

Energy Policy Review Commission

Friday, February 1, 2013

10:00AM – 11:30Am

EEA (100 Cambridge Street, 2nd Floor)

Members in Attendance:

Sandra Merrick	Office of the Attorney General
Tom Regh	Progressive Energy Services
Bob Rio	A.I.M
Elliot Jacobson	Action Inc.
Robert Kaufmann	Boston University

Others in Attendance:

Christina Fisher	Office of Sen. Downing
Andrew Goldberg	AGO
Andy Brydges	MassCEC
Martha Broad	MassCEC
Dan Burgess	EEA
Barbara Kates-Garnick	EEA
Alicia Barton McDevitt	MassCEC
Stolle Singleton	Office of Rep. Jones
Hinna Upal	EEA
Lauren Farrell	EEA
Kerry Britland	NSTAR
Jodi Hanover	Rich May, P.C.
Shaela Collins	Rich May, P.C.
Kevin Galligan	Cape Light Compact
Rita Carvalho	Action, Inc.

Undersecretary Kates-Garnick called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.

Introductions

Undersecretary Kates-Garnick welcomed the Commission members and attendees and began the introductions around the room. The Undersecretary acknowledged the wide spectrum of members on the Commission, which she stated is the purpose of this Commission.

MassCEC Presentation

Alicia Barton McDevitt

Bob Rio raised the question regarding the source of financing of the jobs in the MassCEC Clean Energy Industry Report. Alicia Barton McDevitt responded that defining this source would be difficult to do. While it is possible to match the funds somewhere, it would not be at the granularity as the rest of the report. However, she replied this is something that would be considered for the next report. Professor Kaufmann questioned if Bob Rio felt this money was being spent foolishly. Bob Rio clarified that he believes the wealth transfer should be analyzed. Professor Kaufmann responded that information would be hard to obtain from start-ups. Bob Rio countered that the majority of money seems to be coming from other people in the state and this has an impact on whether people stay in Massachusetts. He also stated that this report does not reflect net growth and questioned whether these jobs were created at

the expense of someone else. Undersecretary Kates-Garnick stated that work can be done to clarify and get analysis behind the numbers. She then opened the conversation up to the observers in the room.

Bob Rio stated that he felt this is a zero sum game and he would like to know exactly where the money is coming from. Sandra Merrick agreed that it would be nice to know the funding sources and if and/or when these sources expire. Bob Rio concurred that he would like to know how much funding and their specific sources.

Tom Regh raised concerns regarding the numbers in the report not representing employees and if these numbers are overstated, MassCEC should consider this for the next report. Dan Burgess replied that this information is available and it could be provided to the Commission if desired. Undersecretary Kates-Garnick acknowledged that this all was great feedback and this topic could be considered for the Commission Report .

Professor Kaufmann stated that he felt jobs should not be the sole metric of success. Bob Rio replied that he wants to see numbers and how much money is spent. Martha Broad reminded the Commission to consider the cost of carrying out these surveys. Elliot Jacobson agreed that more information is always better but in this case, there is no reason to treat this report with as much detail as a DPU rate case. Bob Rio replied that the MassCEC Clean Energy Industry Report is a jobs report, not an environmental report.

Alicia Barton McDevitt finished the MassCEC presentation.

Open Discussion and Next Steps

Undersecretary Kates-Garnick thanks MassCEC for presenting on their report, stating that it was very helpful to understand everyone's role in stimulating the economy. She inquired how the Commission should move forward and suggested each member to write down metrics for evaluation and topics for analysis. Sandra Merrick questioned what the metrics were for and if the Commission could come to a consensus. Undersecretary Kates-Garnick responded that while the Commission might not reach a consensus, it is a good idea to get a sense of where the Commission should go from here. Tom Regh replied that the Commission should not have to recreate metrics as they should already exist and that these metrics should be compared to what others are doing, ie: California, Wisconsin, etc. Bob Rio felt there should be a spreadsheet with all programs from all agencies that explains costs and more of the numbers he is looking for. He stated that by using this spreadsheet, the Commission could identify and focus on the programs that are working and modify and/or dispose of those that are not.

Sandra Merrick pointed to Paragraph A in Section 41 of the Commission legislation regarding the definition of metrics. Undersecretary Kates-Garnick responded that this is a very broad legislation which is why it is important for each member to create a list of metrics. She stated that once each member defines their metrics, the Commission can meet to define analytical structure and seek data to back up the information. Dan Burgess referred again to the Paragraph stating that it is a good place to start and the Commission can expand from here.

Bob Rio indicated there is an obligation to the rate payer to see where the money is coming from and shift the funding if needed. He stated he believes that programs are not coordinating or communicating with each other. He questioned why money is being spent on Energy Efficiency if GHG reduction programs are better. Elliot Jacobson stated it is important to also remember quality when discussing cost.

Undersecretary Kates-Garnick reiterated the idea of Commission members submitting metrics and topics for analysis and proposed having members present at upcoming meetings. The Commission agreed that future meetings should be held every 2 weeks.

Tom Regh raised a question about the missing members of the Commission that have not yet been appointed. Dan Burgess replied they hope to have them present at the next meeting.

Undersecretary Kates-Garnick stated EEA will work on a meeting schedule and will contact the Commission with all dates and information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am.