



**MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL
Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group (TWG)**

Call #2

January 29, 2008

2:00- 3:30 pm EST

Attendance of CCI TWG Members:

Julie Baldwin (Michigan Public Service Commission, Department of Labor and Economic Growth), Dr. Rosina Bierbaum, and Duncan Callaway (UM), Ted Bishop (NTH Consultants), Dr. Dwight Brady (NMU), Steve Chester (Department of Environmental Quality), Norman Christopher (Grand Valley State University), Karen Cooper-Boyer (Denso Manufacturing), Jim Lancaster (Miller Canfield), Zoe Lipman (National Wildlife Fund), Dennis Muchmore and Amy Spray (MUCC), Todd Parker (Delta Institute), Mike Peters (Michigan Electric Coop Association), Rick Plewa (Comerica Bank), Lana Pollack Michigan Environmental Council, Sally Wallace (MPSC), Rich Wells (Dow Chemical). TWG member David Holtz (Clean Water Action) attempted to join but due to a technical problem with the conference line wasn't able to get on.

Public Participants

John Brie, Dusty Fancher (LS Power), Bruce Goodman (Varnum Riddering), Jerry Howell (Howell Group), Tom Paxton, Louis Pocalujka (CMS for Skiles Boyd), Alice Power, (and Dusty Bantor (Midwest Strategy Group), Greg Ryan (GTE Energy).

State Agency Participants

Mike Beaulac Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
JoAnn Merrick Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Sarah Popp Michigan Governor's Office

Center for Climate Strategies

Tom Looby and Linda Schade

Background Documents

Fill in the list of the materials provided for the call on the web site.

Approval of Prior Call Summary

The Summary of CCI TWG Call #1 Summary was approved with the following changes: Edit Lana Pollack is with the Michigan Environmental Council, not the MDEQ. Correct other typo i.e. Greg Ryan, not Ryanson.

Power Point Presentation

Using the Power point presentation, CCS facilitator Tom Looby reviewed a number of elements of the MCAC process, These included the role of the TWGs and goals for MCAC Meeting #2.

Development of the MI CCI TWG Catalog of States' Actions

The following suggested edits to the CCI Catalog were discussed.

CC-1, 2, 3: Need to note the importance of integrating these 3 options.

CC-1.1. Note that Air emissions inventory is already done on regulated sources and is distinct from GHG emissions.

CC-2.

Has there been discussion of involving students to get more hands on deck to handle the workload for reporting? Calvin College and we are already involving students. Good to include it.

CC-2.2 SOA was clarified as meaning: Service Oriented Architecture.

CC-3.1. Edit note to '39' from current '30'.

Discussion: For 3 - Climate Registry has its own requirements for reporting? Are they using statewide or source wide requirements? Need to integrate requirements for different systems

CC-5 A suggestion was made to add a sub-option addressing GHG reductions from colleges and universities. Sarah Popp will e-mail in proposed language.

CC-6 It was noted on item 6.1 that 20 MI cities have signed on as part of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. A suggestion was agreed upon to add a sub-item to encourage additional municipalities to sign on.

Add policy 6.2: Develop incentives to promote local and regional government cooperation in reducing GHG emissions.

It was agreed to include in a new sub-item 6.3 to create financial incentives for developers who are willing to develop LEED standard buildings.

Tom Looby explained that polices that can be quantified are typically assigned to TWGs other than Cross Cutting Issues, which does not quantify its options.

New CC-7.7. A question was raised about outreach and education with Tribes and it was agreed to add new option 7.7- Outreach to tribal organizations. LSO add this critical point to 7.2 parenthetical

ALSO NOTE: Outreach is needed to have tribal representation on MCAC.

Canadian governments are perhaps another audience – perhaps we should add ‘foreign governments’ along with tribal governments. Not agreed to at this time.

CC-8. A member had submitted some alternative language for CC-8 that was reviewed by the call participants. The TWG agreed to return to ‘Tax and Trade’ as the title of Option 8.

CC-8.1. List carbon credits, rebates and/or taxes as examples

CC-8.3 STRIKE

CC-8.5 and 8.6 RETAIN

CC-8.10 Add: Ensure consistency and integration of policies as needed as part of 8.10. Add note re: ‘including aligning w/ federal policies’.

CC-9.1 Add language on assessing fiscal needs.

CC-9.2 Maximizing opportunities to seek and gain access to federal funds.

CC-9.3 Add a sub-item 9.3 to promote public- private partnerships to develop financing mechanisms.

The TWG ran out of time on the call but the group agreed to present CC-10 to CC-16 in concept though not in detail to MCAC. The TWG gave Lana Pollack and Zoe Lipman the go ahead to offer some edits to several of the remaining options along w/ option 8 and a potential new option 17.

Discussion of Options for State GHG Reduction Goals and Targets

Tom Looby reviewed several power point slides about how other states have set goals and targets in terms of short, medium and long term reduction targets and years.

TWG members were encouraged to think about a baseline year and what target years they think the MCAC should consider recommending for Michigan.

A member asked if there was information about GHG reduction goals for Illinois, Wisconsin and other nearby states. CCS will explore it.

Agenda, Date, and Time for Next Meetings

The TWG agreed to a series of meetings from 11:00 am- 12:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month including March 5, April 2 (set on a prior call) and May 7, June 4, July 2, and August 6, 2008.

No public comments were offered and no announcements made.