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MEETING SUMMARY
ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON GLOBAL WARMING
Residential, Commercial, Industrial (RCI), Technical Working Group (TWG)
Call #5 and 5a, May 7 and 8, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CDT

Attendees:

GCGW: Hugh McDonald, Cindy Sagers, PhD, Jeffrey Short, Kevin Smith, Christopher Ladner, Representative Kathy Webb

Advisory Body: John Bethel

Governor's Office: Jillian Hicks

Center for Climate Strategies: Donna Boysen

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

1. Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint Presentation
3. Meeting Summary for Call #4
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 #4 (April 21, 2008).

The last call left off with reviewing each policy description and accepting volunteers to take each of the ten RCI options further in terms of specific policy design language.

The goal for today's call was to draft starting points for policy design language in order to determine what quantifiable change is necessary to actually reduce GHG emissions. The group was hoping to get through each of the ten RCI options while addressing the specific quantifiable goals, timing and implementing parties for each option.

Each of the draft RCI policy options was reviewed and revised to strengthen the policy option description and policy design sections of the template. This required a second call on May 8 in order for the TWG members to complete their review of each of the options.

Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meetings:

The next TWG meeting is scheduled for:

- Meeting #8, Friday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

Public Input and Announcements

John Rogers AR Western Gas – Director of Resource Planning. Designs energy efficiency programs in AR. Began following this process last week and is impressed by the progress. Three main points: 1. do not dismiss natural gas as part of the final equation. 2. In the area of modeling, both energy savings, cost and environmental impacts, he encourages the use of a full fuel cycle efficiency. 3. There seems to be an opportunity for the commission to use natural gas to save energy and preserve the environment.

No other comments.

Closing Comments:

Donna will revise the options and get those back out to everyone. She may include default language for the positions that have not been fully flushed out before the commissions meeting.

The next meeting of the Governor’s Commission Global Warming (GCGW) is May 19th.