

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2015

TIME: 1:30 or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Thompson, Vice Chairman Anderst, Representative(s) Raybould, Hartgen, Vander Woude, Nielsen, Anderson, Mendive, Trujillo, Beyeler, Chaney, Nate, Scott, Smith, Rusche, Jordan, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Raybould, Hartgen, Vander Woude, Rusche

GUESTS: None

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Jordan** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mike McGough, Chief Commercial Officer, NuScale Power presented to the committee what a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) is, how they work, and that SMR's are coming to Idaho in the next ten years. NuScale has announced major safety breakthroughs including how a plant can be safely shut down and self cooled indefinitely.

In response to questions, **Mr. McGough** explained SMR's use the same fuel as existing power plants, using a recycling process giving them the ability to recycle and reuse the fuel multiple times. When the fuel is not valuable any longer, it is stored in concrete casts for up to a hundred years as property of the federal government. SMR plants have fewer issues because mechanical issues have been eliminated and fewer things can fail.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Representative Thompson
Chair

Heidi McKay
Secretary