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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON GLOBAL WARMING**  
**Residential, Commercial, Industrial (RCI), Technical Working Group (TWG)**  
**Call #13, September 11, 2008**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm CDT**

**Attendees:**

**GCGW:** Steve Cousins, Chris Ladner, Robert McAfee, Hugh McDonald, Jeff Short, Kathy Webb

**Governor's Office:** Jillian Hicks

**Arkansas Energy Office:** Jenny Ahlen for Maria Haley

**Advisory Body Members:** John Bessel

**Other State Agencies:** Karen Bassett – ADEQ, Evan Brown – AR Energy Office

**Center for Climate Strategies:** Hal Nelson, Katie Pasko

**Public:** Ludwig Kozlowski – AR Community Action Agencies Association

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

1. Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint for Teleconference
3. Draft Policy Option Document
4. Summaries for Call 11 and Call 12

**Introductions and Review of Agenda**

Katie Pasko welcomed the RCI TWG members, and completed a roll call of the attendees. The meeting's goal was to continue review of policy option quantification and language.

**Review and Approval of Draft Summaries for Prior Call**

The summaries for Call 11 and Call 12 were accepted without change.

**Review of Draft Policy Option Document**

Proposed changes to policy options are shown in track changes.

**RCI-1. Improved Building Codes**

All proposed changes were accepted without change, except the deletion of the second bullet under policy design, which is left in place: *”Follow national codes without amendments in Arkansas, and update Arkansas codes in concert with the timing of the national code.”*

The quantification assumes that codes improve with time. On average, new updated energy codes result in energy savings.

Include under Implementation Mechanisms: *Arkansas should consider making updates to building energy codes through an administrative rulemaking process rather than through legislative amendments.*

### **RCI-2a. Utility and Non-Utility DSM for Peak-Use Electricity**

The TWG recommended that the Goals language be clarified to reflect the quantification assumption that energy efficiency gains remain constant after 2015.

The TWG agreed to adjust the goal to have demand response meters installed to 100% of customers by 2025, applied only to the load growth.

The TWG adopted the changes to the Related Programs sections.

Delete the objection listed under Barriers to Consensus, as it does not belong in this option.

### **RCI-2b. Utility and Non-Utility DSM and Energy Efficiency for Electricity**

There were no objections to adopting the changes to the Related Programs sections. The phrase ‘in the long term’ was added to the Barriers to Consensus objection to read *“One member objected because they do not believe that this option will result in net cost savings. The other reason for objection was due to the concern that the goals for energy efficiency are not feasible in the long term.”*

### **RCI-3a. Reduced Energy Use in New and Retrofitted State-Owned Buildings: Government “Lead by Example”**

There were no objections to adopting the changes to the Related Programs sections.

### **RCI-3b. Reduced Energy Use in Existing State-Owned Buildings: Government “Lead by Example”**

The TWG agreed to clarify the sentence under Related Policies and Programs in Place to read *“The existing Sustainable Building Design Practices Legislative Task Force is addressing issues associated with high performance buildings.”*

### **RCI-4a. Promotion and Incentives for Improved New Building Design and Construction=**

There were no objections to adding the language suggested in Additional Benefits and Costs, with the change to the first line *“Wood products typically contain much less embodied energy”*.

### **RCI-4b. Promotion and Incentives for Improved Existing Building Design and Construction**

The TWG agreed to add the suggested language to Related Policies and Programs in Place with no objections.

There were no objections to adding the language suggested in Additional Benefits and Costs, with the change to the first line “Wood products *typically* contain much less embodied energy”.

#### **RCI-5. Education for Consumers, Industry Trades, and Profession**

Clarify the language regarding surcharges under Implementation Mechanisms to read “*surcharges paid by energy customers of* from utilities and non-utilities, among others.”

Strike Arkansas K-12 public schools from the Implementing Parties and add a reference to CC-6 Public Education, as students are not the intended target of this policy and are covered under the related Cross-Cutting policy option.

#### **RCI-6 Incentives and Funds To Promote Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency -**

The TWG held an extensive discussion about funding sources for this policy option.

The target numbers were revised to double the number of houses included in the program every five years. “*Each year for the next 5 years, increase the number of homes receiving weatherization until by 2015 10,000 homes are being retrofitted annually.*”

Change the target energy improvements to 33%, rather than 40%.

#### **Next Steps**

Review of outstanding policy options will continue.

Quantification strategies for the Smart Growth option, as well as addressing the overlap with other options.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, from 3-5 Central.

#### **Public Input and Announcements**

Ludwig Kozlowski, Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association, spoke regarding the weatherization program, summarizing the comments that he sent to the TWG.