

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group
July 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - Emily Grubert, Individual
 - 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
 - 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 6/27/24 minutes

[There was a request that the minutes be amended to include details about the public comment. With that addition, a motion to approve the minutes was put forth, all were in favor, Emily Levin abstained, and none were opposed. The motion was approved at 9:41 a.m.]

Updates from the PUC [Time Stamp 0:07:40]

[PUC staff straw proposal on credit fulfillment plans and criteria, non-compliance and the waiver process was issued in ePUC yesterday – proposal is not in the scope of TAG work. If commenting as an individual, deadline is 7/29; Window for pacing feedback has closed, TAG should be clear in what it plans to continue addressing under pacing “other considerations” and reconciliation between target and LC emissions (which was addressed in the straw proposal); TAG should advise where in the schedule it would like to consider and recommend statutory changes.]

“Early Win” CHS measure characteristics (memo shared in advance) [Time Stamp 0:15:00]

- Comments of Ad hoc subgroup on Early measures
- TAG Q&A

[See recording for detailed discussion (most of the discussion was centered around TAG's prepared questions that were included in the meeting materials). Opinion Dynamics will be providing written responses to the TAG in due course. If TAG has additional feedback on the early measure characterizations, members should send that to Deirdre by July 19th. That compiled feedback (if any) will be available to the public in the next meeting's materials.]

Equity Advisory Group Report [Time Stamp 1:18:10]

[The main discussions at Tuesday's meeting included a Q&A with a LIHEAP expert and a conversation about renters and rental homeowners. Updates on subgroups: the credit issue subgroup is focusing on what will become the credit marketplace and the public engagement subgroup is focusing on providing written recommendations to the PUC for public engagement.]

Break [Time Stamp 1:25:10]

Outstanding Issues for TAG consideration [Time Stamp 1:26:15]

- Pacing straw proposal "other considerations" *[Subgroup will meet next week to detail these concerns for the group and PUC.]*
- Reconciliation between target and lifecycle emissions of CH measures *[Ken is developing a proposal for the group's consideration at the next meeting.]*
- Current year Vs prior year data to establish obligation of delivered fuel *[Matt will work on drafting a proposal for the group's consideration.]*
- Information needed for Preliminary Registry *[Ken raised the importance of this matter but there is no action item for the TAG at this time.]*
- How much CO₂e should = 1 credit? *[There seemed to be some preliminary consensus that we don't need to wait to see the ballpark of emissions savings from measure characterizations (or worry about very small fractional credits) and that 1 credit should = 1 metric ton of CO₂e. This would be in line with related programs.]*

Public Comments [Time Stamp 2:28:00]

[Public comments included: OD should go over their methodologies and assumptions (including providing the forecast for the grid) before modeling; TAG feedback/comments to OD should be made public; Adding an addendum to the EAG meeting about LIHEAP – that the CHS is designed to increase credit costs over time which will greatly affect LIHEAP's budget.]

Other Matters [Time Stamp 2:36:40]

- Agenda topics for next meeting – Thurs., July 25, 9:30 – 12:30

[Next agenda items include: NV5 potential study presentation; Review of TAG's progress and remaining tasks; Update from Pacing subgroup on other considerations; Update from Matt on sales data for setting obligation; Ken Jones' memo on Reconciliation.]

Close - Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.