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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #10  
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)  
December 19, 2007  
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**Attendance:**

1. TWG Members:  
Will Anthony, Duke Bascom, Bill Droessler, Greg Jason, Sheldon Strom, and Nancy Lange.
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):  
David Thornton, Rebecca Walter and Lisa Herschberger.
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):  
Tom Looby, TWG Facilitator  
Linda Schade, TWG Coordinator
4. Other Attendees:

**Agenda:**

- Call to order and roll call
- Review and approval of prior call summary
- Date and time for next TWG meeting
- Review goals for MCCAG Meeting #7- January 10, 2008
- Review and discussion of straw proposals for priority policy options
- Review and discussion of next steps for CC TWG
- Public Comments
- Announcements

**Background documents:**

*(all posted at: [http://www.mnclimatechange.us/Cross\\_Cutting.cfm](http://www.mnclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm))*

- Meeting Notice and Agenda
- Summary of Call #9
- Powerpoint for Teleconference
- Policy Option Descriptions
- Straw Policy Options Descriptions Proposal- Track Changes

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the tenth conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Tom Looby called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call. Tom re-sent comments from Will Anthony to the TWG for further discussion and consideration.
2. Today's biggest task is to get the straw policies approved for consideration at the January 10<sup>th</sup> MCCAG meeting.
3. Summary for Call #9 was approved by the TWG without any changes to the summary.
4. Discussion of the CC Straw Policy Options Review:
  - Most of the discussion today centered on responding to the comments from Will Anthony as reflected in the following notes for each CC Policy Option.
  - CC-1 (GHG Inventories, Forecasting, Reporting, and Registry)-Page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet-drop 3 year cycle for GHG forecasts and replace it with a periodic formulation of the forecast to give PCA more flexibility.
  - CC-1, page 6; Add reference to the MW GHG Reduction Accord to the Policies/Programs in Place section.
  - CC-1, page 7- add provisions addressing the concern for the adequacy of out of state GHG production inventories and the need to avoid double counting of GHG emissions in registries. Also need to be clear when we are talking about the distinction between forecasting and projecting. We should add language to CC-1 feasibility section that PCA will need to address this.
  - CC-1 was approved w/o objections.

CC-2 (GHG Reporting), page 8- Add item to identify that the Governor signed on to the Midwestern GHG Reduction Accord. 'Related Policies/Programs in Place' section.

- Final approval for CC-2 will wait until quantification process is complete and a comparison is made w/ goals in the Next Generation Energy Act.
- CC-3 State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example), Page 12 – Add reference to the Governor signing of the Midwest Governors Accord to Reduce GHGs in the 'Related Policies/Programs in Place' section.
- CC-3, Page 12- Key Uncertainties- Add that PCA will need to determine the scope of application of GHG calculations in the EAW and EIS process. Note that DNR is currently being sued by a citizen for not doing this.
- CC-3 was approved w/o objections.
- CC-4 Public Education and Outreach, page 16: In Feasibility section distinguish between GHG reduction policies and GHG education initiatives. CC-4 was approved w/o objections.
- CC-5 Cap and Trade- Assigned to Cap and Trade TWG.

- CC-7 Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts
- In ‘Related Policies and Programs,’ add: The Governor signed the Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform and the Midwest Governors GHG Reduction Accord.
- CC-7 was approved w/o objections.
  
- CC-8 Encourage the Creation of a Business-Oriented Organization to Share Information and Strategies, Recognize successes, and Support Aggressive GHG Reduction Goals
- Discussion occurred about whether or not to add agriculture. Participants agreed that we should not add agriculture to the list of parties. they chose at this time.
- CC-8 was approved w/o objections.
  
- CC-9. Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis
- CC-9 was approved w/o objections.
  
- CC-10. Facilitate the Development of an Effective Carbon Credit System for MN
- CC-10 was approved w/o objections.
  
- CC-11. Create a Market Advisory Group [taken up by Capt and Trade TWG]

**Discussion:**

Participants of the MN CC TWG that were on the call made a consensus decision that the overall CC TWG straw policy package was ready for MCCAG consideration and approval. One concern raised was about ‘costs to state government’ associated with implementation of the policies, given the discussion of this item at the last MCCAG meeting. There are a number of CC items that may entail costs to state government; they are difficult to quantify. It was agreed to add language on lead page ‘noting that resources will be needed to implement many of the proposed initiatives from the CC TWG

**Next Steps for January call:**

1. Review MCCAG feedback on straw proposals for priority policy options; finalize straw proposals for priority policy options; begin drafting final report appendices for CC options.

2. Review aggregate GHG reductions from all of the TWGs initiatives to assess their success in meeting desired goals. Assess whether we are on target to achieve state goals and targets or if any adjustments need to be considered. Finally, the CC TWG may want to offer suggestions about appropriate ways to address planning and goals for 2050.
3. The next CC TWG call (#11) will be on **Monday, January 15, 2008 from 2-3:30 pm CST.**

**Announcements : None**

**Public Comments: None**