

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Global Warming Task Force

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SUBJECT: *Update*

1. **Public Forums.** The Public Forums held on August 6 went well. Thanks very much to members of the Task Force and to the Work Group Co-Chairs who were able to attend and moderate the sessions, and to the PSC staff for setting up and running the session.

All written submissions are being posted on our web site and the substance of oral comments germane to each Work Group will be conveyed by the Co-Chairs to the Work Groups. A dominant theme of commenters was the need for individuals to take responsibility for their actions and modify habits and lifestyles to lessen their contributions to greenhouse gas emissions individually and in their businesses. There also was discussion of the importance of local community sustainability efforts. A

clear message was that people believe that conservation and efficiency measures for the utility sector, and reform of land use policies for the transportation sector, are very important. An issue where there was the most divergence of opinion, not surprisingly, was new nuclear power plants.

2. **September Task Force Meeting.** As you know, we have moved the September meeting from the 18th to the 20th. This has been done to accommodate Doug Scott, Director, Illinois EPA, who is managing the Illinois global warming process. That effort is coming to a close. Doug will discuss Illinois' experience and recommendations.

Prior to the Public Forum, we had already decided to put together presentations for the Task Force on issues related to (i) educating the public on climate change, (ii) changing individual behavior and (iii) community and corporate sustainability initiatives. These issues cross sectors and the Task Force as a whole may decide to include recommendations on what can be done in these areas. At the September meeting, we also will discuss progress on modeling, including development of the reference case (business as usual) and report further on the inventory and related matters. Finally, we will discuss any concerns and questions coming from the Work Groups, as they complete their assignments.

3. **Modeling Consultant.** After interviewing three firms and engaging in extensive discussions, the Technical Advisory Group has recommended that we retain ICF to

do cross-sector modeling of policy alternatives for our effort. The next step is for the DNR, subject to required procurement procedures, to negotiate a contract price and terms, so we can get the work done.

4. **Work Groups.** The Work Groups are hard at work and meeting often. It is a big job and we very much appreciate everyone's efforts on the Work Groups. We have scheduled calls with the Co-Chairs of the Work Groups and WRI (and in the case of the Ag/Forestry group, Winrock also) in order to keep informed of the progress and to help resolve questions, as the work moves forward.

5. **Chicago Climate Exchange.** The Chicago Climate Exchange, which manages a carbon offset market in the United States, and is very active in Europe, will make a presentation to our Carbon Tax/Cap-And-Trade/Offset Work Group in September. We will let everyone on the Task Force know the time and place, so that you may attend if you are able.