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**DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY
RCI Policy Working Group
Call #1, January 19, 2006**

PWG Members Attending:

Brian Levitt	Jack Ihle
Bruce Oreck	Judy Dorsey
Dan Chiras	Kurt Schlomberg
Dan Richardson	Pam Kiely
Dave Newport	Rick Adcock
Doug Seiter	Susan Avery

Rocky Mountain Climate Organization: Tom Easley, Stephen Saunders

Center for Climate Strategies: Ezra Hausman, Ken Colburn, Tim Woolf, Alice Napoleon

Agenda Item#1: Introductions and Review of Agenda.

Agenda Item#2: Purpose and Goals.

Agenda Item#3: Review of the CAP Process.

Agenda Item#4: Review and Discussion of the Catalog of State Actions.

A quick overview of the policy options catalog was presented. Policy options and definitions are flexible and subject to PWG modification.

A more detailed discussion of each category in the catalog followed:

RCI-1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, FUNDS, AND GOALS

RCI-2 APPLIANCE STANDARDS

RCI-3 BUILDINGS

It was noted that there are no state-wide standards today. The High Performance Homes 100 program, which aims to increase the number of high efficiency new residential homes in CO to 50% of total by 2010, was discussed. More information is available at www.hph100.org. Most appropriate policies for public and private buildings may be different.

RCI-4 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Benchmarking (e.g., City of Aspen) was discussed, as well as the Build Green Colorado program of the Home Builders Association.

RCI-5 PRICING AND PURCHASING

“Green pricing” is complex and sometimes deceiving, showing net cost where there may actually be savings. Wind has been favored over other renewables such as solar. Careful tracking of RECs was discussed.

RCI-6 TECHNOLOGY-SPECIFIC POLICIES

The status of net metering in CO was discussed but the group was unsure whether a policy exists. The importance of measuring performance, rather than just capacity, was emphasized. One participant suggested that Colorado could seek representation on the US Conference of Mayors’ list of Energy Independence Districts, which would allow businesses to hook into a microgrid, funded by taxes on the members of the district. The benefits of passive solar were discussed.

RCI-7 NON-ENERGY EMISSIONS (HFCS, PFCS, SF6, CO2 PROCESS EMISSIONS)

RCI-8 GHG EMISSIONS-SPECIFIC GOALS AND POLICIES

Participants noted that some of the policies under section RCI-8 need to be clarified, specifically 8.4 (Small Source Aggregation). Tim Woolf thought that Small Source Aggregation would involve aggregating reductions in GHG emissions by small entities for credit towards a cap and trade program. Alternatively, it could involve aggregating small renewable distributed generation to be able to sell Renewable Energy Credits.

RCI-9 OTHER

The need for additional funding (e.g., low or no interest loans) for follow-on to energy audits was raised. Also noted was Denver’s GHG inventory and action plan through the Greenprint program.

Participants were unclear on 9.3 (Reinvestment Fund) and 9.6 (Industrial Ecology/Byproduct Strategy). Zero energy neighborhood campaigns were raised as a policy option. Seattle recently launched this type of program.

Agenda Item#5: Next Steps of Policy Work Groups.

additional options, questions and information can be emailed to Ezra Hausman (ehausman@synapse-energy.com); information that is received before the next RCI PWG meeting on Feb. 14, 2007 can be discussed then and fed into the CAP meeting on Feb. 15, 2007.

Agenda Item#6: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meeting.

Next meeting to be held on February 14, 2007, 12:00-2:30 MST at the Denver Water Department. Please see the RCI area of the www.ColoradoClimate.org website for directions. PWG members are encouraged to participate in person, although phone lines will also be available.

Agenda Item#7: Public Input and Announcements.