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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON GLOBAL WARMING (GCGW)**  
**Energy Supply (ES) Technical Working Group (TWG)**  
**Call #5, May 9, 2008**  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Central Time**

**Attendees**

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

**Governor's Office:** Jillian Hicks

**Advisory Body Members:** John Bethel

**Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):** Donna Boysen

**Background Documents** (all posted at [www.arclimatechange.us/ee.cfm](http://www.arclimatechange.us/ee.cfm))

1. Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint Presentation
3. Call #4 Meeting Summary
4. ES Straw Proposal Template

**Introductions and Review of Agenda**

Donna Boysen noted and welcomed the TWG members as well as representatives from the Arkansas Governor's Office. Donna asked for comments, questions, or concerns on the Meeting Summary for Call #4; there were none.

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.

**GCGW Meeting Results and Goals**

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 the 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.

### **Next Steps for ES TWG**

Current goals of the ES TWG are to:

- Develop consensus recommendations for description and design characteristics of ES 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 proposal for next GCGW meeting

### **Straw Proposal Development**

Donna led the members in a overview of the goals for the continued review and refinement of the straw proposal document. The group should briefly address the policy descriptions and begin to express specifics for policy design, which will help CCS to develop quantification reports for each policy option. In order to prepare the quantification reports, CCS needs to understand the major components that go along with each option. The policy design section should be a starting point for analysis. Donna reiterated that this will not be the only opportunity to revise policy option language.

Donna led the group in discussion of each policy option. Members provided comments and suggested revisions and recommendations, which will be incorporated into the document for continued refinement during following meetings.

- ES-1** The group recommended that this policy option be moved to the RCI TWG's policy option straw proposal and be addressed in the RCI forum.
- ES-2** Set the expectation to achieve and improve alternative energy technologies, through research and design, with the end result being increased energy efficiency. Implement a percentage shift to cleaner energy sources by a specific year.
- ES-3** A recommendation should be made to the full commission that, while renewable portfolio standards (RPS) will continue to be evaluated as planned (ES-3a), a distinction to this policy option be added with the goal of separately evaluating REFIT (ES-3b). In addition, it should be recommended to the full commission to remove the environmental portfolio standard (EPS) component from this policy option.
- ES-4** The policy description language was refined.
- ES-5** The primary goal of this policy option is to establish a program that will allow Arkansas to adapt to and be prepared for a federally-implemented cap and trade system.
- ES-6** Added specific policy goals.
- ES-7** All new coal plants need to be developed with pre-combustion technology to result in 80-90% reductions in CO2 emissions.
- ES-8** The policy description language was refined. It was suggested to move the last two paragraphs of the policy description to the policy goal section.

**ES-9** Quantify CO2 reductions assuming a new nuclear plant in operation by 2018 running at a capacity of 95%.

**ES-10** May need further consideration, may not be quantifiable

**ES-11** Minor comments

Donna will prepare a revision of the straw proposal based on the group's discussions to be submitted to the TWG members by email. Donna will also add specific policy goals based on the framework developed by other states with the same policy option. The draft straw proposal will be submitted to the full commission at the next GCGW meeting.

### **Date and Time for Next Meetings**

The next ES TWG meetings will be determined after the GCGW meeting.

### **Public Input and Announcements**

Glen Hooks from The Sierra Club enjoyed listening to the group discussions. In regards to the ES-3 discussion, he would like to see RPS addressed at a state level and he is happy to hear that REFIT is included in the policy option. Mr. Hooks' main concern is in regards to coal plants and sequestration. He recommends that Arkansas should not allow new coal plants to be built without including coal sequestration.

James Burke of Ecological Conservation Organization thanks everyone for their hard work. He echoes Mr. Hooks' comments about coal plants. His primary question is: What communication has there been between the ES TWG and the government already in regards to coal plants currently being built? He would like to ask that the Arkansas government pause in its decision-making on such plants until the commission finishes its work. Mr. Burke's question was tabled until the next ES TWG meeting.

William Ball from the Arkansas Renewable Energy Association, applauds the discussion about feed-in tariffs. Mr. Ball hopes to make a brief presentation in the next ES TWG meeting about feed-in tariffs and why RPS may not be in Arkansas' best interest.