

Addendum 2
Meeting Record

Coos County Economic Action Strategy
Energy Technical Review Committee

January 15, 2008

Present:

Charlie Niebling- New England Wood Pellet/Biofuel Energy Systems
Jeff Hayes- North Country Council
Don Mercier- Brookfield Power
Cindy McCormack- NH Electric Cooperative
Mike Behrmann- Town of Epping /NH Carbon Coalition
Julia Dundorf- NH Carbon Coalition/ Local Energy Committees
Russ Dowd- North Country Resource Conservation & Development/ Pinetree Power
Thad Gulbrandsen- Plymouth State University/Ctr for Rural partnerships
Peter Riviere- Coos County Economic Development Corporation
Kirk Stone- Jordan Institute/High Performance School Program
Rick DeMark- USDA/NRCS/North Country RC&D and Meeting Facilitator

The group reviewed the charge given to it by the Coos County Economic Strategy Steering Committee. The group registered two concerns about the charge. One would there be enough time and second was there sufficient local representation on the Energy TRC, specifically local Energy Committees.

It was suggested that the group begin by establishing some Principles that would guide the development of Action Strategies. That list included:

- Efficiency (but being technology neutral)
- Self-Sufficiency
- Renewability
- Sustainability (environmentally, economically, and socially)
- Consider both centralized and dispersed energy production

The metric or measures that were provided to the Energy TRC by the Steering Committee were reviewed. Those included:

- Level of economic impact (number of jobs created)
- Measurable improvement in the Quality of Life in Coos County
- Sustainability of the Action
- Feasibility or likelihood of success and/or funding
- Degree of innovation
- Base of support and acceptability

A number of materials were passed out, including:

- Energy issues if importance assembled by the Coos Cty EAS Steering Committee

- List of pending NH legislation in the House and Senate
- The December 1, 2007 State Energy Policy Commission , 2007 Interim Report
- A paper titled “Preliminary Heat Supply Plan, Coos County, NH, authored by Dr. M.A. Pierce of University of Rochester, NY for the Northeast District Energy Corporation
- The DRAFT Northern Forest Biomass Energy Action Plan
- A report prepared by the US EPA and US DOE titled Summary of Efforts on Energy Efficiency in New England States- dated April, 2007
- A list of possible actions that was generated from respondents to the invitation to this meeting on their priorities for Coos County Energy Issues

It was agreed to brainstorm a list of action strategies, using the pre-developed list mentioned above and adding to it. The list would be compiled by the facilitator, making appropriate combinations, and formatted on to a matrix that would allow the Energy TRC to rate the relevance of each proposed action as strong, neutral or weak as pertains to the 6 Principles and 6 Metrics supplied by the Coos Cty EAS Steering Committee. This matrix would be distributed to the Energy TRC as soon as possible so that members could prepare their own opinions prior to the next meeting on January 23, 2008.

The matrix will be labeled Attachment 1 to this Meeting record.

The next meeting will be at 12:30pm to 3pm at the NH Electric Cooperative Executive Offices at 287 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH.