



MEETING SUMMARY
MONTANA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ENERGY SUPPLY TECHNICAL WORK GROUP (ES TWG)
Call #2, October 25, 2006, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
 - Buck Buchanan, Teacher
 - Bill Drummond, Montana Western G&T
 - Maha Mahasenan (for Bob Green), Rio Tinto Energy America
 - Mary Fitzpatrick, Self-employed
 - Patrick Judge, MT Environmental Information Center
 - Chuck McGraw, Natural Resources Defense Council
 - Will Rosquist (for Bob Raney), MT Public Service Commission
 - Ken Thornton, Citizens for Clean Energy
 - Dave Wheelihan, MT Electric Coop Association
 - Sue Dickenson, State Representative

2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
 - Alison Bailie
 - Michael Lazarus
 - David Von Hippel

3. Montana Department of Environment Quality (MT DEQ) Liaison and Attendees:
 - Jeff Blend
 - Lou Moore
 - Jim Boyer

4. Public Attendees: None

5. Observers: None

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Energy_Supply.cfm)

1. Agenda
2. Summary of ES TWG Call #1, 9/6/06
3. Powerpoint presentation for meeting
4. Catalog of State Climate Mitigation Options
5. Options Description Template

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Call to order and Introduction of TWG members

David Von Hippel officially started the meeting at 10:00am on October 25, 2006 with attendee roll call and introductions of TWG members and other attendees.

2. Review of Call Summary

It was noted that during Call #1, information regarding the existing legislation and regulations, particularly for option 1.1. (renewable portfolio standard), be provided to TWG members. Alison Bailie noted that information on Montana's RPS is available in the Inventory and Forecast document.

3. Review of Montana GHG Inventory and Reference Case Projections 1990-2020

Alison Bailie provided an update of work-in-progress on the Montana GHG Inventory and Reference Case Projections, noting in particular the ongoing collection of data for the "contract path" method of estimating consumption-based GHG emissions from electricity generation, and the development of estimates for projections under a "High Fossil Fuel Production" case. TWG members suggested organizations to contact that might have information relevant to oil and gas-sector forecasts.

The data request to the utilities has been circulated to the TWG for their review.

4. Review and discussion of catalog of potential state actions

David Von Hippel described the process for the consideration of policy options by the TWG, and specifically, the procedure for identifying high priorities for further elaboration and analysis of options.

Michael Lazarus led the TWG in a review the catalog with an eye towards better definition of items and consolidation where possible. The additions and suggestions, including several suggestions for consolidation of options (particularly in sections ES-2, ES-3, and ES-6), are noted in the revised catalog, which will be posted separately.

Given the limited time left at the end of the meeting, and the pending revisions to the fossil fuel forecast (per above), it was agreed to postpone consideration (and balloting) for the fossil fuel options (ES-8).

5. Call to the public and Announcements

There was no public input to this meeting and no additional announcements

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will compile the input provided by TWG members during the call and update the catalog of options to reflect the changes, including "consolidation" of some options.
2. CCS will provide a "ballot" to TWG members for their use in helping determine which options to designate as high priority for further elaboration and analysis. TWG members

will apply 10 “votes” to the list of options, CCS will compile the votes of members, and the results of the balloting will be discussed at the next TWG meeting.

3. CCS will circulate the draft data request to electric utilities (per above).
4. CCS will provide information regarding existing legislation and regulations, particularly for option 1.1. (renewable portfolio standard).
5. The next Teleconference Meeting of the Energy Supply Technical Working group has been tentatively scheduled for 10 AM to 11:30 AM or 12:00 PM on Thursday, November 16th. (The possibility of a 9 AM start will be explored). The CCS facilitators will send out e-mail confirming the date and time by the first week in November. The main agenda items for meeting #3 will be the review of the initial balloting by the TWG and the identification of high-priority options for recommendation to the CCAC for elaboration and analysis.
6. The next CCAC Meeting is scheduled to be on December 14, 2006.