

Economic and Demographic Subcommittee Meeting 2/23/2016

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10:00 AM

Attendees: Ford Tupper (ECSC), David Logeman (Central Electric Power), Anthony James (ORS), Trish Jerman (ORS), Dukes Scott (ORS), Conn Fraser (ORS), Dow Bailey (SCE&G), Heather Gordon (Duke Energy), Heather Smith (Duke Energy), Lowell Atkinson (SCACED), Mary Jo Brown (Duke Energy)

Meeting Background

At the conclusion of the preliminary telephone meeting for the Economic/Demographic Subcommittee on February 16 it was established that the utility representatives involved would identify sources of data in their possession that could be used for drafting the Energy Plan. Trish contacted the South Carolina revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to verify the availability of their data as well as the possibility of obtaining more recent data.

This meeting is the first of the Economic/Demographic Subcommittee and is intended to develop an understanding of baseline data needed to develop a framework for Phase I of the Economic/Demographic section of the Energy Plan.

Utility Information Presentations

Duke Energy (Leslie Quick, Heather Gordon, Heather Smith, Mary Jo Brown)

The Duke Energy representatives furnished a comprehensive summary of surveys they conduct, as well as third party surveys that they use to inform their operations. They have begun developing questions that could be written into their surveys to assist the Energy Plan. Categorization of their customers based on socioeconomic metrics was discussed, as well as the use of smart meters to gather consumer-side information pertaining to energy use and behavior.

SCE&G (Dow Bailey)

Dow Bailey stated that their demographic information is very similar to Duke's in volume and content.

Central Electric Power (David Logeman)

David Logeman explained that detailed residential consumer surveys are conducted every three years, with information being cross-tabulated by age of home, and that it is very similar to what Duke presented

Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina (Ford Tupper)

Ford Tupper presented data compiled from ESRI Community Analyst and explained that third party information such as that from the U.S. Census Bureau is available.

General Discussion

The discussion was focused on the precise role the information will play in the overall Energy Plan, and what the “narrative” would look like.

Dukes Scott of ORS proposed solving this by having each of the present utility representatives draft a narrative to accompany data that might be included in the Baseline energy plan. Attendees agreed to a March 8 deadline. The draft narratives will be shared among the group members prior to discussion at the March 15 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next scheduled meeting: March 15 at 10:00 AM