

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group
June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - Emily Grubert, University of Notre Dame
 - Luce Hillman, University of Vermont
 - Ken Jones, Individual
 - Michelle Keller, Fraktalas Energy
 - Casey Lamont, Burlington Electric Department
 - 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 members of the Vermont Public Utility Commission
 - Tom Knauer

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

- Initiate recording
- Review and approval of 6/13/24 minutes
- Introduce Emily Grubert, new TAG member

[Brian Woods moved to approve the 6/13/24 meeting minutes. None opposed. Minutes approved at 9:34 am.]

Updates from the PUC [Time Stemp 0:05:00]

[TAG vacancy filled; Proposed meeting agenda items for the remainder of the year; Opinion Dynamics “early measure characterizations” expected tomorrow; Bioenergy questions have been forwarded to Opinion Dynamics.]

Bioenergy Subgroup Report (memo provided in advance) [Time Stamp 0:29:20]

- Discussion and next steps

[Opinion Dynamics is reviewing the subgroup’s questions, will report on which are questions are answerable now and which require additional time or are dependent on running the model.]

[Volunteers for “early win” measure characterization review subgroup: Rick (Lead), Ken, Patrick, Matthew Bakerpoole (for DPS), Floyd, Emily Roscoe, Casey, Emily Grubert. Facilitator will schedule meeting of subgroup the week of July 8 to prepare questions or comments in advance of 7/11 TAG meeting.]

<p>Life cycle accounting methodology¹ (review OD presentation from 6/13) Identify any remaining questions or objections to Opinion Dynamics’ proposed approach</p> <p><i>[Several additional questions were raised in addition to those submitted by the Bioenergy Subgroup. The facilitator will compile them and forward to PUC staff following the meeting.]</i></p>
<p>Break <i>[Recording ends here due to user error]</i></p>
<p>Pacing Subgroup Recommendations (Memo shared in advance with PUC straw proposal) [Discussion not recorded]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and DECISION <p><i>[Motion to approve the subgroup’s written recommendation as amended during the meeting was passed with 10 in favor, 1 abstention and 0 opposed. Chair to forward document to PUC.]</i></p>
<p>Equity Advisory Group Report [Discussion not recorded]</p> <p><i>[EAG has focused on the low-income fuel assistance program to ensure this population can access clean heat measures.]</i></p>
<p>Public Comments [Discussion not recorded]</p> <p><i>[Comment was posed about how the emissions factor for wood would be counted.]</i></p>
<p>Other Matters [Discussion not recorded]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda topics for next meeting – Thurs., July 11, 9:30 – 12:30 <p><i>[Request to add to future meeting agendas:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pacing straw proposal “other considerations”</i> • <i>Reconciliation between target and lifecycle emissions of CH measures</i> • <i>Current year Vs prior year data to establish obligation of delivered fuel</i>
<p>Close</p>

Recording of meeting here²: <https://youtu.be/WILSkVhFVmQ>

¹ Related to TAG task in § 8128(a)(1): establishing and revising the lifecycle carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions accounting methodology to be used to determine each obligated party’s annual requirement pursuant to subdivision 8124(a)(2) of this chapter.

² Recording incomplete. Agendas items covered after the break were not recorded.