

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group
August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
 - Matthew Bakerpoole (in place of TJ Poor), Vermont Department of Public Service
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - 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
 - Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - 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 7/25/24 minutes](#)

[Matt Cota moved to approve the 7/25/24 meeting minutes. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion was approved at 9:34 a.m.]

Updates from the PUC [Time Stamp 0:03:30]

- [State ethics training](#)¹

[TAG members required to take state ethics training, see link]

TAG Schedule and Accomplishments [Time Stamp 0:05:30]

¹ State of Vermont public servants are required to complete training on the State Code of Ethics.

OD Measure Characterizations memo [Time Stamp 0:14:40]

- Follow up to OD responses and request for add'l input

[Agreed that Rick Weston, TAG chair, should use input received during the meeting to modify and submit to the PUC the Measure Characterization questions/responses and TAG follow-up to Opinion Dynamics.]

CHS coordination with other energy programs^{2,3} [Time Stamp 1:22:00]

- Introduce topic

Discussion & Next steps

[Subgroup on “CHS coordination with other energy programs” to meet and draft comments before next TAG meeting (Rick W., Matthew B., Emily L., Emily R.)]

Break

Prior vs current year sales data to determine obligation [Time Stamp 1:47:00]

- Proposed language for TAG consideration (shared in advance?)

[Matt Cota will put proposal in writing for group consideration at the next meeting.]

Reconciliation between target and lifecycle emissions of CH measures (shared in advance) [Time Stamp 2:08:30]

- Q&A

[Memo is on hold while members contemplate the issue – Ken does not think reconciliation should be a big stumbling block or needs a lot of rules around it. The ask is that TAG members correct any missteps in the memo.]

² Section 8128(6): “facilitating the program’s coordination with other energy programs;” (i.e. Energy Efficiency Utility Program, RES Tier III, low-income weatherization program)”

³ Section 8127(k)(1): “All eligible clean heat measures that are delivered in Vermont beginning on January 1, 2023 shall be eligible for clean heat credits and may be retired and count towards an obligated party’s emission reduction obligations, regardless of who creates or delivers them and regardless of whether their creation or delivery was required or funded in whole or in part by other federal or State policies and programs. This includes individual initiatives, emission reductions resulting from the State’s energy efficiency programs, the low-income weatherization program, and the Renewable Energy Standard Tier 3 program. Clean heat measures delivered or installed pursuant to any local, State, or federal program or policy may count both towards goals or requirements of such programs and policies and be eligible clean heat measures that count towards the emission reduction obligations of this chapter.”

Double Counting⁴ [2:35:19]

- Introduce topic

Discussion & Next steps

[Rick and Sam will work on a memo for TAG to consider at the next meeting. The goal is to be able to send comments to the PUC after the next meeting.]

Equity Advisory Group Report [Time Stamp 2:44:30]

[EAG discussed the potential study presentation, continues to work on draft report, discussed moderate-income households, heard from Michelle about TAG's pacing part I feedback, and discussed the possibility of frontloading LMI credits. EAG moved to forward a memo on LMI frontloading that will be on the PUC website.]

Public Comments [Time Stamp 2:48:00]

[Public comment regarding access to final TAG documents, request to ensure those are made public. PUC will ensure final documents (that are amended after a meeting) are added to the next meeting's materials folder.]

Other Matters [Time Stamp 2:53:00]

- Agenda topics for next meeting – Thurs., August 22, 9:30 – 12:30

Close

[Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.]

Meeting Recording:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xShTflfvK1E&list=PLm7FHMU9GY9R_zhQEp6UJf8imm92o7Srd&index=31

⁴ Section 8128(9): "coordinating with the Agency of Natural Resources to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved in another sector through the implementation of the Clean Heat Standard are not double-counted in the Vermont Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast"