Implementation Options for EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan: A Midcontinent States Regional Workshop

Friday, June 5, 2015 Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport Hotel Detroit, Michigan

ORGANIZED BY THE GREAT PLAINS INSTITUTE AND BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

8:30 am Welcome and Overview

Review goals for the workshop and its role in providing input to Midcontinent States Environmental & Energy Regulators and the Midwestern Power Sector Collaborative.

- Doug Scott, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Great Plains Institute
- Vince Hellwig, Senior Policy Advisor, Michigan Agency for Energy & Co-Chair, Midcontinent States Environmental and Energy Regulators

8:45 am Keynote Speaker

 Valerie Brader, Executive Director, Michigan Agency for Energy

9:15 am PANEL I: Policy Pathways for States

States have many options for developing a plan to achieve the EPA-prescribed state emissions goals. Jennifer Macedonia of the Bipartisan Policy Center will provide a general survey of various policy pathways states are considering. Experts and stakeholders from the region will then present their perspectives on opportunities and challenges presented by those options.

- MODERATOR: Jennifer Macedonia, Senior Advisor, Bipartisan Policy Center
- Skiles Boyd, Vice President, Environmental Management and Resources, DTE Energy
- Bruce Braine, Vice President, Strategic Analysis, American Electric Power
- Kevin Leahy, Director, Environmental & Energy Policy, Duke Energy
- Mary Jo Roth, Manager, Environmental Services, Great River Energy
- Rebecca Stanfield, Deputy Director, Midwest Program, Natural Resources Defense Council

10:45 am Break

11:00 am PANEL II: Opportunities and Challenges for Multistate Collaboration

This panel will focus on options for multistate collaboration and opportunities and challenges presented by different approaches. Franz Litz of the Great Plains Institute will objectively outline ways that multistate collaboration might occur. Experts and stakeholders will then provide reactions to the options outlined and general perspectives on multistate collaboration.

- MODERATOR: Franz Litz, Program Consultant, Great Plains Institute
- Nick Martin, Manager, Environmental Policy, Xcel Energy
- Todd Ramey, Vice President, System Operations and Market Services, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)
- Conrad Schneider, Advocacy Director, Clean Air Task Force
- Michael Schnitzer, Director, Northbridge Group on behalf of Entergy Corporation
- Cathy Woollums, Senior Vice President,
 Environmental Services and Chief Environmental
 Counsel, Berkshire Hathaway Energy

12:30 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Keynote Speaker

 Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:30 pm PANEL III: Achieving State Goals in the Midcontinent Region

This panel will explore measures states could use to achieve their goals and reduce CO_2 emissions in ways that may prove cost-effective and meet other complementary state goals. These will include opportunities beyond those commonly discussed, such as distributed generation, carbon capture and storage with enhanced oil recovery, combined heat and power, and biomass co-firing as well as energy efficiency, renewable energy, nuclear power, and increased use of natural gas.

- MODERATOR: Brad Crabtree, Vice President, Fossil Energy, Great Plains Institute
- Kathleen Barrón, Senior Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs and Wholesale Market Policy, Exelon Corporation
- Steve Corneli, Senior Vice President, Policy and Strategy, NRG
- Steve Frenkel, Midwest Director, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Charles Griffith, Director, Climate and Energy Program, Ecology Center

3:00 pm Closing Remarks

 John Quackenbush, Chairman, Michigan Public Service Commission & Member, Midcontinent States Environmental and Energy Regulators

3:30 pm Adjourn