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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #8
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
October 24, 2007**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
Duke Bascom, Scott Harrison, Sheldon Strom, Jim Turnure (for David Sparby), Greg Jason, J. Drake Hamilton, and Mike Robertson
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):
Mark Sulzbach, Peter Ciborowski, Lisa Herschberger, Bill Sierks
3. Minnesota Department of Commerce:
4. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
Tom Looby, TWG Co-Facilitator
Katie Pasko, CCS Support
5. Other Attendees: Cheryl Miller, Carbon Sequestration Group
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 #7
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the 8th conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Tom Looby called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. The Summary for Call #7 was approved by the TWG without any changes to the document.
3. Dates and Times for Next TWG Calls: The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, 11/27/07 from 2-3:30 pm CST. The current schedule for the following CC calls is for December 12 from 2:00- 3:30 CST.

4. The purposes for this meeting were to: discuss goals for the next MCCAG meeting coming up on November 8, 2007, to confirm edits made to the priority policy options on the last CC TWG call, review new edits offered by members since the last call and to identify next steps to complete work on the priority policy options prior to the next MCCAG meeting.
5. Participants reviewed slide #3 of the power point with the goals for the next MCCAG meeting, which are primarily to approve the policy options for more detailed consideration.
6. Mr. Looby summarized slide # 4 which contained the Policy Options template. He indicated that the TWG needs to complete all of the design elements on the template except for the last three items, which are reserved for the MCCAG. To the extent they can be finished by the November 8 MCCAG meeting then MCCAG can act on them. They need to be finally completed no later than the December MCCAG meeting.
7. Participants then reviewed the “track changes” version of the Policy Options Descriptions document. All edits made on the last call were approved.
8. Two additional proposed edits to the Policy Options document were provided since the last call and were included in the track changes version. Those proposals were addressed as follows:
 - CC-3: State and Local Government Lead by Example. A new proposal was offered to address GHG reductions in the environmental impact and assessment processes. Language from the MT CC TWG was provided for consideration. The key change was to focus the MN proposal on the development of tools and guidelines for how to address GHG quantification and reductions in the pertinent environmental assessment processes. The language will be modified accordingly.
 - CC-10: Facilitate development of an effective Carbon Credit system in MN- Jim Turnure provided a revised version of this policy since the last call that was included in the “track changes” version. Participants reviewed and approved each of the proposed changes. There was further conversation about whether this option should continue to be addressed by the CC TWG or whether the new Cap and Trade TWG should take it up. The CC TWG members preferred to maintain a role in the development of it even if the Cap and Trade TWG wanted to address some aspects of it as well. The MCCAG will probably be asked to provide some guidance on this question.
9. One additional new suggestion was forwarded by David Thornton to the CC TWG. It came from Al Fretchette of Scott County. The proposal was to direct counties to include global warming educational programs as part of their SCORE funding. The CC TWG agreed to add a provision suggesting consideration of this as part of CC-4. CCS will develop the language.
10. The CC TWG then went back through each of the Policy Options to fill in remaining blanks in the templates. Those additions are reflected in the latest “track changes” version of the document. In doing so, they noted that there may be several uncertainties that

apply across multiple policy options and wondered if there might be a way to address such items in a preamble. Examples included: adequacy of resources, responding to new federal requirements, the need for political support and leadership, etc.

11. Next Steps for CC TWG: CCS will update the Policy Options document and get a “track changes” version of it out to CC TWG members by the end of the week. TWG members are asked to review the changes to make sure they have been captured properly and provide any further comments to Tom Looby at CCS by COB Monday, 10/29/07. This version will be posted by the middle of the week for the November 8 MCCAG meeting. Fine tuning of the document, particularly the last several elements of the policy design template, will then need to be completed prior to the December MCCAG meeting.

12. Call to the Public: No comments from the public were received.

Next steps:

13. The next CC TWG call (#9) will be held on **Tuesday, November 27, from 2-3:30 pm CST**. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for the call and send a reminder out several days before the call.