

MEETING SUMMARY
Washington Climate Advisory Team (CAT)
Residential, Commercial and Industrial Sector Technical Work Group (RCI TWG)
Call #6, September 25, 2007, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:

Aaron Adelstein	King and Snohomish Master Builders
Ash Awad	McKinstry Energy
Amanda Eichel	City of Seattle
Bert Gregory	Mithun Architects
Kim Drury	NW Energy Coalition
Greg Carrington	Chelan PUD (for Rich Riazzi)
Bob Stolarski	Puget Sound Energy (for Cal Shirley)

2. Facilitation team (Center for Climate Strategies):

David Von Hippel
Michael Lazarus
Carrie Lee

3. Washington State Agency (ECY/CTED) liaison and attendees:

Hedia Adelman

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_rci.htm)

1. Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentation (including agenda) for meeting
3. Draft Priority Options Description
4. Summary of RCI Call #5

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 #5, 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 an update on the Sept 7 CAT meeting and an overview of next steps for the CAT. At the Oct. 4 CAT meeting, the CAT will review policy options that have initial quantification completed; remaining policy options will be reviewed by the CAT at the Nov. 15-16th meeting. The final CAT meeting will take place on Dec. 4th.

4. The facilitation team provided an overview of the methodology for quantification of the GHG impacts and costs of the policy options. The facilitation team led a discussion of initial quantification results for RCI policy options 1 and 5, as well as of feedback on the policy option text provided by CAT members during the Sept. 7 meeting, focusing on options RCI-1, RCI-2, RCI-5, and RCI-8. The primary goals of the discussion were to prepare this initial subset of policy options for full CAT review at the Oct 4 CAT meeting and identify tasks to complete quantification of remaining policy options.

Discussion points included:

RCI-1:

- TWG members approved recommendation from the CAT to expand the scope of the option to include residential, commercial, and industrial customers.
- TWG members expressed the need to clarify option description text to state that this option assumes electricity DSM programs are accounted for by I-937, and as a result, this option will focus only on natural gas and fuel oil DSM programs.
- The facilitation team will work with TWG members to refine the data values and sources for quantification of this option.

RCI-2:

- TWG members identified the following revisions to the policy option text:
 - Emphasize and incorporate the potential use of sales tax incentives in the policy option text as a means to promote this option in addition to a B&O tax.
 - Clarify policy option text to emphasize that this option refers to both retrofits and new construction.
 - Clarify policy option text to emphasize the link between this option and RCI-3/RCI-4. TWG members want to be sure it is clear to the CAT that these options can result in cost savings, and note the importance of the financing measures in RCI-2 in bringing about the savings in other RCI options.

RCI-3 (This option was covered only briefly in TWG discussions):

- TWG members agreed to expand this option to include public buildings that are not already covered under the state green buildings standard (i.e., local government buildings).
- TWG members expressed interest in incorporating energy code evaluation, revisions, and updates into this option, in addition to adding features designed to spur better compliance with building energy codes

RCI-5:

- TWG members agreed with CAT feedback to expand the scope of this option to include all residential, commercial, and industrial customers.
- TWG members agreed to have the policy design include the use of a smart meter pilot project.

- DOE staff volunteered to provide additional information regarding pilot decoupling programs in WA.

RCI-8:

- A TWG member volunteered to provide additional text regarding current green building certification programs being developed for builders and real estate brokers
 - TWG members recommended including text in the policy option that emphasizes implementation mechanisms which are aimed at revising licenser laws.
 - TWG members agreed that text regarding carbon labeling be clarified to state that any program implemented would have to be a certified program. As well, a pilot program should be developed to ensure customers are responsive to the carbon labeling program. TWG members suggested that this may be a topic for discussion as part of the WCI process.
5. TWG members approved the following policy options for full review by the CAT at the Oct 4 meeting: RCI-1, RCI-2, RCI-5, and RCI-8.
 6. CCS will provide the TWG with further information identifying the tasks and data sources needed for completion/quantification of the remaining RCI options.

Next steps and agreements:

1. The facilitation team will generate a revised policy options document reflecting the discussions during the TWG meeting, for review by CAT members. The draft document will be sent to TWG members for their review and input prior to the Oct 4 CAT meeting.
2. The facilitation team will identify a list of elements of all of the RCI options that need additional work and input from TWG members.
3. Following the October 4 CAT meeting, the CCS team will continue quantification of the remaining policy options as applicable, seeking input from TWG members on these options.

Next meeting:

The next TWG meeting is set for Wednesday, October 17 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. In order to accommodate for the revised CAT meeting schedule, the November TWG meeting has been rescheduled to November 19th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.