

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group
July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - Emily Grubert, Individual
 - Luce Hillman, University of Vermont
 - Ken Jones, Individual
 - Michelle Keller, Fraktalas Energy
 - Casey Lamont, Burlington Electric Department
 - Sam Lehr, Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas
 - Emily Levin, Northeast States Coordinated Air Use Management
 - TJ Poor, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - Jared Ulmer, Vermont Department of Health
 - Floyd Vergara, Clean Fuels Alliance America
 - Rick Weston, Individual
 - Patrick Wood, Ag Methane Advisors
 - Brian Woods, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
- Facilitator
 - Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- Participating Vermont Public Utility Commission staff
 - Deirdre Morris

Welcome & Review of agenda [Time Stamp 0:00:00]

- Initiate recording

[Review and approval of 7/11/24 minutes](#)

[Matt Cota moved to approve the 7/11/24 meeting minutes. Rick Weston abstained. All were in favor; none opposed. The motion was approved at 9:35 a.m.]

Updates from the PUC [Time Stamp 0:02:50]

Potential Study (report to be shared in advance) [Time Stamp 0:09:20]

- TAG Q&A

[See presentation in the meeting materials and full discussion in the recording. There is an opportunity for comments through next Wednesday, 7/31. Please send comments to PSD.cleanheat@vermont.gov.]

Break

Potential Study (continued)

- TAG Q&A

Public Comments [Time Stamp 2:30:00]

[Comments included: concerns about the emissions factor being used for wood; Vermont Climate Council's plan adjusted the RCI sector's proportional emission reductions – they set 2018 (not 1990) as the reference year for determining sectoral responsibility. That amounts to a 29% reduction in emissions relative to 1990 by 2030 rather than a 40% reduction (and 76% reduction by 2050 rather than 80% relative to 1990 levels); concerns about public access to the feedback on the presentation going to DPS (DPS will aggregate and post on their website or in ePUC); A question about how the workforce element was being factored into the potential study (forthcoming in the next draft); question about how the total program cost would look on a per gallon basis.]

Reconciliation between target and lifecycle emissions of CH measures (shared in advance) [Time Stamp 2:50:17]

- Q&A & next steps

[TAG members should review the memo and send any observations or questions to Ken, which he will use to prepare a presentation on this topic. The intent was to look at LCA vs. inventory, not to identify CI scores or emissions reduction amounts.]

Other outstanding Issues for TAG consideration [Time Stamp 2:52:00]

- Pacing straw proposal “other considerations”

[No documentation to provide the group or PUC with at this time, information is not available.]

- Current year Vs prior year data to establish obligation of delivered fuel

[Preferred to wait to discuss this item until after an expected Monday filing.]

- Double counting

[Rick will raise this topic next time.]

Equity Advisory Group Report [Time Stamp 2:54:00]

[Mia, EAG Chair, analyzed what is known about the VT housing stock (this will be shared with TAG); Part II discussion about renters and rental property owners; Initial discussion around minorities, Vermonters of color, and Indigenous populations.]

Review of TAG tasks and schedule

- What progress have we made?
- Legislative changes added to schedule

[Did not reach this agenda item]

Other Matters [did not reach this agenda item]

- Agenda topics for next meeting – Thurs., August 8, 9:30 – 12:30

[Did not reach this agenda item]

Close

[Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.]

Meeting Recording will be posted here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLm7FHMU9GY9R_zhQEp6UJf8imn92o7Srd