until June or July of 2004. There is a rider of \$.01/kwh through 2005 that provides incentive for direct energy management to reduce kwh in our schools. Melanie distributed an update provided to her from Xcel that updates and explains the riders and rates that are currently in effect. Melanie volunteered to distribute this update to our CASDEM membership on a regular basis. A summer/winter rate proposal was submitted to the PUC in December of 2003.

### **Transport Gas Update**

CASDEM memberships shared their current rates for transport gas. The Douglas County consortium has a locked price for FY 2004 of \$5/Dth and is targeting a goal of \$4.50/Dth for FY 2005. Jeff Co's has a two year contract of \$4.95/Dth through 9/30/05. Denver Public Schools has a \$4.97/Dth contract through May of 2005. PSD's consortium has a \$5.08/Dth price through FY 2004 and is targeting a goal of \$4.50/Dth for FY 2005. The question was asked how large of a school or amount of use provides the best opportunity to switch from sales gas to transport. CASDEM recommended a volume of 2500 to 3100 Dth per year before moving from sales to transport gas.

### **CASDEM Membership**

Joe DeMers from Jeff Co presented the options for membership to CASDEM. After discussion by the group Joe moved to keep the current CASDEM membership qualifications intact. With Jim Faes's second, the group agreed unanimously. Retired members are always welcome and will be viewed as a non-voting member. Vendors will be invited to provide information as needed. The updated bylaws can be found on the CASDEM web site.

### **CASBO/CASDEM**

CASDEM agreed to continue our fall conference with CASBO and agreed that planning needs to be started for next falls joint conference in Breckenridge needs to begin this spring. This will be an agenda item for our next meeting in March.

### **Miscellaneous**

Scott Weber with Thompson Valley announced an opportunity through the University of Wisconsin regarding a commissioning training in Las Vegas in February 2004.

### **Next Meetings**

March 4, 2004	Jefferson County
May 6, 2004	Summit County