

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2013  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Rachel Carson State Office Building**

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Rebecca Oyler, Christina Simeone, Robert Bear, Mark Hammond, Steve Krug, Michael Winek, Luke Brubaker, George Ellis, Rep. Greg Vitali, Brooks Norris, Lauren Boles, Robert Graff, Darren Gill

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES ABSENT:**

Ed Yankovich, Paul Opiyo, J. Scott Roberts

**PROXY VOTING:**

(none)

**PA DEP AND COMMONWEALTH AGENCY STAFF:**

Dean Van Orden (DEP), Mark Brojakowski (DEP), Hayley Book (DEP), Jessica Shirley (DEP), Vince Brisini (DEP)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Bill Neilson (PA Farm Bureau)

**MINUTES:**

The meeting minutes for the May 21, 2013, regular meeting were presented to the committee for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the August 27, 2013, regular meeting were presented to the committee for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ms. Boles and seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the October 8, 2013, regular meeting were presented to the committee for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Ms. Simeone will provide specific edits to these minutes.

**REGULAR MEETING (Additional):**

The December 5, 2013, additional regular meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Committee Chairperson Christina Simeone. Members and guests introduced themselves. With the thirteen members present (two by telephone), a quorum was established.

Mr. Brisini addressed the committee regarding the December 16, 2013, upcoming listening session on Developing a Section 111(d) State Plan to Reduce Carbon Pollution from Existing

Power Plants in Pennsylvania. In addition, he reviewed the schedule for submitting final committee comments on the work plans and announced that a draft version of the Pennsylvania Climate Change Action Plan will be presented to the committee on December 13, 2013. He informed the committee that they would have until December 19, 2013, to review and submit their comments to the Department on the draft Climate Change Action Plan via a conference call or meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed during which some committee members raised concerns about their ability to review the document and provide comments in such a short time and that the timeline was unrealistic. Some members expressed their concern that the December 31, 2013, deadline date for delivery to the Governor was arbitrary and more time for review was necessary to make an informed decision about the report. Other members felt that the committee should just move on and complete their review, stating that the report is long overdue and that enough time had already been wasted throughout the process. In addition, comments were made about a public review period and what one member felt were deficient work plans. There was also a brief debate on the proposed Section 111(b) standards for electric generating units along with remarks about the Department's commitment to the amount of resources provided to the Climate Change Program and the resulting quality of the action plans. It was stated by one member that they were offended by the lack of these resources. The Committee determined that there would be a conference call on December 18, 2013, followed by a meeting on December 20, 2013, focused entirely on discussion and comments on the draft action plan.

Mr. Brisini promised the committee that they would have the draft report by December 13 and that if any of the 11 remaining work plans were not acted upon by the committee today's meeting, they would still be included in the action plan with a notation that there was no committee action on them.

In other discussion, a motion was made by Rep. Vitali that as DEP develops its next action plan report, the committee consider state legislation such as HB 1324 of 2011 and also increasing energy efficient appliance incentives in Act 129. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **WORK PLAN DISCUSSION & VOTING:**

Eleven (11) work plans remained for committee action prior to this meeting. The following work plans were discussed and acted upon:

**Cutting Emissions from Freight Transportation** – Endorsed - 10 yea - 1 nay - 2 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Graff and seconded. The motion carried.

**Demand-Side Management – (Water)** – Endorsed - 9 yea - 2 nay - 1 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Ms. Boles and seconded. The motion carried.

**Improved Efficiency at Wastewater Treatment Facilities** – Endorsed - 13 yea - 0 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse with the removal of specified language and the addition of language indicating that the implementation steps take advantage of Act 129 offerings was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded. The motion carried.

**Enhanced Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Beneficial Use** – Endorsed - 13 yea - 0 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse with the discussed edits was made by Mr. Graff and seconded. The motion carried.

**Industrial Electric Best Management Practices** – Endorsed - 12 yea - 1 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse this work plan with a definition of levelized cost added and to have it updated for the next action plan was made by Mr. Brubaker and seconded. The motion carried.

**Heating Oil Conservation and Fuel Switching** – Endorsed - 13 yea - 0 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Krug and seconded. The motion carried.

**Reducing Methane Leakage from Natural Gas Infrastructure** – Endorsed – 13 yea - 0 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded. The motion carried.

**Reforestation** – A motion was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded to withdraw this proposed work plan as an individual work plan in the action plan and re-evaluate for inclusion in the next action plan. The motion carried.

**Energy Efficient Appliances** - A motion was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded to withdraw this proposed work plan from this edition of the action plan and the data incorporated into the baseline projections and used in the chapter write-up. The motion carried. In addition, a motion was made by Rep. Vitali that the next action plan update include a work plan where the DEP considers the adoption of HB 1324 or any other legislation that provides incentives for energy efficient appliances and consider modifications to Act 129 to work with these incentives.

**Geothermal Heating and Cooling** – A recommendation was made by the committee to withdraw this proposed work plan from this edition of the action plan and re-evaluate for inclusion in the next action plan.

**Reducing Lost and Unaccounted for Natural Gas in Distribution Systems** - A motion was made by Mr. Hammond to remove this proposed work plan from this edition of the action plan and include it with the PUC language provided as chapter write-up material. The motion carried.

The eleven (11) remaining work plans were all acted upon by the committee. Seven (7) received the committee’s endorsement. Three (3) were recommended for withdrawal from the current version of the action plan and are to be re-evaluated for inclusion in the next action plan update. Lastly, one (1) was recommended for removal as an individual work plan and portions are to be included in the Residential, Commercial, Industrial chapter write-up.

**NEXT MEETING:**

A conference call with the committee members will be conducted on December 18, 2013, followed by an additional committee meeting on December 20, 2013. Copies of the final draft action plan will be distributed to the committee by COB on December 13, 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S):**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Boles and seconded. The motion carried.