Shaping our Energy Future: The New State Energy Plan

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State Energy Office

 Created During Arab Oil Embargo: 1973
Department of Administration
Ideal Location: State Construction, Motor Fleet, Property, P&C Divisions
Lead Agency for Energy Programs and Services in North Carolina



State Energy Office

✓ Energy Emergencies
✓ Alternative Fuels
✓ Renewable Energy
• Solar, Wind, Hydro and Biomass
✓ Energy Efficiency

- Universities, State Agencies
- Local Governments, Schools & NPOs
- Industrial and Residential





Energy efficiency's contribution to our energy supply

National Energy Supply (TBtus)



State Energy Office



Impact of Efficiency Measures on Energy Use and Emissions – All Sectors



• 115,000 lbs of NOx



NC Energy Policy Council

Author of New State Energy Plan
18-member Council advises Governor & General Assembly on Energy Policy
NCUC, Cabinet Agencies (4), Energy Providers and Sector Reps
Staffed by State Energy Office



State Energy Plan

First Energy Plan since 1992 Strong Focus on Energy Efficiency, **Renewable Energy and Alt. Fuels** 18 month process (hearings, experts) **492** Recommendations 15 Action Items for 2003-04: 20 for 2004-05

Supported by ASU Energy Center



Next Steps for the Energy Plan

 Received by Governor Easley
Submittal to NC General Assembly and all relevant State Agencies and Commissions (NCUC, State Building)
SEO: Lead Agency for Implementation
Guide for Future SEO Programs



Implementing the Recommendations

Oversight by Energy Policy Council *A***Quarterly** Reports to EPC by SEO <u>Legislative</u> Proposals to Gen. Assembly *Presentations to Key Commissions*, **Boards and Agencies regarding** pertinent recommendations *Review and Revise in 2 Years*



Implementing the Recommendations

 Top Tier of Recommendations Will Receive Highest Priority
Work Will Start/Continue on Other Recommendations as Resources Allow
Energy Policy Council Will Assist in Implementation



Implementing the Recommendations

Annual Progress Report to Governor and General Assembly

- Energy Savings to be Tracked and Program Impact Evaluated
- Additional Research to be Conducted on Selected Recommendations

ASU Energy Center to Coordinate Research and Support for Effort



The EPC's Top Fifteen: Energy and Economic Issues

- (1) DOC and SEO support Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy-related Economic Development
- (2) SEO should convey energy research to DOC for recruitment strategy
- Status: ASU Energy Center developing database on emerging energy-related jobs and economic impacts with DOC guidance.



Energy and the Environment

(3) DENR: Prepare for GHG Marketplace

Status: Connect energy efficiency and renewable energy to air quality improvements; legislation for Climate Change Commission



Alternative Fuels from Biomass

(4A) Develop Alternative Fuel Industry through dedicated funding & matching grants

(4B) Raise in-state feedstock production levels

(4C) 35 publicly accessible alternative refueling stateions by 2007



Alternative Fuels: Status

 Alt. Fuel Vehicle Demonstration Center dedicated on November 7, 2003
Triangle Clean Cities and NC Solar Center offer Incentive Programs
EV Challenge and Model Fuel Cell Car Programs for Grades 6-12



Alternative Fuels: Status

 AFV federal purchase requirement for state vehicles: includes universities
Clean Cities Programs: Triangle, Charlotte (soon), & Asheville (new)
DOT leading biodiesel emissions study



Alternative Fuels from Biomass

(5) Pursue strategies to convert animal waste into environmentally sound energy sources
Status: NCSU evaluating animal waste technologies; and NC Biomass Council promoting new technologies and uses



(6) General Assembly should consider adopting net metering for all utilities **Status:** Related to NC GreenPower program development and a NCUC docket, discussions are underway on net metering and interconnection issues between utilities and renewable energy advocates and generators.



(7) GA should evaluate a Renewable **Portfolio** Standard that complements **NC GreenPower Program Status:** ASU Energy Center is analyzing economic impacts of various **RPS** scenarios for NC; legislative bills filed but not approved



- (8) GA should reexamine Ridge Law as it pertains to wind turbines
- Status: Best wind sites mapped for mtns. And coast; public opinion surveys show strong support for wind development; anemometer loan program; demonstration center with 6 small turbines is selling power to grid; utility turbine sites under evaluation



- (9) SEO should propose incentives, regulatory measures, and administrative measures to develop renewable energy
- Status: SEO strongly supporting and funding NC GreenPower Program (now @ ~7,000 subscribers). Solar Center has green builder program and daylighting consortium. ASU analyzing economic impacts of solar DHW on new residential construction.



Disclosure

(10) GA should require utilities to disclose fuel mix and emissions statistics by bill insert and website
Status: NC GreenPower Program now determining levels of disclosure needed to maintain certification.



Energy Use in the Public Sector

(11) State agencies and universities should reduce energy consumption by 4% annually, or 20% by 2008

Status: Utility Savings Initiative working closely with 17 universities and 25 agencies. Energy plans in place and ~\$1 million in rate/billing savings. \$50 million PC program in operation.



Energy Use in the Public Sector

(12) SEO and SCO should evaluate energy savings from new life cycle cost analysis requirements

Status: ASU Energy Center to evaluate random sample of recently construction state buildings using data from State Construction Office.



Energy Use in the Public Sector

(13) Facilitate local governments to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects (loans, PC, bundling)

Status: DPI and SEO will co-sponsor development of energy plans for K-12 schools systems. Local governments invited to USI and Performance Contracting training. PC outreach and technical assistance now being provided. Loan program restarted.



Energy Use in Residential Sector

(14A) NC should support a strong lowincome weatherization program. Should review effectiveness of programs and analyze opportunities for improvements.

(14B) SEO should develop other programs to address energy efficient housing in low-income sector.



Energy Use in Residential Sector

Status:

- SEO formed Low-Income Residential Housing Program with \$1 million from GA
- Manufactured Housing Efficiency Program currently in 17 counties
- NC HealthyBuilt Home standards incorporated in 15-unit development
- Zero Energy Home; Passive Solar home plans



Funding for Energy Programs

- (15) The General Assembly should review options, such as a Public Benefits Fund or other means, to enable funding of recommendations in the State Energy Plan.
- Status: ASU Energy Center completed survey of other PBFs; prepared analysis of economic and energy impacts of various levels of funding.



Industrial Segment Support

(16) SEO expand technical assistance and outreach to reduce energy use by industrial sector

Status: Offer training and workshops; boiler and steam trap surveys; IES energy audits; and technical assistance





(17) Goal of 20% high efficiency or alternative-fueled vehicles by 2010.

Status: State purchases exceed federal EPACT 1992 regulations; earned credits can now be sold; new requirement to displace 20% of petroleum consumption



Consumer Information Outreach

- (18) SEO expand information resources to provide info on energy saving and use of renewables
- Status: Public tv and radio shows, news releases, conferences, workshops, newsletters, and fact sheets provide cost and use reduction info. Expanded website provides extensive links to expert resources. Training through Cooperative Extension Service.



Energy Education for K-12

(19) Provide educational materials and training for teachers and k-12 students.

Status: Several cross-curriculum programs are available by teacher choice including Alternative Fuels Transportation Program, Fuel Cell Education Program, National Energy Efficiency Demonstration Program, as well as a workshop on a university campus.



High Performance Residences

- (20) Develop criteria for residential high performance building program to reduce the life cycle cost of new and existing housing.
- Status: Stakeholders met to review criteria of various energy efficient housing programs; selected Energy Star; proposed legislation to provide tax incentives; Energy Star Conference in December; RESNET



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