

**Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group**

**March 21, 2024, DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
  - TJ Poor, Vermont Department of Public Service
  - Jared Ulmer, Vermont Department of Health
  - Brian Woods, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
  - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
  - Luce Hillman, University of Vermont
  - 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
- Facilitator
  - Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- Participating Vermont Public Utility Commission staff
  - Dominic Gatti
  - Deirdre Morris
  - Tracy Myers
- Other Participants
  - Nick Persampieri
  - Joe Plummer, Opinion Dynamics
  - Zach Ross, Opinion Dynamics
  - Thomas Weiss

Agenda & Actions

- I. Welcome & Review of agenda- Chair [*Time Stamp 0:00:00*]
  - a. Initiate recording
  
- II. Review and approval of the 3/7/24 meeting minutes – Chair [*Time Stamp 0:03:00*]

*[Ken Jones requested the March 7, 2024 minutes be revised to include more detail. The revised minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.]*

- III. Updates from the PUC [*Time Stamp 0:12:00*]
  - a. General update
    - Final TAG Procedures
    - Update on Pacing Workshop follow-up

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- Suspension of DDA schedule by PUC
- Update on legislative action

### IV. TAG's work and schedule [*Time Stamp 0:29:42*]

- DPS Chart on PUC/DPS/TAG/EAG
- Proposal: Creation of breakout groups to meet during the subsequent TAG meeting. Possible topics:
  - Measure characterization, Emissions schedule, & Credit values (EAC)
  - Reconciling lifecycle emissions with inventory emissions
  - Issues related to biofuels, RNG, biomass
  - Pacing
  - Credit ownership
  - Cost impacts, market scenarios
- What is the charge to each group? E.g.,
  - Identify the key questions that need to be answered (including concerns/questions raised in public comments)
  - Identify the information that the TAG needs to answer these questions
  - Identify what TAG can move on without consultant input
  - Educate the TAG on the topic
  - Review technical consultants' assumptions / methodologies / results and identifying initial issues for TAG consideration
  - If possible, come to the TAG with straw proposals for further consideration
- Specific action requested of the TAG:
  - Discuss and agree on the list of topics for breakout groups, which is subject to change / additions as the TAG's work evolves
  - Discuss the charge to each group (vote on a written description of the charge at the next meeting)
  - Solicit volunteers for initial breakout group point person

*[Next steps: TAG leadership to present initial roster and point person for initial 3 groups, clarify what breakout groups are being asked to do and set aside 1 hour for breakout groups to convene.*

*Volunteers for breakout groups: Credit Ownership: Emily Roscoe (or designated Efficiency Vermont representative), Matt Cota, Luce Hillman, and Ben Bolaski (representative from the Department). Schedule/DPS Flowchart: TJ Poor, Rick Weston, Michelle Keller, and Emily Levin.]*

### V. Measure Characterization Consultant Approach – Opinion Dynamics [*Time Stamp 1:30:00*]

- TAG members' questions and comments

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- Public Comment

*[Next Steps: Opinion Dynamics to work on a “statement of coordination” to address concerns of misalignment with Potential Study Consultant, NV5.]*

### VI. DPS Potential Study (NV5) - DPS [Time Stamp 2:13:10]

- Update on comments/questions from TAG members

*[Next Steps: NV5 is currently in the process of reviewing TAG feedback. Goal is to provide responses to the feedback in advance of the next TAG meeting. An updated set of assumptions and parameters are expected at the end of April.]*

### VII. Equity Advisory Group report and process for ongoing collaboration – Emily Roscoe & Matt Cota [Time Stamp 2:24:00]

- Specific action requested of the TAG:
  - Approve Emily Roscoe and Matt Cota to serve as liaisons for EAG
  - Provide input on what they should report on at each meeting

*[Next Steps: Emily Roscoe and Matt Cota confirmed their willingness to serve as EAG liaisons. Ken Jones will draft a memo that asks EAG to further define who is considered a low- and moderate-income customer (e.g. what constitutes a household). Ken Jones will work with Matt Cota and Emily Roscoe to formalize this memo and transmit to the EAG.]*

### VIII. Other matters - Chair [Time Stamp 2:45:00]

- Agenda topics for next meeting – Thurs., April 4, 9:30 – 12:30

*[Next Steps: TAG leadership to review what breakout groups should be formed (in addition to those identified today) and how to frame the topics.]*

### IX. Public Comment [Time Stamp 2:49:30]

### X. Close - Chair [Time Stamp 2:56:00]

*[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:30 pm ET.]*

## Meeting Recording

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6XenLJtBWw>