

Oil and Gas TWG – Update

Dick La Fever, Facilitator

September 22, 2008

Our last meeting was Tuesday, September 16^h. Prior to this meeting, I participated in one other regular public O&G TWG meeting which was on September 11th. The meeting on the 11th was with Commissioner Harting which covered questions TWG members had on the overall process, and getting clear direction from the Commissioner on the charge to the O&G TWG, what should or shouldn't the TWG consider in its deliberations, what resources are available to the TWG, timeline for bringing forward policy options, balloting, and what success would look like. The group felt very good about the meeting and we are moving forward.

We have three meeting dates scheduled – September 30, and October 14 and 28. Several sub teams have been tasked with researching and bringing forward to subsequent meetings relevant data and information.

There is also in the works a joint meeting of the O&G and ESD TWG's, or at least 3 – 4 members from each TWG. The purpose of this joint meeting will be to discuss the idea of a state energy grid, and the implications for greenhouse gas reductions. Members from each TWG have been identified, but a date has not been set.

The level of participation at the September 16th meeting was excellent. I feel the group is working hard to develop a catalog of options that will lead to the balloting process in the coming weeks. We are aware of the overall timeline, and need to have a final report to the MAG in the April/May timeframe.