

State Energy Policy Council (SEPC)

Meeting Minutes (Webex)

July 9, 2020

I. Roll call

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II. Approval of meeting minutes

Suggested edits were provided to the June meeting minutes; therefore, changes will be made and sent out for the group to review.

III. Evaluate Opportunities to Utilize conservation and advanced energy technologies to support and improve health, education, and economic status of Tennessee's rural and underserved areas

Natural Gas Infrastructure Expansion & Assessment

- Issues -- capacity limitations and aging infrastructure
- Solutions -- State appointed oversight of the capacity and infrastructure situation

Solar Power Expansion in Rural and Unserved Communities

- Clearer state policy around third party solar
- Rural communities have unique issues -- policy needs to consider these issues such as cost and hardships that new energy efficiency programs put on the population.
- Work with landlords to equipped more rental prosperities with energy efficiency among the lower income properties.

IV. What's Next

How does the council organize the information into something useful for the state? This year's report talks about the data and the whitepaper. What does next years report contain?

Discussion on organizing each focus area into three buckets:

- Communication and Education
- Policy Change
- Legislative or Governor Policy

Council members were asked to think about the bucket areas and how to prioritize within each bucket. Discussion around how we would report out and how to engage stakeholders and others to help push the council's recommendations.

Additional discussion on prioritizing the four focus areas -- are there some needing the council's immediate attention while others can be addressed further out.

V. Baker Center Annual Report

Discussion on the contents of the current report and the focus of next year's report . There was also discussion on how to best engage with the Baker Center and its resources moving forward.