

State Energy Advisory Board
Teleconference Minutes
February 18, 2009, 1:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. ET

Attendees:

DFO:

- Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Director of EE Projects Division, Golden Field Office, Denver, CO

ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	Present	Not Present
Chris Benson, Director, Arkansas Energy Office, Department of Economic Development (Board Chair)	✓	
Jim Arwood [monitoring] Director, State Energy Office, State of Arizona	✓	
Henry 'Ted' Berglund, CEO and President, Dyplast Products		✓
Susan S. Brown, Deputy Administrator, Wisconsin Division of Energy	✓	
John H. Davies, Director, Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Kentucky Office of Energy Policy		✓
Roger Duncan, General Manager, Austin Energy – City of Austin		✓
Ryan Gooch, Energy Policy Director, Tennessee Economic and Community Development	✓	
Paul Gutierrez, Vice Provost for Outreach Services, Associate Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, College of Agriculture and Home Economics, New Mexico State University		✓
Duane Hauck, Director, Extension Services, North Dakota State University	✓	
Robert Hoppie, Administrator, Energy Division, Idaho Department of Water Resources	✓	
Elliott Jacobson, Director, Action Energy, Inc. (Board Secretary)	✓	
Cecelia Johnson Powell, Community Development Manager, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	✓	
Peter Johnston, Project Manager, Clean Energy Technologies, Burns & McDonnell		✓
James Nolan, Weatherization Director, Department of Public, Health and Human Services	✓	
Jim Ploger, Energy Manager, Kansas Energy Office	✓	
Larry Shirley, State Energy Office Director, North Carolina Department of Administration		✓
Janet Streff, Manager, State Energy Office, Minnesota Department of Commerce	✓	
Patricia Sobrero, Associate Vice Chancellor, Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development, North Carolina State University (Vice Chair)	✓	
David Terry, Executive Director, ASERTTI	✓	
Steve Vincent, Avista Utilities	✓	
Daniel Zaweski, Director, Energy Efficiency & Distributed Generation, Long Island Power Authority	✓	
CONTRACTOR SUPPORT		
Milana Campbell, Analyst I, SENTECH, Inc.	✓	
Pam Mendelson, Assistant Vice President, SENTECH, Inc.	✓	
PUBLIC		
No public representative was on the call		✓

Agenda Items:

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1. New Members/Opening Comments
 - The new STEAB members are Jim Arwood from Arizona, Larry Shirley from North Carolina, and Cecelia Johnson-Powell from Indiana.
 - Two current members were nominated for another three-year term: Jim Ploger and Steve Vincent.
 - For the upcoming March meeting, Gary confirmed the Board membership number is currently at the maximum number of 21.
2. Impact of the Stimulus Bill
 - Gary Burch announced that his staff was still in the process of analyzing the final version of the Stimulus Bill signed by President Obama the day before in Denver.
3. Conversation with Gil Sperling
 - Gary announced a recent conference call with Gil Sperling (Department of Energy Program Manager, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs (WIP)) regarding the Stimulus Bill. Chris Benson, Janet Streff, Elliott Jacobson, and Pat Sobrero also participated in the call.
 - Gil had expressed interest in cooperating with STEAB, specifically, that:
 - as a Board, STEAB could sit down with representatives from DOE to receive guidance surrounding opportunities for STEAB to support the Stimulus Bill.; and
 - STEAB could play a clarification or facilitation role with regard to the states, counties and cities, with regard to their implementation of Stimulus Bill activities.
 - Gil is expected to speak with DOE's legal staff to clarify if there are any complications around STEAB's involvement.
 - Citing a conversation with John Davies, Janet Streff and a few other Board members, Duane drew attention to the role that Co-op Extension Services might play in supporting program delivery at the State or local levels.
 - Elliott Jacobson gave his own account of the conference call. He described Gil's tone as being very receptive and suggested that STEAB should do what it can to arrange something with him.
 - Janet agreed that Gil's tone was reflective of wanting to find ways STEAB could help; not only in the short term (with regard to the guidance), but also over a longer term, which is different than impressions given by the agency in the past.
 - Pat Sobrero agreed with Janet's statement and added that on the extension side, there is certainly a role (as understood from the previous call) for subcontracts in communities that may not have enough money to do something big in energy.
 - Chris added that he thought DOE was going to focus exclusively on the quick expenditures of the funds.
 - Gary indicated that the bulk of the March meeting would be focused on how STEAB can support the Stimulus Bill.
4. March Meeting Agenda and Focus
 - Chris proposed to add Rob Sandoli, from OMB (Office of Management and Budget), to the March meeting agenda.
 - Mr. Sandoli indicated he wants to continue the dialogue with STEAB. Chris mentioned that he, Pat Sobrero, Janet Streff and Elliott Jacobson plan to meet with Rob again at his

office on Monday (3/16/09) afternoon, but felt like the Board would be interested in having a dialogue with Rob during the actual March meeting.

- Jim said it would be helpful for STEAB to have a guideline on when DOE expects to have the appropriate guidance released on some of the Stimulus areas.
- Gary stated the guidance would be out long before 60 days.

5. Global New Energy Summit (NM)

- Gary said STEAB is not in a position to support the Summit financially, but there might be other opportunities for assistance – such as attending and participating in discussion groups.
- Gary continued that there had been no follow-up from the Summit organizers, and while he was sure STEAB's attendance would be welcomed, he doesn't feel the summit sponsors are expecting STEAB to engage actively.
- Given the number of confirmed panelists, Steve didn't feel STEAB's presence would be missed. Chris suggested STEAB pass on attending the Summit, but give Paul the Board's appreciation for bringing it to everyone's attention. Ryan Gooch commented to Chris to officially move the decision of STEAB not participating in the Global New Energy Summit from the table to the agenda. Gary stated the call minutes would reflect the summary statement Chris made and an official action would not be needed. Ryan agreed.

6. STEAB Annual Report for 2008

- Chris stated that Sentech will take care of printing and distribution of the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report. He continued that he, along with Gary, will work with Milana to have a draft sent to the Board for comments at some point within several days or a week, and then officially present that as an Annual Report to Congress from the Board. Chris added the Board is somewhat behind on the delivery of the (hard copy) Annual Report, but he thinks now the report can be moved forward. Chris asked Milana to confirm if that's possible, and Milana concurred.
- Chris then discussed an invitation from North Carolina State Chancellor, James Oblinger, to Chris's attention. Chris felt the need to respond soon to Chancellor Oblinger and asked Pat Sobrero to provide the Board with feedback on this issue. Pat gave a background to the Board regarding the Chancellor's invitation to have STEAB visit the university. Pat noted that the Board has traveled to national labs in the past but thinks a closer linkage can be created with the land-grant colleges. Her proposal and discussion with the chancellor was to invite the Board to North Carolina State's campus, have the al board meeting there, and set up tours just as tours are set up at national labs. Pat would very much like to host the Board; she has spoken to several faculty members in the divisions and colleges, and they appear very interested.
- Gary offered the observation that historically STEAB meets three times a year: once in D.C., once at a lab, and the other meeting floats between D.C. or a lab. While it may be of interest for the Board to visit North Carolina State, Gary suggested delaying a decision and see how the March meeting goes, as it might be politically prudent for the Board to have a third meeting this fiscal year in D.C. He thinks it is too early to resolve this, and that decision may come out of the success the Board has in the March meeting.
- Jim Arwood suggested that Chris respond to Chancellor Oblinger, indicating a high level of interest in the Board's eventually coming to NC State, even if circumstances prevent that from happening this year. Chris agreed and asked for any other comments. The Board concurred this was the best way to go at this time.

7. Status of Travel Commitments

- Chris asked Milana to give the response from the Board regarding attending the March meeting. Milana stated 18 Board members have reserved their hotels and arranged their flights; those not committed are Henry "Ted" Berglund and Roger Duncan. Currently tentative is Mr. Robert Hoppie. Attendance by David Terry would raise participation to 20.
- Chris stated STEAB has a special Hill committee; and one of the March agenda items may be to discuss a fresh approach to communicating with the Hill, especially if the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report is completed before the March meeting. Janet asked if Steve

- Elliott stated what was done in the past has been to invite members from key appropriation committees for a session where they would come in at the same time during Board meetings and suggested finding an hour session on the March agenda to do that. Ryan Gooch agreed and thought it would be a waste not to invite key members from Senate and House Energy appropriation committees to the meetings, because it certainly was beneficial at the NASEO meeting to have those people there. Gary stated he would capture that thought when the agenda is drafted and stated he envisions a panel of Hill staffers attending the meeting. Elliott concurred and stated there would be difficulty in deciding which people would be right to have on the panel.
- Gary stated he would let the Board decide who would be appropriate to have on the committee panels. Elliott stated the STEAB Hill committee could choose people from the Hill to represent the panel. Chris asked for additional ideas, suggestions, or comments before moving to public comments.

8. Public Comments

- No public members identified themselves when prompted. Chris stated the public comment period was closed for the call.

The State Energy Advisory Board February teleconference call was concluded at 2:10 p.m. ET. Minutes scribed by Milana Campbell (SENTECH, Inc.).