

CEAC Minutes – June 13, 2008

The Community Energy Advisory Council met at the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 11, 2008. Those in attendance included Terry Albrecht, Robin Cape, Vernon Daugherty, Richard Fireman, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Charles Gaither, Harry Harrison, Dave Hollister, Jeff Loven, Rick Lutovsky, John Oswald, Sandy Pfeifer and Margo Flood, Chuck Pickering, Michael Shore, LaVoy Spooner and Paul Szurek. Members of the public included Jim Barton, Tom Byers, Reid Conway, Wayne Elks, Len Hoey, Peter Kublickis, Larry Shirley, Jim Stockoe and Maggie Ullman.

News and Updates

- **Margie Meares' Resignation** – Margie Meares' resignation has been received and we wish her well. As we move forward, we will evaluate how to fill her position.
- **Conservation Project Updates** – Chris Edge, Progress Energy staff, reported that there are currently five PUC filings and that the intervener level has been extended through June. Approval is expected in the Fall. Progress staff is designing new residential programs to increase the envelope, and will select third parties to implement them.
- **Transmission Update** – Sam Waters, Progress Energy staff, gave a preview of Asheville income projects and a new transmission line to serve the distribution load reliably when contingencies arise. His presentation will be posted when the plans are finalized and announced in late summer.
- **Federal Legislative Update** – Mike Kennedy, Progress Energy staff, explained Progress' stance on the Lieberman-Warner Bill. Progress is concerned about how to get to 1990 levels by 2020 and how to allocate costs.

A thoughtful discussion followed. Progress must function within regulations and a collaborative approach is needed. It was recommended that Progress serve as the spearhead for this region, and lay out a public strategy for what the company's positions. This will enable solutions to occur sooner rather than later.

Public Comment was received from Jim Barton and Michael Hopping.

Next meeting is Friday, July 11 from 8:30 am-10:30 am, Asheville Chamber.