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**Residential Commercial and Industrial (RCI)
Summary of Technical Working Group (TWG) Call #7
March 27, 2006, 9:00am – 10:30am**

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
 - Jeff Burks, Public Service Company of New Mexico
 - Frank Gallegos, Intel Corporation
 - Susie Marbury, Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
 - Tom Singer, Natural Resources Defense Council
 - John Curl, NM Public Regulatory Commission
 - Lucy Boulanger, Physicians for Social Responsibility
 - Isreal Tavarez, City of Albuquerque
 - Howard Kaplan, Wilson and Company

2. NMED staff:
 - Erik Aaboe

3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
 - Michael Lazarus, David Von Hippel

4. Other Attendees:
 - Jim Bacon (Public attendee)
 - Bill Dougherty and Sivan Kartha, Stockholm Environment Institute-US

Background documents:

(unless noted, all posted at <http://www.nmclimatechange.us/documents.cfm>. Click on RCI)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Meeting Summary from Call#6, January 10, 2006
3. Powerpoint presentation for meeting
4. RCI List of Priorities for Analysis and Policy Option Descriptions

Discussion items and key issues:

1. **Review of 6th RCI Call Summary:** The results of the 6th RCI call (1/10/06), and the decisions taken during that call, were reviewed briefly and accepted by the TWG.

2. **List of Priorities for Analysis and Policy Options Descriptions: Reports on Progress of Work on Subgroups of Options by TWG Volunteers, and Further Discussion.**

Michael Lazarus and David Von Hippel reviewed the work done to date by TWG volunteers and CCS facilitators on describing and settling on key parameters for the Policy Options previously identified by the TWG (and confirmed by the CCAG) as being high priorities for elaboration and analysis. Options 1-RCI through 10-RCI, 18-RCI, and 19-RCI were discussed. (Options 11-RCI through 14-RCI and 16-RCI are to be discussed jointly with other TWGs, and options 15-RCI and 17-RCI were not covered during the call.) TWG members affirmed the work that had been done to elaborate the policy options to date, offered input on wording and information sources, and suggested additions to implementation strategies and other aspects of selected options. Topics of discussion included:

- Existing green power bulk purchase programs in other Southwest states, possible goals for New Mexico, and implications for accounting for greenhouse gas emissions reduction.
- The implications of different utility tariff structures for greenhouse gas emissions.
- “Green building” programs, including the review of results of existing programs and a suggested study of the recommended level of savings by a State or other entity.
- Consideration of “green mortgages” as an implementation method for selected buildings policies.
- The implications of suggested policies for low income residents, and how any impacts might be addressed by policies.
- Energy audits as a means of implementation of selected buildings policies.
- Consideration of authority for implementing changes in the use of alternative gases for cooling applications.
- Consideration of how to involve local experts in waste issues in developing policies related to waste management.

3. **Comment from the Public.** Jim Bacon noted his interest in the TWG/CCAG process.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS team will update Policy Descriptions, corresponding with TWG members (particularly those who have volunteered to work on specific measures) as appropriate to elaborate specific options. Some TWG members will participate in joint conference calls with members of other TWGs (Energy Supply, Cross-Cutting) in which similar policies have been proposed.
2. **Next TWG meeting: April 25, 3:00 to 5:00 PM, Room A, Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington Street. Farmington**
3. **Next CCAG Meeting: April 26, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Multipurpose Room, Farmington Library, 2101 Farmington Ave., Farmington**