

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group
Thursday, 23 January 2025, 9:30am-10:30pm ET

Attendees:

Rick Weston, Chair
Emily Levin, NESCAUM and vice-chair
Michelle Keller – Fraktalas Energy
Floyd Vergara - Clean Fuels
Ken Jones, Individual
Luce Hillman - University of Vermont
Sam Lehr – Molecule Group
Emily Roscoe - Efficiency Vermont
Brian Woods - VT Agency of Natural Resources
Emily Grubert - Notre Dame

Facilitator

Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

Participating Vermont Public Utility Commission staff

Thomas Knauer
Dominic Gatti, fellow

Participating Members of the Public

Nick Persampieri

Welcome & Review of agenda [Time Stamp 0:05]

Review and approval of 01/09/25 minutes

Michelle Keller moved to approve the 1/9 minutes with a change to correct Ken Jones' comment on purpose-grown tress. The motion was approved by voice vote at 9:34 am.

Updates from the PUC and legislative hearing on 1/16 [Time Stamp 3:30]

PUC Report issued 1/15/25

- *Recap of PUC efforts and public outreach, economic modelling, discussion of challenges of the CHS and alternatives*
- *Ed McNamara testified to legislature 1/16/25; Yet to be seen if legislature is interested in getting into the real meat of the rule*
- *TAG not needed to meet at this time , unless the legislature proposes to adopt the CHS*

Status of CHS and TAG's role going forward [Time Stamp 10:30]

- *Rick W – appears to be “suspended animation” for the TAG*
- *Strong foundation to build for any kind of thermal program in the future*
- *Thanks to chair, vice chair and facilitator by several members*
- *Emily L– legislative hearing update?*
- *Rick W– not a lot of questions by legislature, all new faces leading the committees; Rick spoke as citizen about possible amendments to Act 18; Message: “don’t not do anything”*
- *One member asked what will happen if legislature doesn’t approve it?*
- *EAG continues to exist until the program begins.*
- *Legislative committee chair made clear this was not the time to opine about the CHS’s future*
- *Emily L– the solutions being identified by PUC have been on the table for more than 10 yrs, but have not gotten any traction.*
- *Rick W agreed to keep the TAG informed of any legislative action or planned hearings.*

Public Comment [Time Stamp 31:15]

- *Nick Persampieri – Thanks and do we have access to all TAG memos, Emily would like them linked to the TAG website*

Gratitudes [Time Stamp 34:50]

Adjourn [Time Stamp 37:11]