

COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee

Wednesday January 25, 2012

9:45 am – 12:00 am**

COG Board Room, 3RD Floor

Conference call number: 1 (866) 962-5317, Passcode: 3358

****Lunch will be provided for members and official alternates**

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9:45 am

1. **Call to Order/Introductions/Chair Remarks**
-Hon. Jay Fiset, Chair

9:50

2. **Approval of Meeting Summary for Nov. 16, 2011 and Amendments to the Agenda – Chair Fiset**

Recommended action: Approve 11/16/11 Meeting Summary.

9:55

3. **Regional Collaborative Procurement of Solar Energy Solutions**

COG members and other stakeholders in the region are actively working with the US EPA Green Power Partnership on a collaborative effort to procure solar PV. Over 170 sites were screened with 80 potential locations for a total energy capacity of nearly 45MW evaluated in preparation for release of a strategically bundled Request for Proposal. The next step is the review of agency-specific feasibility studies in preparation for the release of an RFP for the identified sites.

- o *Blaine Collison, Program Director, EPA's Green Power Partnership*
- o *Ben Foster, Optony*

Recommended action:

Identify and address issues posing potential obstacles for some members to proceed with the collaborative effort. Endorse issuance of a collaborative RFP.

10:15

4. **Renewable Energy Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion on renewable energy programs and policies. How can utility renewable energy programs assist members achieve regional Climate and Energy Action Plan targets?

- o *David Shuford, Vice President, Alternative Energy Business, Dominion Virginia Power*
- o *Ray Bourland, Director and Counsel for Public Policy, Pepco Holdings, Inc.*
- o *Ivy Main, Vice Chair, Virginia Chapter, Sierra Club*

- o **Recommended action:** Receive briefing on renewable energy programs and policies in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

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- 11:15** **5. Federal and State Legislative Initiatives for 2012**
Overview of state and federal legislative initiatives for 2012. Include overview of the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs) as they relate to advancing CEEPC Climate and Energy Action Plan goals. COG Board Issue Briefs will also be presented.
- Jim Barrett, Chief Economist, Clean Economy Development Center
 - Jeff King, MWCOG/DEP
- Recommended action:*** *Receive briefing on federal and state legislative priorities. Consider request to advocacy subcommittee for recommended action on identified bills of interest.*
- 11:30** **6. Projects and Subcommittee Updates**
- **Reports/Announcements:**
 - **Workgroup Updates**
 - **Annual Progress Report (Maia Davis)**
 - **Responsible Purchasing Network Regional Membership (Maia Davis)**
 - **Outreach Campaign Update (Maia Davis)**
 - **Electric Vehicle Work Groups (Joan Rohlfs)**
 - **District Energy/McGuire Woods Update (Steve Walz/Jeff King)**
 - **Tree Canopy Workgroup (Jeff King/Brian Lecouteur)**
 - **Workshops Scheduled (EPA Portfolio Manager Training, Energy Leadership Symposium, Adaptation)**
- 12:00** **7. Adjourn – Chair Fisette**
Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 9:30 am – 11:30am
(note: meeting ends early because MWAQC meets at noon)



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