

Governor's Energy Advisory Council

June 16, 2023

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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DNREC Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Introductions of Council Members and DNREC Energy Office Staff
3. Roles and Responsibilities
4. Establishment of Working Groups
5. Proposed Timeline
6. Next Council Meetings:
 - September 15, 2023
 - October 20, 2023
 - December 15, 2023
7. Public Comments



Roles and Responsibilities

- Council
- Chair
- Staff (and consultants)



Roles and Responsibilities: GEAC

The Governor's Energy Advisory Council shall monitor Delaware's energy system, identify and propose actions to enhance Delaware's energy system, including actions to lessen the climate change impacts of Delaware's energy system, and provide counsel to the Governor on promoting an economic, reliable, and competitive energy market for all Delaware consumers.



Roles and Responsibilities: GEAC

The Governor's Energy Advisory Council shall be assigned the following responsibilities:

- Providing recommendations to the State Energy Office on updates to the Delaware Energy Plan and Climate Action Plan every 5 years from date of enactment. The updating process shall include a process for public input and measures for progress in attaining goals identified in the plans.
- Monitoring federal, state and regional energy issues, identifying the impacts on Delaware and recommending actions and policies to the Governor and General Assembly in response to identified issues.
- Other duties as referred by the Governor.

Roles and Responsibilities: GEAC

A quorum of the Advisory Council is a majority of its members. A vacant position is not counted for quorum purposes.

Official action by the Advisory Council requires the approval of a majority of the members present at a meeting with a quorum.



Roles and Responsibilities: Chair

The Chair of the Advisory Council may establish such subcommittees of the Advisory Council as the Chair determines would provide assistance to the Advisory Council in meeting its responsibilities.



Roles and Responsibilities: DNREC (SEO)

The State Energy Office shall:

Facilitate the development of a comprehensive State Energy Plan designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and economy of the State and which shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Encouraging and promoting conservation of energy [...]
- b. Encouraging and promoting the use of renewable electric generation facilities and alternate energy technologies [...]
- c. Encouraging and promoting such other energy efficiencies and conservation goals, methods, standards, training, programs and policies [...]

Roles and Responsibilities: DNREC (SEO)

The State Energy Office's duties are further specified in SS 1 to SB 7:

Develop and update, at least every 5 years, a comprehensive State Energy Plan designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and economy of the State, support the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, and support implementation of the State's Climate Action Plan.

The State Energy Plan shall include:

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d. Encouraging and promoting equity in energy planning and development in accordance with the Plans.

Working Groups

- **Renewable Energy and Clean Technologies**
 - Dale Davis
- **Energy Efficiency and Electrification**
 - Bahareh van Boekhold
- **Grid Modernization**
 - Dr. Steve Hegedus
- **Environmental Justice and Energy Equity**
 - Cassandra Marshall



Renewable Energy and Clean Technologies

- Topics will include, but are not limited to:
 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards
 - Offshore wind
 - Clean hydrogen
 - Storage
 - Emerging Technologies
 - Other topics raised by members



Energy Efficiency and Electrification

- Topics will include, but are not limited to:
 - Current energy efficiency programs
 - Transportation electrification
 - Electric vehicles
 - Building electrification
 - Reliability
 - Other topics raised by members



Grid Modernization

- Topics will include, but are not limited to:
 - Transmission and distribution systems
 - Resiliency
 - Reliability
 - Other topics raised by members



Environmental Justice and Energy Equity

- Topics will include, but are not limited to:
 - Impact of energy systems on environmental justice communities
 - Societal benefit programs
 - Justice40 Initiative
 - Workforce development
 - Other topics raised by members



Working Group Guidelines

- All working groups are asked to consider the following:
 - Climate change impact
 - Public health and safety
 - Workforce development
 - Business opportunities
 - Ratepayer impact
 - Innovative technologies



Proposed Timeline

- Working group meetings begin in July
- First draft of the energy plan by January 2024
- Public workshops in the Spring of 2024
- Finalized energy plan by July 2024



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Public Comment

- If participating in person:
 - Please fill out the sign-in sheet if you have not done so already
- If participating virtually:
 - Please use the 'Raise Hand' function at the bottom of your screen
 - When it is your turn, you will be asked to manually unmute yourself
- Additional questions and comments may be sent to:
DNREC_GEAC@delaware.gov

Thank You

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