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**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
March 15, 2007 9 am to 9:30am  
Teleconference**

**Present:**

Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Tom Biesiadny, Fairfax County DOT  
Randy Carroll, Maryland Department of Environment  
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of Environment  
Maurice Keys, District Department of Transportation  
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Pam Parker, Montgomery County DEP  
Howard Simons, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Ram Tangirala, District Department of Environment  
Flint Webb, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

**Staff:**

Jeff King, COG/DEP  
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Nick Ramfos, MWCOG, Commuter Connections  
Joan Rohlfs, COG/DEP

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Tangirala called the meeting to order at 9 am. He said the purpose of the conference call is to discuss the addition of three items to the Weight of Evidence in the SIP. The three items for discussion are the High Electricity Demand Day (HEDD) proposal, the Code Red/Code Orange Telework proposal, and seven chapters summarizing research done by the University of Maryland Meteorology Department.

COG staff sent proposed language describing the HEDD proposal and the telework proposal and the University of Maryland research to TAC members. Mr. Tangirala suggested discussing the items in the following order: HEDD first, UMD research second, and Telework write-up last.

**2. HEDD Proposal Description for WOE**

Flint Webb suggested adding an “s” to turbine. Regarding the seventh sentence in the second paragraph, he suggested adding a sentence defining combustion turbines. Secondly, Mr. Webb said that it was clear in an earlier version that MDE had signed the OTC MOU for HEDD proposal, but that Virginia and the District had not signed. He asked for clarification of Virginia and the District’s position.

Brian Hug added that the 23.5 tpd of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction from HEDD is a state-wide reduction figure and would not be the amount of reduction for the Washington

nonattainment portion of Maryland. Ram Tangirala suggested that the wording be changed to “state-wide” reduction in Maryland. Everyone on the call agreed with the suggestion and to include the language as revised in the SIP WOE chapter.

### **3. University of Maryland WOE Research**

Ms. Rohlf said that the TAC members contacted were all in favor of including the University of Maryland research in the Weight of Evidence appendices. It was agreed that over the next two months the Technical Advisory Committee would review summaries of the University of Maryland research to be included in the SIP Weight of Evidence Chapter 10. Everyone on the call agreed with this approach.

### **4. Teleworking Write-up**

Brian Hug said it is very important to MDE that the teleworking initiative be included in the SIP’s WOE chapter. It is going to be included in the Baltimore SIP as weight of evidence. Howard Simons favored including the measure, but questioned the high assumption of 40% reduction in VMT as being unrealistic. Pam Parker supported including the measure in the SIP. Ms. Rohlf said that Clean Air Partners is applying for a SEP grant in Virginia to fund the program for FY 2008. VDOT and VDEQ agreed to include the program in the WOE. Maurice Keys said the District doesn’t participate in Commuter Connections’ teleworking program and won’t participate in the Clean Air Partners’ teleworking initiative, but he did not object to its being included in the SIP WOE. Tom Ballou said the 40% reduction in VMT isn’t used in the attainment demonstration.

Ram Tangirala directed attention to three options for describing the program, a COG staff option, an MDE option and a DC option. Brian Hug said that MDE supports using the DC language (“Option C”), because the District language shows there will be benefits. There’s no need to add numbers at this point. The others on the call expressed agreement with using Option C.

Nick Ramfos said Commuter Connections is taking credit for its teleworking program. His concern is that Commuter Connections will have to work closely with Clean Air Partners on the program.

### **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the call was concluded at 9:30 am.