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Subject: Governors Accord for Clean Energy Future; Summary of Meeting & Next Steps

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Thanks very much to everyone who participated in a very productive meeting this past Monday. We made a lot of progress & identified several concrete steps for moving forward. Attached is a high level summary of what we discussed at the meeting & list of next steps. Thanks again & look forward to talking to you again soon.

Cliff

Planning Meeting: Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future

9:00 am- 1:30 pm, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015

Hall of States, Washington DC

Attendance

In Person

Sam Ricketts (WA)
Maribel Ramos (VA)
Tiffany Watkins Ahern (MA)
Ben Grumbles (MD)
Ryan McGinness (NV)
Charles Small (NY)
Cliff Rechtschaffen (CA)
Dan DeSimone (CT)

Garth Spencer (DE)
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Margi Hoffmann (OR)
Eric Brown (MI)
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Katie Wheeler Mathews (CA)
Michelle Wyman

By Phone

Mike Fitzgerald (NH)
Martha Rudolph (CO)
Valerie Brader (MI)
Wade Crowfoot (CA)

Kerry Holmes (NH)
Zach Pierce (CO)
Alex Cahill (MA)
Sam Robinson (PA)

Summary

We discussed the background and history of the Accord; the language in the draft Accord; actions that participating states would work on going forward once the Accord is announced; and timing and logistics of the public announcement, including outreach/recruitment efforts to other states.

1. Accord Language

At least from the group assembled there do not appear to be any major showstoppers or problematic elements in the draft Accord, although states do want to continue to review and offer edits/tweaks, such as adding a greater focus on economic development and grid infrastructure, etc. We formed a subcommittee that will recommend line edits in the draft to the larger group.

2. Implementation Actions Post Accord

There was a strong emphasis on coming up with actionable items that provide concrete benefits to the States for us to work on once the Accord is launched. We brainstormed about numerous ideas, including technical assistance/support for states from DOE, better coordination of DOE/HUD low income weatherization programs, providing states with solid economic data about benefits and costs of clean energy programs, grid modernization, future of the electricity utility/grid distribution issues,

innovative efficiency and other clean energy financing tools, agricultural waste to energy programs, energy water nexus, sharing best practices, lessons from state clean energy plans, and others. We also discussed future implementation issues such as ongoing communication and possible support for travel and dedicated staff under close control of states. We formed a subcommittee that will recommend a few key items to focus on during the first year of the Accord's implementation.

3. Announcement/Recruitment of Additional States

The tentative consensus among the group is to shoot for an announcement/rollout sometime in mid December (i.e. week of Dec 14th), and to do this "virtually" (remotely) rather than an in-person event. We brainstormed about some additional target states to recruit, including New Mexico, Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, and Maine. We formed a subcommittee to begin to flesh out some of these issues (recognizing that our media offices will take over once event planning begins in earnest).

Next Steps

1. Each of the subcommittees will send out suggested action items to the larger group in the next ten days or sooner (by 10/1).

Lines Edits to Accord

Valerie Brader (MI)
Wade Crowfoot (CA)
Sam Ricketts (WA)

Implementation (Action Items Post-Announcement)

Ryan McGinness (NV)
Maribel Ramos (VA)
Sam Ricketts (WA)
Margi Hoffmann (OR)
Cliff Rechtschaffen (CA)
Michelle Wyman

Announcement Planning including Recruitment, Communications and Timing

Eric Brown (MI)
Sam Ricketts (WA)
Ryan McGinness (NV)
Cliff Rechtschaffen (CA) or Wade Crowfoot (CA)
Michelle Wyman

2. We will have a follow up call during the week of Oct 12th to discuss updates from the subcommittees and moving forward with details to finalize accord & set launch date.