

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 Andersen, 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
- ▶ Kathy Wasserman, AML

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!

