

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Washington Climate Advisory Team (CAT)**  
**Residential, Commercial and Industrial Sector Technical Work Group (RCI TWG)**  
Call #3, June 18, 2007, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:

Ash Awad	McKinstry Energy
Anthony Chavez	Weyerhaeuser (with Sara Kendall)
Chris Elwel	Building Construction Trades Council (BCTC), Seattle
Bert Gregory	Mithun Architects
Nancy Hirsh	NW Energy Coalition (for Danielle Dixon)
Sara Kendall	Weyerhaeuser
Mo McBroom	WA Environmental Council
Wayne Wright	Chelan PUD (for Rich Riazzi)
Mike Rousseau	Alcoa
Cal Shirley	Puget Sound Energy
Jim Thomas	Washington State Catholic Conference (for Sharon Park)
  
2. Facilitation team (Center for Climate Strategies):

David Von Hippel
Michael Lazarus
Carrie Lee
  
3. Washington State Agency (ECY/CTED) liaison and attendees:

Tim Stearns
Heida Adelsman
Spencer Reeder

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat\\_twg\\_rci.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_rci.htm))

1. Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentation (including agenda) for meeting
3. Revised Catalog of State Actions
4. Revised Descriptions of Catalog Items
5. Policy Option Template
6. Priorities for Analysis – Initial Voting Results
7. Summary of RCI Call #2

**Discussion items and key issues:**

1. The meeting started with a roll call of participants and a presentation of the agenda for the meeting.
2. The facilitation team asked for TWG comments on the Summary of TWG Call #2, as posted on the RCI web page. The TWG had no comments on the Summary, and the Summary was accepted.
3. The facilitation team provided a report on the June 5 CAT meeting noting the discussion and approval of the RCI catalog by CAT members. Michael provided an update of WA's participation in the Western Climate Initiative and the upcoming seminar series on market based mechanisms. Michael then reviewed the process of presenting the list of high priority RCI policy options and proposals at the next CAT meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. The facilitation team reviewed the TWG voting results of the RCI policy options and led a discussion to identify the high priority policy options for analysis.

Discussion points included:

- General agreement among TWG members that the following 7 RCI policy options, which received more than 5 votes, should be the highest priority options for analysis:
  - 1.2 DSM, Energy Efficiency Programs, Funds, or Goals for Natural Gas,
  - 1.3 Business Energy Tax Credit
  - 2.2 Promotion and Incentives for Improved Design and Construction
  - 2.6 Energy Efficiency Improvement in Existing Buildings, with Emphasis on Building Operations
  - 5.3 Rate Structures and Technologies to Promote Reduced GHG Emissions
  - 6.1 Provide Incentives to Promote and Reduction of Barriers to Implementation of Renewable Energy Systems
  - 6.2 Provide Incentives and Resources to Promote and Reduction of Barrier to Implementation of Combined Heat and Power and Waste Heat
- TWG members reviewed each of the 9 RCI policy options that received moderate support and agreed on the following recommendations.
  - 4.1 Consumer Education Programs: TWG members discussed the potential to combine this option with 8.2 (Labeling of Embodied Life-cycle Energy and Carbon Content of Products and Buildings) and recommended that the CAT address education as a cross-cutting issue.
  - 7.7 Identify GHG Emissions Impacts and Measures to Avoid, Minimize, or Mitigate them for Projects Requiring Government Review: TWG members agreed to combine this policy option with 7.8 (Identify GHG Emissions Impacts and Measures to Avoid, Minimize, or Mitigate them in Designing Rules and Regulations) and recommend it as a high priority option for analysis.

- 1.5 Private/Public Efficiency Funds: TWG members agreed to combine this policy option with 1.3 (Business Energy Tax Credit) as part of a broader financial incentives policy option.
  - 1.6 Appliance/Equipment/Building/Water Performance Requirements Linked to Property Sales (and Rental): TWG members voiced strong interest and concerns about implementation of this policy option. This option will remain on the RCI catalog but not be given a high priority for analysis at this time.
  - 2.4 Support for Energy Efficiency Communities Planning, "Smart Growth": TWG members agreed to combine this option with 2.2 (Promotion and Incentives for Improved Design and Construction) as a high priority option for analysis.
  - 3.1 More Stringent Appliance/Equipment/Lighting Efficiency Standards: TWG members agreed to combine this option with 8.1 (Appliance and Lighting Product Recycling and Design) and selected the combination as a high priority for analysis.
  - 5.2 Net-metering for Distributed Generation and Combined Heat and Power: TWG members agreed to combine this option with 6.2 (Provide Incentives and Resources to Promote and Reduction of Barrier to Implementation of Combined Heat and Power and Waste Heat) as a high priority option for analysis.
  - 6.4 Smart Electrical Grid: The facilitation team noted this option will be evaluated by ES TWG. A TWG member of both ES and RCI agreed to serve as a link for RCI on this policy option.
  - 7.4 Policies and/or Programs Specifically Targeting Non-energy GHG Emissions: TWG members agreed to give this policy option high priority for analysis.
5. The facilitation team asked TWG members to volunteer to work in small groups and provide input on the policy option description and design elements for the high priority options. The facilitation team will ask TWG members who missed the call to volunteer to work on the policy option descriptions.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. CCS will generate a Summary of Options with High Priority for Analysis to reflect the discussion in the TWG meeting.
  2. CCS will provisionally place relevant text and comments from the existing Catalog, Summary Descriptions, and priority voting compilation into Option Templates for each of the high priority options.
  3. Staff from Ecology and CTED will provide draft input for "Related Policies/Programs in Place".
  4. TWG members, using the "RCI Policy Option Template", will work in small groups to provide input on the option description and design elements for the high priority options.
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5. Drafted policy option proposals will be reviewed by TWG members at the next meeting in preparation for August 7 CAT meeting.

**Next meeting:**

The next RCI TWG meeting is set for Wednesday, July 25, 2007, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.  
The next CAT meeting is set for Tuesday, August 7, in Seatac, WA.