



Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change
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TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY

Government Policy
Technical Working Group Call #3
March 27, 2008

Members and Pending Members Attending:

Carolyn Dekle	Daniel O'Keefe	David Bates
David Ash	Dr. James Fenton	Pam McVety
Sheri Coven	Tommy Boroughs	Steve Urse for Pam McVety
Susan Glickman	Rich Unger	Loretta Cronk for Carolyn Dekle
Timothy Hernandez	Keisha Rice	

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Bruce Deterding

Florida Department of Transportation: Cathy Neal

Florida Department of Health: Bart Bibler

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission: Doug Parsons

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Jeff Wennberg

Members of the Public: Natalie Smith (Florida P&L), Lisa Scolls, Sherman Thompson

Agenda Item#1: Introductions and Review of Agenda.

Jeff Wennberg welcomed the technical working group members, DEP staff, and the public. Jeff then called the roll of the TWG members and invited Florida State staff and the members of the public to introduce themselves and their association.

Agenda Item#2: Review Purpose and Goals.

Jeff Wennberg reviewed the meeting agenda, purpose and goals of the call.

Agenda Item#3: Review and Approval of Call #2 Summary.

Jeff Wennberg asked for corrections to the draft summary of meeting #1. There were no objections to posting the draft summary as approved.

Agenda Item #4: Review of Action Team Decisions Regarding Catalog Additions

Jeff summarized the modifications to the GP catalog made by the Action team in their March 17th meeting. These were:

- Under policy 2.13, *Establish incentive programs for local governments to undertake inventories and GHG reduction programs for local government facilities and operations*, the Action team added “for local government facilities and operations.”
- A new policy, GP-2.20 was added, *Amend PSC Charge from “safe, affordable, reliable power” to include “facilitate transition to carbon-free generation as soon as possible.”*
- A new policy, GP-4.10 was added, *Create energy enterprise award through existing “Center of Excellence” program at universities.*
- A new policy, GP-5.9 was added under “education and Outreach”, *Target Audience: Visitors: Encourage visitors to appreciate climate issues*

Jim Fenton, who is a member of the Action Team, explained the Center of Excellence Award proposal under 4.10. He said the intent was to encourage more energy activities under that university-based program. He offered that if the TWG preferred, they could propose new programs to encourage universities to focus on these efforts.

Agenda Item#5: Discussion of classification (H, M, L) of the FL Catalog of States’ Actions

Jeff explained that several members of the TWG had completed the notional ratings exercise. Susan Glickman and Pam McVety began the discussion by comparing the assumptions they used in completing their catalogs. Susan indicated that for policies that she recognized as foundational, such as emissions reporting, inventory and forecasting, she tended to rate them as having high potential even though as stand-alone policies they would have little or no direct reductions. Pam said she looked at them narrowly, that is as stand-alone policies and judged them from that perspective, even though she agreed that many of them were very important to the overall goal. There was a general discussion and review of the H, M and L ratings of the policies, including highlighting key areas of agreement where they appeared through the ratings exercise.

TWG members expressed a desire to review the policies in anticipation of the balloting and discuss opportunities to combine or bundle policies.

Committee members generally agreed that the inventory, reporting and forecasting policies needed to be combined, and Bruce Deterding suggested that rather than notional ratings of H, M, and L, it might be better to simply indicate that “This is a requirement for policies that follow.”

After some further discussion the committee decided to combine GP policies 1.1 through 1.6, under the title, *Establish and fund mandatory GHG emission reporting, inventory*

and forecasting functions at state agency; participate in The Climate Registry, provide technical assistance to reporters and encourage participation.

Bruce indicated that the state inventory is being refined and a much more detailed and workable analysis will be provided soon.

Under the general heading of GP-2, “Energy/Climate Government Policy Coordination”, the following was decided:

- Under GP-2.1 it was decided to add “review and revise on a periodic basis” to make the policy, *Establish goals or targets for statewide GHG emission reductions; review and revise on a periodic basis.*
- Combine policies 2.13, 2.14, 2.15, and 3.11 to create a new policy titled, *Establish incentives or mandate programs for local governments to undertake inventories and GHG reduction programs for local government planning, facilities and operations; provide technical support to local governments to enable them to access federal funding for inventories and GHG reductions; work with local governments to establish a standardized methodology for emissions measurement and reporting, and fund software licenses.*
- Also under GP-2.7, *Development of an effective carbon credit system, allowing state government to purchase carbon credits associated with its own activities, function as a purveyor of credits to others, or act as a certification entity of private carbon exchanges.* Susan Glickman noted that she does not believe the state can serve as both a participant in the market and a certifier.

Under general heading GP-3, “Government Leadership by Example”, there were no changes except to incorporate 3.11 under 2.13 as noted above.

Under general heading GP-4, “Greening Florida’s Economy”, it was agreed to:

- Combine policies GP-4.4, 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9 under a new policy described as *Create or designate an entity to promote business development opportunities in climate protection including seeking or stimulating funding investments.; institute a “business incubator” program to attract and support new business development relating to the new energy economy; state to offer incentive points for competitive state-to-business economic development grant programs for businesses that have undertaken GHG-reduction programs.*
- Combine policies GP-4.5 and 4.6 under a new policy described as *Promote development of a business-oriented entity to help promote and recognize business efforts to reduce GHG emissions and implement a state program of voluntary business actions to reduce GHGs.*

Under the general heading GP-5, “Education and Outreach”, it was decided to:

- Combine policies 5.5, 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, and 5.8 under the new policy described as *Target Audience: General Public - Increase awareness and engage in climate actions in personal and professional lives. This includes future generations, and leaders and community-based organizations; implementation methods to include*

a Governor's conservation challenge initiative to motivate all Floridians to reduce their energy consumption and take advantage of Volunteer Florida "Serve to Preserve" for residential energy efficiency and renewable outreach.

Agenda Item #6: review of Inventory and Forecast.

Jeff indicated that these documents were still under review and might be ready before the next call.

Agenda Item#7: Review of Next Steps.

Jeff reviewed the next steps for the Action Team and the next TWG calls:

- Action Team will receive the recommended priorities for development from the TWG
- In the next call the TWG will decide which policies should be recommended
- Prior to the next call there will be an online balloting exercise to allow the members to compare their preferences
- Review and comment on the Inventory and Forecast

Agenda Item#8: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meetings.

The next meeting of the GP TWG is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2008 9:00 AM – 11:00 am EDT.

Agenda Item#9: Public Comments.

Natalie Smith of Florida Power and Light expressed concern that the Action Team added policy, 2.20, which changes the mission of the PSC would not alter the existing mission but expand that mission to include "facilitate transition to carbon-free generation as soon as possible". Jeff Wennberg assured her that this was the Action Team's clear direction and members of the Action Team on the call agreed.

Natalie also suggested that the policy also add consideration of "available technologies".

Agenda Item#10: Announcements.

There being no further comments or announcements, Jeff adjourned the call at 11:15 am.