

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group
September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
 - 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
 - TJ Poor, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - 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 8/22/24 minutes](#)

[Brian Woods moved to approve the 8/22/24 meeting minutes. All were in favor; none opposed. The motion was approved at 9:34 a.m.]

Updates from the PUC [Time Stamp 0:03:10]

[Update on Opinion Dynamics deliverables; PUC issued DDA RFI (request for information), TAG members should email Deirdre if they have organizations or entities in mind that should directly receive the RFI.]

Opinion Dynamics' Emissions Table¹ (shared in advance) [Time Stamp 0:07:18]

- Questions; potential subgroup formed?

[TAG discussed initial reactions to the emissions table (e.g. choice to exclude avoided methane emissions) and elected to form a subgroup and meet before the next meeting to prepare the first round of feedback/questions for OD.]

¹ PUC is referring to this deliverable as “Emissions Table” to avoid confusion with elements of pacing. It refers to what statute originally called the “Emissions schedule” in Section 8127(g).

OD's Electric Grid Emission Rates (*shared in advance*) [Time Stamp 0:45:00]

[Similar to the deliverable above, Chair Rick Weston suggested a subgroup be formed to tackle the review of this deliverable. Group will meet in the off week.]

Equity Advisory Group Report [Time Stamp 0:55:00]

[EAG heard from Claire McIlvennie (data and equity policy manager for DPS), discussed EJ law; discussed the gaps in writing the report with unknown costs; moved a memo forward on DDA requirements with equity and equity plans; and poses a question to TAG about needed coordination in the time being.]

Break

Recommendation for changes to implementation of CHS (*shared in advance*) [Time Stamp 1:04:00]

Review and provide input to proposed language (*non-decisional*)

[Chair Rick Weston will draft a short statement on behalf of TAG in response to memo for discussion at the next meeting.]

NV5 Potential Study (*shared in advance*) [Time Stamp 1:33:00]

- Q&A and Discussion

[See recording for discussion. TAG members should email psd.cleanheat@vermont.gov for any follow-up on the potential study presentation.]

Public Comments [Time Stamp 2:54:00]

[Public comments included concerns about how wood was characterized in the potential study (particularly the McNeil plant); whether or not a decrease in heating degree days over time was factored into the potential study trajectory; and how incentives were factored into the cost projections of the potential study.]

Other Matters [Time Stamp 3:13:00]

- Agenda topics for next meeting – Thurs., Sept. 19th, 9:30 – 12:30
- Adding a third mtg in September – Last Thurs in Sept. 26th

[Tentatively holding 9/26, 9:30-12:30 as an additional September meeting.]

Close

Meeting recording here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_jeHB6wa4yM&list=PLm7FHMU9GY9R_zhQEp6UJf8imn92o7Srd&index=34