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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #5
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
September 5, 2007**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
Duke Bascom, Bill Droessler , J. Drake Hamilton, Greg Jason, Nancy Lange, Jeff Muffat, Mike Robertson, Sheldon Strom, Will Anthony, Bill Heaney, Jim Turnure and Rick Evans (for David Sparby), Nicole Rom (for Will Steger)
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):
Lisa Herschberger, Peter Ciborowski, Rebecca Walter, Mark Sulzbach,
3. Minnesota Department of Commerce:
4. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
Tom Looby, TWG Co-Facilitator
5. Other Attendees:
6. Public: Joe Sullivan (Missouri River Energy Services), Jake Hanlin (Cargill)

Background documents:

(all posted at: http://www.mnclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm)

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Draft Summary of Call #4
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the fifth conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Ken Colburn called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. Summary for Call #4 was approved by the TWG without any changes to the summary.

3. Dates and Times for Next TWG Call: The next call was set for Tuesday, 9/18/07 from 3-4:30 pm CDT.
4. Review goals for MCCAG Meeting #4: The MCCAG will meet on September 27, 2007 to review and approve each TWG's recommended straw proposal description and design characteristics for each of the priority policy options. The CC TWG will formulate the proposals for the MCCAG.
5. Review straw proposals for priority policy options: Most of the call was spent reviewing draft proposals from the small work groups. Options CC-1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 were reviewed on the call and a number of edits were made to the proposals some of which are summarized below and incorporated into the text of the revised version of the policy options document. Small-group volunteers were asked to refine each of the options based on preliminary discussions on the 9/5/07 call. CC-2 will be taken up as a Committee of the Whole discussion. Discussion of CC-9 began but was not concluded. The group recommended that the PCA assist with better defining the initial recommendation. Additional volunteers to help on it were requested. CC 9, 10 and 11 will be discussed on the next call. Further refinements to the options discussed on this call can also be considered on 9/18. Key highlights of some of the suggested changes are:
 - General- The Track Changes version of the Policy Options Description document reflects input from the Sept. 5 CC TWG call.
 - General- Small groups should re-draft their respective sections reflecting input from the call and make it available prior to the 9/18/07 call.
 - General- Elements of the options that reflect current or planned activities should be moved to the Related Policies / Programs in Place section of each option.
 - Policy Option 1- We should split the descriptions of GHG inventories and forecasts as two distinct functions. Goals for each should be established with greater investment in inventories and less in forecasts. There was a request that forecasts be clear as to whether they are general projections or more rigorous analyses of the future emissions.
 - Policy Option 3- This option needs to identify more prospective suggestions rather than just presenting what is already taking place.
 - Policy Option 4- The essence of changes to this options should reflect the following: a) be clear on state role, b) distinguish utilities from consumers, c) make sure state doesn't duplicate non-profit work [there were different views on this that the small group should discuss further], and d) recommend that a member of the MN Department of Commerce be added to the Environmental Education Advisory Board.
 - Policy Option 5- CC-5 is being worked by the ES TWG but no draft has yet been provided.
 - Policy Option 7- Since Cap and Trade is a significant element of regional GHG efforts we need to decide how/whether to address C/T in this policy option. Also need to reflect the interest in having it address all sectors.

- Policy Option 8- Add MN Chamber of Commerce initiative to promote energy savings
6. Next Steps for CC TWG: The next step for the CC TWG is for the small groups to continue refining the straw proposals using the CCS template to define the design characteristics for each of the policy options approved by the MCCAG. For the next CC TWG call on September 18, the small groups should continue refining the options discussed today or should formulate and circulate options not yet reviewed on the September 5 call.
 7. Call to the Public: Two public participants joined the call but did not offer any comments.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#6) will be held on **Tuesday, September 18 from 3-4:30 CDT**. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for the call and send a reminder out several days before the call. The goals for the next TWG meeting will be to review the straw proposals not yet addressed [9, 10 and 11] and to refine the straw proposals reviewed on the 9/5/07 call [1,3, 4, 7, and 8].