

Phase I Subcommittee Suggestions/Issues

- Expand education of current gas infrastructure and potential infrastructure to policy advisers, business development professionals, and legislative / community stakeholders (this may be one of the underlying purposes of the Energy Plan);
- Build a more comprehensive / centralized infrastructure information warehouse within some realm of controlled public access to ensure understanding of specific development opportunities around gas infrastructure and needs. This may help with the prioritization of growth and development policies and regulations, and with communicating to applicable companies, communities and policy makers.
- Determine / further evaluate potential government efforts / programs that may encourage or assist with the subsidy / recovery of some exploratory / development costs to encourage gas infrastructure growth in rural or underserved areas.
- Review existing regulations and policies to determine if there are opportunities to enhance current policy or regulations to further help expedite infrastructure expansion.
- Evaluate natural gas pipelines to determine if current capacity (to include reserve capacity) is sufficient to meet SC future needs.
- Consider policies to respond natural gas price increases/availability should the federal laws pertaining to natural gas fracking are significantly revised/repealed.
- Grid Investments – policies that support utility grid oriented investments that seek to make the electric grid more dynamic, resilient, hardened, reliable, intelligent, sustainable and able to integrate and optimize intermittent distributed energy resources.
- Consider policies that support customer choice for electric and natural gas service.
- Consider policies that support alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure development.