Massachusetts Advanced Biofuels Task Force

January 4, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Advanced Biofuels Task Force will hold two public hearings, the first two of which will be held on **Monday, January 14th, 2008** and **Thursday, January 17th, 2008**.

The Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House created the Massachusetts Advanced Biofuels Task Force to study and make recommendations for legislation, regulations and other programs to promote the development of an advanced biofuels industry in the Commonwealth. The task force shall develop a strategic framework to accelerate the development and deployment of commercially viable advanced biofuels, and facilitate expansive biofuel research throughout the Commonwealth. This strategic framework shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(i) promoting infrastructure for cellulosic feedstock delivery to processing plants and for the distribution of ethanol and other advanced biofuels to motor fuel distributors;

(ii) developing a regulatory and legislative framework to expedite siting and permitting of advanced biofuels manufacturing or distribution facilities within the Commonwealth;

(iii) analyzing the energy and environmental lifecycle of advanced biofuels;

(iv) fostering the development of a market for energy crops;

(v) tax incentives and research grants to identify and promote the development of domestic feedstocks and technologies necessary to manufacture advanced biofuels in the commonwealth, and

(vi) regulatory and legislative actions intended to promote increased reliance on ethanol and other advanced biofuels as an ingredient for fuel in Massachusetts.

Listed below are the Massachusetts Advanced Biofuels Task Force members:

Secretary Ian Bowles, Energy and Environmental Affairs (Chair); Assistant Secretary David Cash (Secretary's designee)

Bruce Jamerson, CEO, Mascoma

David Davenport, Department of Revenue

Representative Brian Dempsey

Representative Frank Smizik

Representative Brad Jones

Senator Pamela Resor

Senator Ben Downing

Senator Bruce Tarr

The two public hearings will be held as shown below.

Monday, January 14, 2008
Lenox Memorial Middle & High School
197 East Street
Lenox, MA 01240
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 17, 2008
Massachusetts State House, Room A-2
Boston, MA 02133
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

It is expected that two further hearings will be held in March on dates to be announced.

Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearings. Opportunity to sign up for 3-minute presentations will occur at the hearing. Written comments will be accepted both before and after the hearings in January, but should be submitted no later than January 31.

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