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MEETING SUMMARY
ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON GLOBAL WARMING
Residential, Commercial, Industrial (RCI), Technical Working Group (TWG)
Call #4, April 21, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST

Attendees:

GCGW: Christopher Ladner; Robert MacAfee, PhD; Hugh McDonald; Cindy Sagers, PhD;
Kathy Webb

Governor's Office: Jillian Hicks

Advisory Body Members:

Center for Climate Strategies: Donna Boysen

Background Documents: (all posted at www.arclimatechange.us/RCI.cfm)

1. Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentation
3. Meeting Summary for Call #3
4. RCI Straw Proposal Template

Introductions and Review of Agenda

Donna Boysen initiated the call and welcomed the TWG members, completed a roll call of the members of the Technical Work Group and personnel from the governor's office, and briefly reviewed the items from Call #3 (March 18).

During the last GCGW Meeting (April 9 / #5), the RCI TWG's Policy Options were approved by the full Commission, with a couple of modifications:

- RCI-4: Consider making this more inclusive by changing "(e.g., LEED)" to "(e.g., LEED and other qualified standards)." The TWG will decide whether to add innovative loan programs to help homeowners improve energy efficiency.
- RCI-6: Combine with RCI-9 and include incentives for increased energy efficiency in low-income federal housing.

The primary goal for the next GCGW meeting (May 19 / #6) is to obtain GCGW approval of TWG straw proposal descriptions and design characteristics on priority policy options. The ongoing goal for the next few GCGW meetings is to develop recommendations for improving the draft Arkansas GHG Inventory and Forecast.

Current goals of the RCI TWG are to:

- Develop consensus recommendations for description and design characteristics of RCI pending priority policy options in the draft straw proposal
- Identify policies/programs in place in Arkansas related to policy options (to define baselines)
- Prepare progress update with straw proposals for next GCGW meeting

A question was raised regarding making additional adjustments to the selected policy options. Donna replied that the specifics for each of the options (e.g., its scope, stringency, start-date, implementation details, etc.) are to be determined by the TWG, and then recommended to the full Commission for approval, so additional adjustments can be expected to be part of this process.

Donna led the group in a review of the overall straw proposal format, then a review of each policy option's description. Members provided comments and suggested revisions, which will be incorporated into the document for continued refinement during following meetings. During the next call, TWG members will consider draft language for the policy design section. Individual TWG members volunteered to focus on one or two specific policy options and will present their findings at the next meeting. Several TWG members who were not present on the call were volunteered, in good faith, *in absentia*.

Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meetings

The next TWG meeting is scheduled for:

- Meeting #5, Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CDT

Public Input and Announcements

One member of the public expressed his appreciation that the members are working together on these issues.

Mr. Eddie Moore, of the Arkansas Citizen's First Congress, shared his knowledge of existing standards and track-records for CHP emissions (such as in TX and CA). He also suggested that there be attention put towards clarity in the language between RCI-6 and RCI-2 in regards to public benefit funds, especially what type of funds will be recommended. He also expressed his agreement that energy efficiency in existing buildings is very important.