

Summary

Governor's Executive Committee (GEC) on Energy Efficiency Meeting

Monday June 1, 2015 2:00pm- 4:00pm
1111 E. Broad St. Richmond, Virginia 23219
Patrick Henry Building Conference Room 2 (1st Floor)

The inaugural meeting of the Governor's Executive Committee (GEC) on Energy Efficiency was held in Richmond on June 1, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Hayes Framme, Chief Energy Efficiency Officer, Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade (SOCT), who offered welcoming remarks. GEC member introductions were made, and those members present at the meeting included:

- Cynthia Adams, VAEEC chair
- Ken Barker, Dominion VA Power
- Carol Davis, Blacksburg Sustainability Manager
- Bill Greenleaf, VA Community Capital, Inc.
- Michele Peterson, Honeywell
- Bill Prindle, ICF International
- Dr. Saifur Rahman, Virginia Tech
- William Reisinger, Office of the Attorney General
- Dana Wiggins, Virginia Poverty Law Center
- Frank Rambo, Southern Environmental Law Center
- Jim Fawcett, Appalachian Power Company (via phone)
- David Koogler, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (via phone)

Several DMME and SCC staff also attended the meeting, in addition to a few public guests.

The mission and goals of the GEC were outlined, and discussions focused on the voluntary goal established by the 2007 Virginia Energy Plan of reducing electricity energy consumption at the retail level by 10% by 2022, based on a 2006 baseline. (NOTE: Gov. McAuliffe accelerated the goal's completion date by 2 years to 2020). The GEC is tasked to determine how close we are in achieving that goal, and which tools to use to measure progress toward reaching the goal by 2020.

DMME staff presented information characterizing the 10% goal, energy consumption tracking and options to measure progress.

Utility members of GEC offered to provide data on energy consumption by residential, industrial and commercial customers from 2006 forward for the GEC to review.

DMME staff discussed potential funding available to support the GEC's work over the next year.

Tasks to be completed:

- DMME agreed to explore categorized electricity usage data that might be available from IOUs and electric cooperatives and report back to the GEC.
- DMME agreed to look more closely at how the SCC has interpreted the 10 percent electricity conservation goal.
- DMME agreed to briefly summarize the content of reports, studies and other resource documents on energy conservation that are posted on its website, and to look for additional Virginia-focused energy conservation market potential studies.

The next GEC meeting will occur on July 24, 2015 in Richmond.