



MEETING SUMMARY IOWA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Cross Cutting (CC) Issues Subcommittee Call #2, December 6, 2007, 12:30–1:30 pm (CST)

Attendance

ICCAC Cross-Cutting Members:

1. Nile Lanning, IBEW
2. Dr. Bill Stigliani, UNI–Center for Energy and Environmental Education
3. Jerald Schnoor, University of Iowa–CGRER (came on at 1:20)
4. Theresa Galluzzo, Public Member
5. Richard Ney, Renewable Fuels Association

Public Participants:

6. Jeff Myrom, Mid-American Energy
7. Mindy Kralicek, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
8. Jenna Wischmeyer, Alliant Energy

Marnie Stein from the Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau attended.

Tom Looby, CC SC facilitator, and Linda Schade from Center for Climate Strategies also attended.

Background documents

(all posted at <http://www.iaclimatechange.us>)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint for Teleconference
3. Catalog of State Actions
4. Iowa Policies and Programs that Reduce GHG Emissions

Discussion items and key issues

This was the second conference call of the CC SC.

Tom Looby called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. The major task for today was to work on an assembly of policy options to forward to the ICCAC for their December meeting.

Review Draft Catalog of Potential State Actions for Cross-Cutting SC

Tom Looby explained that at this initial stage of the process, each SC is responsible for developing a broad list of potential policy options to pass on to the ICCAC for their upcoming meeting. After ICCAC provides initial reactions, the next phase will entail the SC winnowing down their list of policy options to 10 or 12 Priority Actions that will receive more intense evaluation.

Participants then went through the catalog and the following observations were noted on the items listed below:

Bill noted that Iowa recently signed on to the Midwest Governors Climate Accord.

- 1.1 Rick would like to make changes to text and is willing to do that at a later phase.
- 1.2 Consider forecasting options in other entities (2 members supported: Bill and Rich).

Bill: question—Perhaps we may want to combine 1 and 2, and even 3. Rick would support that.

Both options under 1 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

2. All options under 2 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.
3. On 3.3, Tom will seek clarification.

All options under 3 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

4. Discussion of how policy options under #4 could be combined with #3, at a later stage of the process.

Bill: Add to notes in 4.1: The Senate files state that the council should establish short-, medium-, and long-term goals AND 50% reduction of GHG emissions by 2050.

All options under 4 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

- 5.1 Bill suggests to add to notes: Executive Order 3 on Transportation fuels. It should be taken up by one of the SCs, if not CC.
- 5.3 Rick: this doesn't seem necessary; given the low impact of state agencies, this doesn't seem to fit. Marnie thinks that agency director is thinking about this. Participants agreed to leave it alone for now.
- 5.6 Iowa does not have a state EIS requirement, so Rick wonders if this makes sense. The Iowa Power Board has just recommended that CO₂ be one of the regulated gases for air permitting. So Bill could see the state doing EIS in the future. Make note to review 'significance' since now it would apply to federal projects only.

Add new item: 5.8 Theresa: we could also add tech or financial assistance for city, counties and schools to reduce energy use and perhaps even become power producers

All options under 5 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

6. Bill supports. All options under 6 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.
7. Bill: the wording here focuses on education about climate change. It could be more proactive by broadening the language to include education about climate-related solutions as well as problems.

All options under 7 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

8. Cap-and-Tax Programs

Bill noted that this seems to support the Midwestern Governors Initiative.

Nile: He is not in favor of a tax and we should be aware of the implications of the various Cap-and-Tax programs.

All options under 8 are to move forward with no objections.

9. Edit title to read: Seek Funding for Implementation of [ICCAC Climate] Recommendations

All options under 9 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

10. All options under 10 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.
11. Bill: Add note regarding the second regional accord/platform that was signed. The Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform. Marnie will get language.

Jerry joined the call.

All options under 11 are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

12. All options are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.
13. Bill: Add to notes that that option is a major objective of the Stewardship Program signed by the Governor. Bill to get language.

All options are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.

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Consider options looked at in other states.

15. All options are approved to move forward for initial review by ICCAC.
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Tom Looby invited members to add additional policy ideas.

Jerry: Non-structural demand-side aspects like variable pricing. Make sure this addressed in another SC like CRE.

Next steps

1. SC members are encouraged to continue reflecting on the catalog, offer additional edits or to send any new ideas before the next meeting in January.
2. Tom Looby informed the SC that the Iowa climate change Web site will be up and is the place to find background documents for the next meeting. The Web site will be www.iaclimatechange.us/cfm
3. **NEXT CC SC Call: Jan 18th from 11:30 to 1:00 pm CST for next CC SC.**
4. Tom Looby suggested that the group use e-mail to figure out February meeting date after the third ICCAC meeting date is established.

Public Input and Announcements

Public Comment by Jeff Myrom—carbon capture and storage could be useful to consider.

Marnie informed the CC SC that Iowa Power Fund Board voted to recommend to the Legislature that DNR be able to regulate CO₂ as an air pollutant and they also voted to recommend that the Legislature establish a long-term goal of reducing GHG emissions by 80% by 2050. www.energy.iowa.gov. Do we know what their baseline year is? Unspecified.