

Energy Advisory Committee
Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC

January 17, 2012 DRAFT Meeting Highlights
Meeting held at Pepco Headquarters

Attendance:

Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County
Claude Willis, Greater Washington Regional Clean Cities Coalition
Bill Updike, District Department of the Environment
Sarah Cosby, Dominion
Steve Rosenstock, Edison Electric Institute
Susan Hafeli, Fairfax County
Steve Sinclair, Fairfax County
Barbara Gonzalez, Pepco
Wes McNealy, Pepco
Deepa Jonnagadla, Pepco
Dale Medearis, Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Steve Walz, Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Kathy Magruder, Maryland Clean Energy Center
Scott Pomeroy, Downtown BID
Dr. Samuel Hancock, Emerald Planet
Erica Bannerman, City of Alexandria
Khoa Tran, City of Alexandria
Luis MacDonald, Autoflex, Inc.
Daniel MacDonald, Autoflex, Inc.
Vernon Wade, Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce
Chad Sardashti, EPA Green Power Partnership Program
Cary Hinton, DC PSC
Craig Berry, DC PSC
Lonnie Richmond, MDE
Dyan Backe, City of Gaithersburg
Said Said, Prince William County
Howard Ways, UDC
Ben Foster, Optony (telconference)
James Barrett, Clean Economy Development Center (teleconference)

Staff

Jeff King, COG DEP

Joan Rohlf, COG DEP

Stuart Freudberg, COG DEP

Call to Order (Jeff King)

- The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm.

Approval of December 15, 2011 Meeting Summary

- No action was taken on the December 15th Meeting Summary. Action deferred.

Collaborative Solar Procurement

- 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.

Dominion Renewable Energy Programs

- In addition to its existing efforts on renewable energy, Dominion has proposed new renewable energy programs to the SCC. Program implementation will commence upon SCC approval. Three main programs will include a large commercial solar deployment initiative, a pilot on strategic siting of solar to address grid congestion and better understand system impacts, and a special solar tariff. Four systems will be installed in community settings. The new solar tariff will be an alternative to net metering and will be impacted by level of subscribers willing to participate.
- Dominion effort to site new wind generation is meeting with some local opposition.
- Dominion is getting federal assistance on offshore wind development.

QECBs

- James Barrett provided an overview of the issues of concern related to Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs). QECBs are a very low cost way to finance energy projects; however, most of the funding allocated to the program remains untapped. There is an effort underway to try to get the Executive Branch/IRS to issue clarifying guidance to remove some uncertainties and barriers that may be preventing more widespread use of QECBs. The main issues are requirements for a 20% reduction in energy and definition of green community programs. There is also interest in trying to consolidate funding between different communities.

CEEPC Progress Report

- COG staff are circulating the annual survey to collect information needed to complete the CEEPC progress report.

State Legislative Priorities

- COG staff referred members to legislative priorities document in the handouts. COG will be working to track legislation and may prepare comment letters through the CEEPC Advocacy Committee.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.
- Next meeting to be scheduled in February.