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Hi Laura,

Will Vermont be submitting a response to the rating exercise? Please let me know one way or the other- I've attached again here for ease. I will be finalizing the input received so far tomorrow so we can move forward. It would be very valuable to Vermont's input.

Thanks,  
Michelle

## **Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future**

### **Prioritization Exercise**

#### **May 13, 2016 Accord Team Call**

Please provide input from your state in the following priority areas of work and actions. On a scale of 1-5, please provide a value next to each item with **1 being the least important and 5 being the most important**.

The areas of work are organized under three priority areas agreed on during the April 12 planning meeting.

- I. State Economic Energy Analysis and Data
- II. Technical Assistance on Energy: Infrastructure, Technology and Sources
- III. Finance and Funding: Tools, Mechanisms and Resources

#### **I. State Economic Energy Analysis and Data**

- a. Quantify economic benefits and opportunities from states' clean energy and infrastructure investments.

**Rating (1-5):** \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Review and summarize current status of Accord states' energy plans including energy policies. Identify areas of mutual focus on energy issues and opportunities across states for collaboration.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

- c. Capture status of current energy data in states with a specific data list to be determined by Accord states. Energy data work will aim to advance access, transparency and accuracy to inform state and federal policies and state economic strategies.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

#### **II. Technical Assistance on Energy: Infrastructure, Technology and Sources**

- a. Pursue technical assistance, funding and research to states to better support states' energy pathways toward the Accord's common principles; engage proactively with federal agencies, select industry and financial sectors, philanthropy and research institutes to accelerate states' energy work.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Engage private sector including utilities in focused dialogue with key Accord state offices on energy investment equities, opportunities and risks in infrastructure, policy and deployment work.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Finance and Funding: Tools, Mechanisms and Resources**

- a. Convene states for sharing and learning best practices and programs for financing development and deployment of renewable energy, efficiency, and smart grid and energy storage technologies in the electricity grid.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Explore single state [and possibly multi-state] structures for supporting public-private partnerships to develop and finance clean energy and infrastructure investments.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

- c. Engage state CFOs and chief budget officers, state treasurers and state investment board managers to promote use of life-cycle assessments (LCCA) of all public infrastructure investments. LCCA should include energy implications and consideration of climate risk and should shift state capital budgeting process to promote necessary integration of water, energy, advanced transportation and public building investments. Work would include development of technical guide for states.

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

- d. Develop a network to drive clean energy market demand through projects developed and being led by Accord states individually and together (e.g., clusters or interstate cooperation).

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

- e. Explore need and value of national option for [Accord] states access to low-interest capital to support transformative energy investments that include scale, economic benefits (incl. risk minimization/avoidance), longevity and transparency. Options might include:

- Governors' Accord Energy and Infrastructure Fund
- Regional and interstate energy investment opportunities
- Options to aggregate federal finance facilities by aligning and leveraging access to more than one federal agency finance option to accelerate Accord states' abilities to meet impacts and opportunities the changing energy landscape represents to individual Accord states, Accord states in the aggregate, and the nation's energy future

**Rating (1-5)**\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Please detail work not listed above here:**

