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MEETING SUMMARY
ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON GLOBAL WARMING
Energy Supply (ES) Technical Working Group (TWG)
Call #3, March 25, 2008
9:30 am to 11:30 am Central

Attendees

GCGW: Nick Brown; Joan Cash; Rob Fisher; Art Hobson, PhD.; Kevan Inboden; Robert McAfee, PhD; Kevin Smith; Gary Voigt; Kathy Webb

Governor's Office: Jillian Hicks; Andrew Parker

Advisory Body Members: John Bethel

Center for Climate Strategies: Donna Boysen; Bill Dougherty, PhD

Background Documents (*all posted at www.arclimatechange.us/ee.cfm*)

1. Notice and Agenda for Call #3
2. PowerPoint presentation for Call #3
3. Call 2 Summary
4. ES Straw Ballot Results

Introductions and Review of Agenda

Donna Boysen welcomed the TWG members and asked for comments, questions, or concerns on the Meeting Summary for Call #2. The members did not have any. TWG members present on the call were noted as well as representatives from the Arkansas Governor's Office.

Donna reviewed specific slides of the PowerPoint presentation (provided as a background document), including a review of what the TWG has accomplished so far and the TWG's future steps and process. Donna asked Bill Dougherty when TWG-specific data results information would be available. Bill answered that the information had been reviewed by the Governor's office and could be provided to the TWG at any point that it was relevant to the process.

Review of Straw Ballot Results for Catalog of State Actions

Donna explained the purpose of this call was to review and discuss the Straw Ballot results (provided as a background document) to determine a final list of options to present to the GCGW at its next meeting. She explained how she tallied and ordered the results

Donna conveyed that the TWG as a group should now review the Straw Ballot results and determine their satisfaction-level with the existing organization and whether there were sensible ways to combine options from the Second and Third Tiers into the Top Tier. She asked whether there were any questions or concerns on the process; none were brought up.

The group then assigned the options into 11 “top priorities” for further analysis, to be recommended to the full Commission at its next meeting. There were two exceptions to full consensus at this stage: one ES TWG member opposed include of option 1.1 “cap and trade”, and three ES TWG members opposed inclusion of 1.2. “carbon tax”. After healthy discussion of both options, it was agreed that because a majority of the TWG members supported inclusion of these two options, they would be included in the recommendations to the full Commission, with the recognition that both can be discussed further at the Commission meeting and either approved or rejected by the full Commission.

Donna indicated that she would revise the Straw Ballot results to capture the reorganization of options that had been agreed upon during the call and that this revision would be provided to the TWG for review prior to submittal to the GCGW.

Date and Time for Next Meetings

The next two TWG meetings are scheduled for:

- Meeting #4, April 23, 2008, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM CDT
- Meeting #5, May 9, 2008, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM CDT

Public Input and Announcements

Ken Smith of Audubon identified himself. He expressed his pleasure with the work done by the TWG during the call and his appreciation of the TWG for grappling with two tough issues, nuclear energy and carbon tax. He asked that emphasis be placed on nuclear energy coming with conditions for safe disposal. He felt the carbon tax comments were on target.

Paul Means of Entergy identified himself but had no comment.