

## CEAC minutes – March 14, 2008

The Community Energy Advisory Council met Friday, March 14, at the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Members attending included Terry Albrecht, Robin Cape, Vernon Daugherty, Richard Fireman, Margo Flood, Charles Gaither, Dave Hollister, Jeff Loven, Rick Lutovsky, Margie Meares, John Oswald, Sandy Pfeiffer and Lavoy Spooner. Members of the public included Mike Hopping, Peter Kublickis and Abby Gage.

### News and Updates

- **PUC Docket.** Robert Sipes, Progress Energy staff, reported that the deadline for interveners has been extended one week and that it was announced two weeks ago. Given the structure of the process, CEAC cannot participate as an entity but individual members may do so. General Counsel is glad to discuss what CEAC wants to present and interweave this into Progress' submission. Sipes will follow up with the General Counsel and the CEAC members. If desired, Meares will prepare a presentation on how the PUC does business at the April 11 meeting. There was discussion on keeping abreast of this constantly developing picture, so that the PUC study produces actionable results.
- **Nuclear Interests.** Sipes reported that Progress has submitted a Construction and Operating License Application (COLA) for two nuclear units at the Harris site. Progress remains committed to exploring the other aspects of the balanced solution, and nuclear may price itself out of contention. It takes thirteen years to construct a site. There was a vigorous discussion about the efficacy of nuclear, resources running out, and the need to curb the public's energy appetite. Cape noted that the CEAC has the opportunity to have an Austin, TX representative talk about its 1,200 megawatt hours savings.
- **Climate Registry.** Sipes announced that Progress is joining The Climate Registry as a founding reporter, providing detailed information about greenhouse gas emissions from its operations. In 2008, Progress will conduct a comprehensive, companywide greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
- **January Peak.** Sam Waters, Progress Energy staff, reported a WNC peak usage of 970 megawatts in January. This is the projection for 2011. He is checking out the composition. Martha Thompson, Progress Energy staff, sent the revised Dashboard to the CEAC last week. CEAC Member Terry Albrecht has looked at Progress' assumptions and provided feedback. There was discussion about load control and softening peak consumption.
- **Smart Grid.** Sipes announced that Progress is planning to make a formal submission for an intelligent grid to the PUC.
- **Plant Tour.** Thompson has arranged tours of the Asheville Coal-Fired Plant on April 1 and 2. Interested CEAC members should sign up for a time that is convenient for them.
- **Grants.** Thompson presented three candidates for approval from the CEAC Grants Committee (members Coleman, Fitzsimmons, Meares and Pickering). They are [redacted]. for a total of \$14,050, leaving a balance of \$10,950. Fourteen proposals were submitted and she is getting more information on three of them. The CEAC recommended to Progress that the above candidates be implemented.
- **Rulemaking.** Chris Edge, Progress Energy staff, reported that Rulemaking was published by the PUC two weeks ago. All new programs must be reviewed and approved by the PUC, and the PUC can ask for enabler shareholder incentives. Staff is meeting with PUC staff about minimum filing requirements. Linda Kushner, Progress Energy staff, reported that the renewable mandate will be September rather than June. Staff is still receiving responses to the RFP, and that the primary focus is solar. Projects must be registered with the PUC.

**Values Proposition.** The CEAC approved adoption of the Guiding Values Proposition, which will be posted on the website.

**Recommendation/Project Strategy Plan.** Steve Cochran, Sustainability Strategies, presented a proposed plan for Progress responding to and implementing CEAC Recommendations/Projects. Progress will report back to the CEAC at its April 11 meeting on its Recommendations from the February 8 Retreat.