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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #6
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
September 18, 2007**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
J. Drake Hamilton, Jeff Muffat, Mike Robertson, Sheldon Strom, Bill Heaney, Jim Turnure (for David Sparby), and Nim Treager, Greg Jason
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):
David Thornton, Todd Biewen, Peter Ciborowski, Lisa Herschberger, Mark Sulzbach, Bill Sierks
3. Minnesota Department of Commerce:
4. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
Tom Looby, TWG Co-Facilitator
Katie Pasko, TWG Assistant
5. Other Attendees:
6. Public:

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 #5
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the sixth 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. The Summary for Call #5 was approved by the TWG without any changes.
3. Dates and Times for Next TWG Calls: The next call was set for Wednesday, October 10th from 2:00-3:30 pm CDT, with the following call planned for Wednesday, October 24th from 3:00-4:30 pm CDT.

4. The purpose for this meeting was to complete the discussion and finalize the TWG's recommendations for the straw proposal descriptions and designs for the priority CC policy options. The MCCAG will meet on September 27, 2007 to review and approve the TWGs' recommended straw proposal description and design characteristics for each of the priority policy options.
5. Review straw proposals for priority policy options: Most of the call was spent reviewing the latest draft straw proposals. Options CC-1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were reviewed on the call and a number of edits were made to the straw proposals. These are summarized below and incorporated into the revised policy options document. The CC-3 subgroup will continue to formulate their proposal and forward it to the entire TWG for inclusion in the recommendations to the MCCAG. Key highlights of some of the suggested changes are:
 - CC-5 and CC-11 should be assigned to the new Cap and Trade TWG that the MCCAG is expected to establish at its September 27th meeting.
 - CC-9 - Two straw policy proposals were reviewed and discussed. MPCA's draft alternative language was discussed and accepted with the exception that the language relating to development of a research and development center (originally #14) wasn't considered germane to the larger purposes of CC-9. This suggestion, considered too ill-defined and possibly too grand for a state to accomplish, will be removed from CC-9 and placed in a conceptual "parking lot." A TWG member indicated that no other TWGs were considering R&D actions. Another wondered to whom this recommendation would be directed for a decision. Another member suggested that the effort needs to include mechanisms to link the monitoring and forecasting with climate change and to consider confounding influences.
 - CC-10 - The benefits of offsets in engaging GHG reductions from a wider range of sources was discussed, along with the importance of ensuring that any such offsets would be of high quality. A TWG member emphasized the importance of specifically defining these criteria in the goals, and the group agreed. Ken Colburn advised that "high quality" is often described by 5 criteria discussed in the cap and trade webinar (real, surplus (additional), verifiable, permanent and enforceable). He also noted that designing mechanisms to better empower the market to work, for example by providing greater commercial tools, is usually wise policy. After some discussion, it was decided to put the quality requirement in the goals statement. A TWG member suggested that there may be a benefit in using a stakeholder process to ultimately design criteria for an offsets program.
 - CC-11 - The Market Advisory Committee straw proposal was discussed as possibly better suited to the Cap and Trade TWG. However, there was much interest in ensuring it doesn't become too narrow. TWG members questioned whether the Market Advisory Committee policy proposal could include elements not specific to cap and trade. One suggestion was that this may be relevant for a tradable performance standard. The group decided to recommend it be assigned to the new Cap and Trade TWG, but that the CC TWG will track progress and may still want to address selected elements of it, if appropriate.

- CC-1 - On reviewing this text, the group agreed CCS might alter the order of the text but should maintain the essence of it.
 - CC-2 - This straw policy proposal will be defined later after the other groups have quantified their GHG reductions policies.
 - CC-3 - This subgroup is still finalizing their proposal and will send it out to the larger TWG by Thursday. The overall purpose to be presented will be for each state agency to identify and reduce its own emissions. The draft policy is silent on actions by local groups.
 - CC-4 - Under policy design, the second sentence of section 3 (Nonprofits) will be revised by moving the second sentence to the end of this paragraph and by changing “support” to “encourage” in the same sentence.
 - CC-5 - This will be assigned to the new Cap and Trade TWG when it is formed by the MCCAG.
 - CC-6 - A TWG member asked why CC-6 was missing and was told that the MCCAG had decided not to include adaptive measures along with the GHG mitigation efforts.
 - CC-7 - In addition to the possibility that regional cap and trade policies may be developed in the new Cap and Trade TWG, the CC TWG was clear on wanting to keep this straw policy proposal to highlight all opportunities for working with other states on regional and/or multi-state actions. Ken Colburn enumerated several types of regional GHG reduction efforts beyond the cap and trade example identified in the text. He was asked to expand upon the example policies by including additional examples such as the California vehicle standards, cost sharing on specific programs, registries, etc. Ken also encouraged the others to provide additional examples or interpretations for this proposal.
 - CC-8 – The members approved this policy option with a few minor formatting and editing changes.
6. Next Steps for CC TWG: The next step for the CC TWG will be to receive feedback on the policy options from the MCCAG meeting and to adjust and refine the straw proposals accordingly. The TWG should proceed to completing the rest of the elements of the design template.
 7. Call to the Public: No public participants joined this call.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#7) will be held on **Wednesday, October 10, from 2:00-3:30 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 continue developing the policy proposals approved by the MCCAG.