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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #4  
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

January 4, 2007

**Attendance:**

1. TWG Members:
  - Sue Dickenson, D Rep. House District 25
  - Ted Dodge, National Carbon Offset Coalition
  - Mary Fitzpatrick, Self-Employed
  - Gloria Flora, Sustainable Obtainable Solutions
  - Pat Judge, MT Environmental Information Center
  - Chuck McGraw, Natural Resources Defense Council
  - Cheryl Reichert, M.D., Citizens for Clean Energy
2. MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):
  - Jeff Blend
  - Jim Boyer
  - Lou Moore
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
  - Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
4. Other Attendees:
  - None

**Background documents:**

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

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Draft Summary for Call #3
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Draft Catalog of State GHG Reduction Policy Options
5. Draft Policy Option Descriptions

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the fourth conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Randy Strait called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. Dates and times for all remaining TWG meetings: The TWG set the date for the next TWG meeting (see "Next Steps" below) and discussed setting dates for all remaining TWG meetings. Thursday's from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Mountain time works best for the TWG members participating in today's meeting. The date for CCAC Meeting #4 will most likely be March 1; however, this date needs to be

- confirmed. Dates for all remaining TWG meetings will be arranged after the date for CCAC Meeting #4 is confirmed.
3. **Review of Results of CCAC Meeting:** Strait noted that the CCAC provided strong approval of the TWG's recommended priority policy options in the catalog at its December 14, 2006 meeting. In addition, the CCAC recommended the following:
    - Montana State government should consider joining the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) as an option (either under Registries (CC-3) or State's GHG Emissions (CC-7)).

The CC TWG agreed with adding this option to the catalog as a new item 3.2 under Registries (CC-3).
    - Move Climate-Neutral Bonding (CC-7.2) to the RCI TWG for quantification.

The CC TWG agreed with having the RCI TWG quantify the benefits and costs of climate-neutral bonding. This option will remain on the CC TWG catalog with a note indicating that it will be quantified by the RCI TWG.
  4. **Next Steps for the TWG:** The next steps for the TWG are to begin developing straw proposals for the design of policy options using the template provided in the "Draft Policy Option Descriptions" file. Strait emphasized that the red text in the file reflects information developed through other state efforts and is provided by CCS for the TWG to use as a starting point in developing their straw proposals. Strait then answered questions from the TWG concerning development of the straw proposals, and emphasized that the small groups should focus on developing the "design characteristics" for each option.

The TWG agreed to form small groups to work on preparing the straw proposals for each option. During this call, the TWG members noted their preferences for participation on small groups. CCS will provide the TWG members with a Word version of the "Draft Policy Option Descriptions" file and will prepare a table identifying the members that volunteered to participate in the small group for each policy option.
  5. **Goals for next CCAC Meeting #4:** Strait reviewed the TWG's goals for the next CCAC meeting which are to prepare draft straw proposals with emphasis on developing the design characteristics of each option. The purpose is to provide the CCAC with the opportunity to understand and provide comments on the TWGs direction for developing the design characteristics of each option.
  6. **Agenda for Next Call:** The TWG will review small group progress on preparing the straw proposal for each policy option.
  7. **Call to the Public:** There were no public participants.
  8. **Announcements:** None.

**Next steps:**

1. The next CC TWG call (#5) will be **Thursday, February 1, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Mountain time**. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for each call and will send a reminder out several days before each call. CCS will coordinate arrangement of Call #6 as well as all future calls with the TWG members during Call #5.
2. Draft Catalog of State GHG Reduction Policy Options: CCS will revise the draft “Catalog” based on comments received from TWG members during Call #4.
3. Small groups: CCS will notify the full TWG of the small group members that signed up during Call #4 to work on developing straw proposals for each policy option.
4. Draft Policy Option Descriptions: CCS will distribute to TWG members the Word version of the template file containing the “Draft Policy Option Descriptions”. The members of the small groups should use this file as a starting point for developing the design characteristics. Each small group should return their revised template file for the policy option on which they are working to CCS by January 23 to enable CCS to update the full document for posting to the website one week in advance of Call #5.