

MEETING NOTES

Clean Power Plan Stakeholder Group Meeting

February 20, 2015

9:00AM-12:00PM

Hiway Federal Credit Union

840 Westminster Street, St. Paul MN

1. **Welcome, introductions, review agenda** – Bill Grant, Commerce & David Thornton, MPCA

In person: David Thornton, Frank Kohlasch, Catherine Neuschler, Peter Ciborowski, Anne Jackson, Amanda Smith, Katie Izzo, Melissa Kuskie - MPCA; Bill Grant, Susan Medhaug – Commerce; Anna Henderson – EQB; Sean Stalpes – PUC; J. Drake Hamilton – Fresh Energy; Robert Jagusch – MMUA; Chris Schoenherr – SMMPA; Katie Gullely – Blue Green Alliance; Leigh Currie – MCEA; John Helmers – MCEA; Michelle Rosier – Sierra Club; Drew Moratzka – MLIG; Laureen Ross McCalib; Mark Strohfus – GRE; Carl Michaud – Hennepin County; Rick Rosvold, Al Krug – Xcel Energy; Julie Ketchum – Waste Management; Andy Kellen – WPPI Energy; Mark Thoma – Otter Tail Power; Christina Mills – IEER; Sarah Goodspeed – CEED; Jess Lindeen – Union of Concerned Scientists; Ellen Anderson, Jerome Malmquist – UMN; Annie Levenson-Falk – Legislative Energy Commission; Aditya Jayam Prabhakar, Darrin Lahr – MISO; Charlie Lippert – Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Eric Jensen – IWLA; Tony Kwilas – MN Chamber; Sheldon Strom, Helen Booth-Tobin – MN CEE; Andy Snope – IBEW; Kevin Johnson – Stoel Rives; Alan Muller

On phone/webinar: Sue Peirce, Zac Ruzycki – Commerce; Sara Barrow – Xcel Energy; Chris Kunkle, Beth Soholt – Wind on the Wires; Ed Garvey – AESL Consulting; Mike Cashin – MN Power/Allete; Bill Hamlin, Kristel Arnold – Manitoba Hydro; Scott Elias – SEIA; Jackie Blair – Union of Concerned Scientists; Mrg Simon, Derek Bertsch, Deb Birgen – MRES; Michelle Pluta, Joe Hoch, Steve Jackson – Alliant Energy; Mike Bull – MNCEE; Christina Pierson – CMMPA; Zoe Berkery – BCSE; Alexis Cain – EPA; Stacey Davis, Center for Clean Air Policy

2. **Recap and update on State activities** – Bill Grant & David Thornton

This is the first meeting of this group since fall 2014, when we were discussing potential comments on EPA's proposal. MPCA and Commerce submitted joint comments on December 1, 2014 (in addition to technical corrections/adjustments MPCA submitted in September 2014). Those comments are available [here](#).

EPA's final rule is expected by mid-summer 2015, and will specify final state goals and the rules that apply to a state as it develops its 111(d) plan. It seems as though states will largely be starting with a blank page – in part to accommodate considerable flexibility stakeholders requested. The challenge will be in knowing where to start. The purpose of this first meeting is to try and answer that question.

3. **What should Minnesota's objectives be in developing its state 111(d) plan?** – Stakeholder discussion facilitated by Franz Litz, Center for Clean Air Policy

Franz Litz, Center for Clean Air Policy facilitated an objective scoping exercise, with stakeholder group members identifying potential plan objectives under several broad groupings. Participants then "voted" on their top 5 objectives/groupings.

Summary notes provided by Center for Clean Air Policy (attachment 1)

In-session notes with participant votes (attachment 2).

4. **Outline of expected rulemaking and stakeholder process** – Katie Izzo & Melissa Kuskie, MPCA

MPCA staff provided an overview of the rulemaking process, and a hypothetical rule schedule (attachment 3). The rule schedule is considered very unlikely, as it would seek to produce a final, adopted rule by summer 2016 (though EPA's rule proposal would allow states to seek one-year extensions for single-state plans), but identifies major rulemaking milestones. Staff also discussed the planned stakeholder involvement – informal meetings, as conducted during comment development, will continue for the foreseeable future. The agencies encourage stakeholders to participate in meetings, and provide input (in meetings or otherwise).