

Energy Policy for Alaska

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The House Energy Committee

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The Stakeholder Advisory Panel

- ▶ Rep. Bryce Edgmon & Rep. Charisse Millett, House Energy Committee Co-Chairs
- ▶ Adam Berg, Jeff Turner & Larry Persily, Legislative Staff
- ▶ Gwen Holdmann, Alaska Center for Energy & Power
- ▶ Robert Venables, Southeast Conference
- ▶ Scott Goldsmith, ISER
- ▶ Jason Brune, RDC
- ▶ John Davies, Alaska Cold Climate Housing Research Center
- ▶ Ralph Anderson, Bristol Bay Native Association
- ▶ Bill Popp, AEDC
- ▶ Bob Pawlowski, Denali Commission
- ▶ Denali Daniels, Denali Commission
- ▶ Caitlin Higgins, Alaska Conservation Alliance
- ▶ Stacy Schubert, Municipality of Anchorage
- ▶ Marilyn Leland, Alaska Power Authority
- ▶ Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
- ▶ Ron Miller, Energy Consultant
- ▶ Chris Rose, REAP

The Purpose

- ▶ To develop a statewide energy policy as the basis for a long-term vision to address Alaska's energy challenges and opportunities
- ▶ Through adopted policy, align state government in a unified set of strategic goals for the State of Alaska
- ▶ Lead to the development of a comprehensive energy plan to achieve the strategic goals of the State of Alaska

The Key Steps

- 1. Establish the Energy Policy**
- 2. Develop Strategic Goals**
- 3. Create the Plan to Achieve the Goals**
- 4. Implement Programs and Projects**

Principles Guiding the Process

- ▶ The future success of Alaska's statewide economy is tied to available, reliable, and affordable energy for:
 - Residential users
 - Commercial users
 - Industrial users
- ▶ Worldwide supply and demand for fossil fuels and concerns about global climate change will affect the price of fossil fuels in the future

The Starting Point of the Policy

- ▶ Tri-Borough Commission Energy Policy
 - Matanuska-Susitna Borough Mayor Curt Menard
 - Municipality of Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich
 - Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor John Williams
- ▶ Established a diverse 13 member task force to develop proposed energy policy in October, 2007
- ▶ Adopted Southcentral region energy policy proposal February 7, 2008
- ▶ **The House Energy Policy Stakeholders Advisory Panel agreed that many of the principles in this policy could be applied statewide**

The Fundamentals of the Policy

- ▶ Promotes energy efficiency and conservation
- ▶ Promotes development of renewable and non-renewable energy resources
- ▶ Promotes economic development through cost-effective, long-term sources of energy for communities statewide
- ▶ Supports energy research, education, and workforce development
- ▶ Supports coordination of governmental functions and promotes streamlining of regulatory processes, avoiding duplication of effort, and overall coordination of effort by all levels of government

The Key Steps Going Forward

- 1. Establish the Energy Policy**
- 2. Develop Strategic Goals**
- 3. Adopt the Plans to Achieve the Goals**
- 4. Implement Programs and Projects**

Thank You!