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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #7
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
October 10, 2007**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
Duke Bascom, Scott Harrison, Sheldon Strom, Jim Turnure (for David Sparby), and
Nim Treager, Bill Droessler, Nancy Lange
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):
David Thornton, Peter Ciborowski, Lisa Herschberger, Rebecca Walter
3. Minnesota Department of Commerce:
4. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
Tom Looby, TWG Co-Facilitator
5. Other Attendees: Deb Birgen, MO River Energy
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 #6
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the 7th 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 #6 was approved by the TWG without any changes to the document.
3. Dates and Times for Next TWG Calls: The next call was set for Wednesday, 10/24/07 from 3-4:30 pm CDT. There will be a new conference code for the next call. The current schedule for the following CC calls is for Nov 27 and December 12 from 2:00- 3:30 CST.

4. The purposes for this meeting were to: hear feedback from the September 27 MCCAG meeting on the straw policy proposal descriptions and designs for the priority CC policy options, to discuss goals for the next MCCAG meeting coming up on November 8, 2007 and to continue work on the priority policy options.
5. Participants discussed the key results from the September 27 MCCAG meeting. Two key suggestions were made regarding the Policy Options. The first was to include adult education and charter school elements in CC-4. The second was that analysis of GHG impacts and reductions should be included in environmental assessment processes in CC-9. CC TWG participants agreed with the first suggestion but felt that the second recommendation fit better in other options, or on its own, rather than in CC-9. CCS will provide some example language about GHG reductions in environmental assessments before the group makes a final decision about how to handle or where to locate such a provision.
6. Participants then discussed the Policy Options Descriptions further. Several editorial changes were noted that will be reflected in the next version of the document. It was further agreed that the small groups should continue their work by completing the remaining sections of their respective policy options by Friday, 10/19/07 so that they can be compiled in time for review on the next CC TWG call on 10/24.
7. Key highlights of some of the substantive changes are:
 - CC-1: A question was posed regarding the 4th bullet on page 4 about what the thresholds should be before mandates kick in? Participants agreed to add a general provision addressing de minimus contributions to the heading of this section. It was also noted that this is only a policy and that rule makers will need to make the specific judgments at the appropriate time.
 - CC-2: One member noted that meaningful statements should be provided about the paybacks from energy efficiency improvements.
 - CC-3: One participant noted that there will be more info added to the related policies and programs in place in the next version. Another member suggested that rewards and recognition programs of the state could be developed more fully.
 - CC-4: See above (item 5). Under Policy Design, Nonprofits, the second sentence will be dropped.
 - CC-5 and CC-11 will be assigned to the new Cap and Trade TWG that the MCCAG approved at their 9/27/07 meeting.
 - CC-7: The first sentence of Key Uncertainties will be dropped.
 - CC-8: MCCAG felt it was useful. Research dollars from utilities may be available.

- CC-10: The scope of obtaining offsets from sectors beyond the utilities was noted. Participants agreed that more definition of the scope and boundaries for such a credit system would help in setting the stage for analysis of this option. Mention was made about the need to coordinate discussion of the offsets with the new Cap and Trade TWG.
8. Next Steps for CC TWG: The next step for the CC TWG will be to draft the text for the balance of sections in the template for each policy option and to prepare the straw proposals for the November 8 MCCAG meeting.
 9. Call to the Public: No comments from the public were received.

Next steps:

10. The next CC TWG call (#8) will be held on **Wednesday, October 24, 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. They will probably include a new conference code.