



Public Meeting Comments

Date July 16, 2015

Eastern Shore Public Meeting

What do you want from this meeting?

1. Who is going to benefit? Just the businesses and the farms or other people?
2. What happens now that Delmarva has been purchased by constellation?
3. Is there an education plan to help retard the impacts and to learn what people can mitigate impacts.
4. Are we including offshore wind?
5. Is there a public relations or citizen engagement program to push the programs forward?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Karl Schrass: NWF, sea level rise projections show that eastern shore locations are going to lose acres. We need to renew GGRA and increase the RPS to ensure that the eastern shore remains for future generations.
2. Rebecca Rehr: MdEHN, inclusion of public health on the commission and in all outreach of the commission. We should enhance community participation and make sure that the communities most impacted are included in the discussion.
3. Sara Via: PSR, sea level rise is going to tell the biggest part of the climate change story. The latest report indicates that there will be a 3 foot sea level rise by 2050 and that means that Crisfield would be under water. Incidents of salmonella infection are higher on the eastern shore because of flooding so the health impacts are tremendous. Our health infrastructure is also lacking for disasters. Agriculture will be impacted on the eastern shore as well because of increased salinity.
Reconditions:
 1. Go back to the 2008 document and make sure that we are following the recommendations.
 2. Increase education of all Marylanders about the changes happening as a result of climate change.
 3. Every county and jurisdiction should be educated on the ways they can communicate climate change by utilizing the cooperative extensions.
4. Tammy Truitt: the state has a renewable program that takes into account environment and economics. Look at other areas that have invested heavily in renewables like Europe who are suffering as a result of the high cost of power.
5. Dave O'Leary: volunteer for the Maryland chapter of the Sierra Club, extending the plan is important to 2050 or closer in the future. Aligning state and local policies to make sure that the programs are actually happening in the future. The old recommendations didn't take into account fracking but now we need to take a look at the current landscape. Encourages and incorporates energy efficiency and investment into the program. Combustion fuels are taken out of the current RPS. Increased waste reduction and recycling and address the issues of methane emissions. We need to increase the circle of influence that encompasses our state energy cycle and use. Also should look into the multistage transportation corridor to take into account moving people and foods between Richmond and Boston.

6. Kathy MacGruder: MCEC, look at the way we invest in the internal compliance through RGGI so that we get the most out of deployment solutions and energy efficient. More private sector investment into the market- find ways to incentivize the public sector. Think about affordability and resiliency of the current energy system and what happens when the power goes out and make micro grids part of the solution.

7. Other thoughts:

- A. we have to work hard at selling renewable energy
- B. making sure that we are taking advantage of supply/demand opportunities and ensure that people aren't being disproportionately impacted
- C. Still need more education on resiliency efforts