Energy-Intensive and Trade-Exposed Industries
Advisory Panel Meeting
October 5, 2020

Attendees

1. Eric Gertler, Chair  Empire State Development
2. Keith Hayes, Co-Chair  New York Power Authority
4. Tristan Brown  SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
5. Jason Curtis  Nucor Steel Auburn, Inc.
6. Carlos Garcia  New York City Environmental Justice Alliance
7. Leah George VanScott  Greater Rochester Enterprise
8. Doug Grose  NY CREATES
9. Michael LeMonds  LafargeHolcim
10. Melanie Littlejohn  National Grid
11. Elisa Miller-Out  Chloe Capital
12. Stephen Tucker  Workforce Training Center at Northland
13. David Wasiura  United Steelworkers District 4

Not in Attendance

1. Lourdes Zapata  South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. (SoBRO)

Agenda Item I – Welcome and Meeting Objective

- Chair Gertler welcomed the Panel, reviewed meeting logistics and took the role.
- Advisory Panel members who were not in attendance at the first meeting introduced themselves and highlighted their areas of interest.
- Chair Gertler stated that the meeting objective was to collect the Panel’s input on the Draft Work Plan.
- Chair Gertler then gave a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Chair, the Panel members and the staff.

Agenda Item II – Panel Discussion of Draft Work Plan

- Chair Gertler introduced Panel member Hayes of NYPA who presented on:
  - The Panel’s Scope of Work, including key scoping assumptions with regard to:
    - the types of industrial emissions to be addressed
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    - the ways in which the Panel’s scope will differ from that of the Just Transition Working Group
    - the types of technologies and policies the Panel may wish to consider in reducing emissions, and
    - examples of technologies and policies to mitigate leakage and anti-competitive impacts on EITE industries.
Panel member Hayes also addressed emission reduction goals and reviewed those developed by Energy and Environmental Economics.

- Panel members raised a number of questions including:
  - Is Bitcoin mining considered an EITE?
  - How many BTUs are required to power the State’s industrial sector?
  - How much renewable energy is in the State’s project pipeline?
  - What are the sources of emissions in the construction sector?

- Panel members also made a number of information requests including:
  - A breakdown of the specific products included in the petroleum category
  - The location of industrial sites relative to both lower income communities and load pockets subject to transmission constraints
  - Emissions data for on-site fuel combustion.

- Panel member VanScott suggested the importance of business attraction and expansion.
- Panel members Curtis and Littlejohn made the point that power quality, reliability and price be considered in the Panel’s work.
- Panel member Wasiura emphasized that the Panel should obtain input on what is feasible from the State’s larger EITE manufacturers.

- Chair Gertler then reviewed the Work Plan’s sections on:
  - Public Participation and how the Panel would engage with the public, and
  - The Timeline, including what expertise might be required at different stages of the Panel’s work.

**Agenda Item III – Next Steps**

- Chair Gertler reviewed next steps, including that:
  - the Draft Work Plan would be submitted to the Climate Action Council at the Council’s October 8th meeting
  - a proposed schedule of future meeting dates would be provided to the Panel members, and
  - staff would begin focusing on identifying experts and/or written material to help inform the Panel’s deliberations and asked for any suggestions in this regard.

- Chair Gertler then asked for any final questions from the Panel before concluding the meeting.