

## Executive Meeting Conference Call

July 30, 2007

### Participants:

Linda Eidem (Director — NorthWestern Energy)

Mike Kelly (Vice Chair — HHSS)

Judi Martin (Chair — OPPD)

Sheila Nelson (Records Keeper — Aquila)

Not in Attendance: Cory Fuehrer (Secretary/Treasurer (NPPD))

Next NEAN Meeting: Thursday, August 9; 11a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Host: Loup Power District, 2404 15th St., Columbus, NE, Mural Conference Room

Lunch provided by Rick Cheloha – Loup Power District

Free Parking: Available around building

Conference Call: 1-800-391-1709

Bridge Number: 404469

9:30 a.m.: Energy Assistance Committee meeting prior to general NEAN meeting

9:30 a.m.: Energy Education Committee meeting prior to general NEAN meeting

### Agenda Items for Next NEAN Meeting (August 9)

- Symposium/survey discussion by Jerry Deichert
- Heartland Walk for Warmth — encouraging other towns/cities to become to set up something in their own areas
- Grant application — Energy Education Committee
- Protocol for data collection
- Recognition of new member

### Energy Assistance Committee

- Ardi Hoins has interest in becoming chair since Kate's workload has picked up
- Mike Kelly will coordinate with her
- Community Action organizations have agreed to gather data on assisted funds and works with Jerry Deichert on energy burden study.

### Data Collection

- Need independent, third party to collect data
- United Way is being approached by Judi as a possible collector of the data
- Need to see what data looks like before we determine what to do with it
- Protocol being drafted would spell out who owns the data, how it is gathered and distributed.
- Executive Committee members would be authorized to release totals/information to the media; not individual numbers
- A policy will be written by the Energy Assistance Committee to adopt the protocol once approved.