

MEETING NOTICE

**Governor's Task Force on Global Warming
Carbon Tax/Cap and Trade Work Group
Date: Friday, September 28, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Location: Lowell Center (UW-Madison Campus)
Rooms B1B and A
610 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin**

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome/Housekeeping announcements
- 2) Discussion of Carbon Offsets policy write ups (carried over from last meeting)
- 3) Other group discussion
- 4) Public comment
- 5) Next Steps/Adjourn

This meeting is open to the public.

If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact Lisa Stefanik at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin by telephone at (608) 266-1125 or via e-mail at lisa.stefanik@psc.state.wi.us.

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Next meeting: October 8th – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Welcome / Announcements:

Margi Kindig, Task Force Member, offers a viewpoint on Carbon offset programs that maintain funds stay in WI.

Discussion of Carbon Offsets – Program as part of a Cap and Trade Regulatory Framework.

Nina Plaushin reviews the policy. General discussion includes the following comments:

- One of the key administrative challenges may be who will run this program
- Group discusses safety valves in connection with an offset program. Offset group did not tackle this because it wasn't sure if this would be covered in the Cap-and-Trade program (and this write up being reviewed is adjunct to this program).
- Move co-benefits from “specific description of policy proposal” up to item 5 in the write up.
- We could list additionality options for the write up; there's not been agreement on this in the group. One of the key things however, is to make sure our choices can work with other states that are also setting up programs.
- Template should include language on quantitative limits about allowances.
- Debate over to use 1996 and 2001 IPCC data. Group wants to ask WRI its opinion about which set of data to use.
- ** Lisa to send e-mail to WRI and then forward to group.
- Nina suggests that group members can send her a list of what should be included in offset programming.
- Discussion over rulemaking to initiate program. Bottom line solution: Make sure that we are clear that there will be an initial rulemaking to create the program and outline what type of projects are eligible. We could include a list that indicates what we believe should be included at a minimum, but we use language that will allow certain types of programs to fall off or be added.

Standalone program discussion:

- Mandatory offset requirement for certain sectors. You wouldn't be reducing emissions but we would be preventing new sources from emitting. The issue will be: how much do you offset?
- Group discusses carbon performance standard in the Electric Generation group.
- Main objective of policy element is to prevent generating companies from building base load plants very quickly to get them up before 2012 before offsets are required.
- Will this really take two years to implement?

- Barrier suggestion: if you have the offset program up before the Cap-and-Trade program, folks participating in offsets may not have a guarantee about what will be counted when a Cap-and-Trade program is up and running.