

OTHER KEY EWG INITIATIVES

STRENGTHENING OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF APEC ENERGY MICRO-ECONOMIC REFORM, PHASE 3

The micro-economic reform project is being implemented in three phases. The complete project was endorsed by the EWG's Business Network at its inaugural meeting in 1999 and was subsequently endorsed by EWG17.

The first two phases of the project are complete, with the Phase 1 manual for the "*Implementation of the APEC Best Practice Principles for Independent Power Producers in APEC economies*" and the Phase 2 "*Manual of Strategic Principles*" published and circulated to EWG and Business Network members.

The third and final phase of the micro-economic reform project is to be conducted through a workshop aimed at explaining and promoting the Phase 2 Manual of Strategic Principles. This manual sets out a series of high-level best practice principles for designing, implementing and managing the reform of the electricity supply industry. It aims to provide economies managing a reform process with a policy 'tool kit' to assist them to move towards best practice.

The EWG Secretariat approached EWG members in February to seek expressions of interest in hosting a workshop. The Philippines and Thailand have expressed an interest in hosting a workshop.

The EWG Secretariat is progressing the appointment of a consultant to conduct the workshops and will provide further information to members in due course.

Action Proposed for the Twenty-Third Meeting

- Members to note the progress being made on the project *Strengthening Operational Aspects of APEC Energy Micro-economic Reform: Phase 3*.