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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #9
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
November 27, 2007**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
Duke Bascom, Staci Bohlen (for Will Anthony), Bill Droessler, Ann Glumac, Bill Heaney, Greg Jason, and Mike Robertson
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):
Lisa Herschberger and Rebecca Walter
3. Minnesota Department of Commerce: None
4. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
Tom Looby, TWG Co-Facilitator
5. Other Attendees: None
6. Public: None

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 #8
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the 9th conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Randy Strait called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. The Summary for Call #8 was approved by the TWG without any changes to the document.
3. Dates and Times for Next TWG Calls: The TWG agreed to change the date and time for the next call to Wednesday, 12/19/07 from 2-3:30 pm CST (replacing the previously scheduled call for Tuesday, 12/12/07 from 2-3:30 pm CST). The TWG scheduled its 11th call for Tuesday, 01/15/08 from 2-3:30 pm CST.

4. The purposes for this meeting were to: discuss goals for the next MCCAG meeting coming up on December 5, 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 to begin the process of review and approval of final MCCAG recommendations.
6. Mr. Strait summarized slide # 4 which contained the Policy Options template. During the call today, the TWG needs to complete all of the design elements on the template, if possible, except for the last three items, which are reserved for the MCCAG.
7. Mr. Strait provided a brief overview of the final report to be prepared at the end of the process. He noted that the Policy Options Descriptions document for each TWG will be included as an appendix to the final report. A separate chapter will be prepared for each TWG to summarize the final decisions of the MCCAG. Each chapter will contain a section on “Key Challenges and Opportunities” that will discuss next steps for implementing the options and identify challenges associated with their implementation (e.g., funding requirements).
8. Participants then reviewed the “track changes” version of the Policy Options Descriptions document. The following summarizes the revisions to the policy options approved by the TWG during the call. The TWG approved all edits to the file incorporating the TWG’s revisions from Call #8 except as noted below. In addition, the TWG agreed to revise text as appropriate to remove the phrase “...the CC TWG recommends...” and “...the TWG recommends...” where these phrases appear in any of the policy options.
 - CC-1. GHG Inventories, Forecasting, Reporting, and Registry: Under “Key Uncertainties,” the TWG agreed to change the third sentence to read “Political leadership to assure adequacy and timeliness of resources to implement this option.” Under “Additional Benefits and Costs,” the TWG agreed to replace the “placeholder” text with “See above.”
 - CC-2. Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets: No changes.
 - CC-3. State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example): Under “Policy Design, Goals,” replace carbon dioxide and CO₂ with GHG where used in the bullets. Replace the parenthetical note “[whom?]” with “IPPAT” and remove “by [date]” where it appears in the bullets. Also, revise the last sentence to read “Additionally, the existing directives of IPPAT and the executive orders listed below should be continued and enhanced. Under “Implementation Mechanisms,” replace CO₂ with GHG.

Under “Additional Benefits and Costs,” replace the text “Not quantifiable at this time” with the following: These recommendations require development of credible guidelines and tools that will result in additional costs to project sponsors and appropriate state and local agencies.

Under “Feasibility Issues,” replace the text “None cited at this time” with the following: It will be important to develop an agreed-upon framework in the beginning to ensure a cost-efficient procedure for collecting data.

- CC-4. Public Education and Outreach: Under “Policy Description, add the following sentence after the third sentence of the paragraph: “Public education and outreach efforts should make the public aware of GHG emissions associated with products produced outside of Minnesota and the United States.”

Under “Policy Design,” change CO₂ to GHG under “Goals” and add the definition of SCORE under “Parties Involved” which is as follows: Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment.

- CC-5. Tax and Cap Policies and CC-11. Create a Market Advisory Group: These two options have been moved to and are being developed by the Cap and Trade TWG. The TWG members agreed that they will provide any comments on these options to the Cap and Trade TWG. The CC TWG members will inform the CCS facilitators if they feel that it is necessary to discuss comments together as a full TWG.
 - CC-7. Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts: Under “Policy Design,” delete “Other”.
 - CC-8. Encourage the Creation of a Business-Oriented Organization to Share Information and Strategies, Recognize successes, and Support Aggressive GHG Reduction Goals: Under “Policy Design,” delete “Other”.
 - CC-9. Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis: Under “Policy Design,” delete “Other: [Insert text as appropriate].” Remove italics from “Not applicable.” where it appears under other elements of the template for this option.
 - CC-10. Facilitate the Development of an Effective Carbon Credit System for MN: No changes.
9. 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 tomorrow. TWG members are asked to review the changes to make sure they have been captured properly and provide any further comments to Tom Looby and Randy Strait at CCS by COB Friday, 11/30/07. Mr. Strait noted that the Policy Options document needs to be posted to the project website by tomorrow to meet the one-week advance posting requirement for the MCCAG meeting. The version that will be posted to the website will have the track edits accepted. CCS will communicate any comments that the TWG provides on the track edits version to the MCCAG members during the MCCAG’s December 5th meeting.
10. Call to the Public: No comments from the public were received.

Next steps:

11. The next CC TWG call (#10) will be held on **Wednesday, December 19, 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.