

U.S. Department of Commerce
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee
(REEEAC)
Sixth Charter, 2020-2022
Meeting #8
May 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The eighth meeting of the sixth charter of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (REEEAC) was held virtually via WebEx from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern Time.

Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Cora Dickson opened the meeting with announcements. She informed the committee that the last meeting of the charter would be a hybrid meeting held at the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

The REEEAC Chair, Mark Higgins, called upon each of the subcommittee chairs to provide updates, and then the committee discussed three recommendations: (1) the Technology and Innovation Subcommittee proposed that the Department of Commerce create an interagency initiative to extend technology risk insurance and faster access to multi-billion-dollar financing for overseas projects using U.S. advanced climate and renewable energy technologies; (2) the Clean Energy Supply Chains Subcommittee proposed that the Department of Commerce conduct a review of the impact of the “Buy American Act” as it relates to U.S. Government procurement of Renewable Energy equipment and power; and (3) the Global Decarbonization Subcommittee proposed that the Department of Commerce establish an AgTech Decarbonization Export Initiative in Latin America and Africa. All three recommendations were discussed and approved by the committee.

The Chair asked committee members to prepare overview slides on the 12 recommendations of the charter in order to present them at the May 24 meeting to senior officials of the Department of Commerce and other U.S. Government agencies.

The meeting was then opened to comments from the public, but there were none.

The meeting concluded at 3:20pm Eastern Time.

Attendees

Department of Commerce:

- Cora Dickson, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the REEEAC and Senior Renewable Energy Specialist, OEEI
- Christian Herman, Secondary DFO for the REEEAC and International Trade Specialist, OEEI

- Devin Horne, International Trade Specialist, OEEI
- Andrew Moysowicz, International Trade Specialist, OEEI

Advisory Committee Members Present:

- Mr. Rahul Chopra, Managing Partner, AGE Capital
- Dr. Russell Read, Group Managing Partner, C-Change Group
- Mr. Jeremy Harrell, Managing Director of Policy, ClearPath
- Mr. Bruce Colburn, Executive Vice President and Co-Founder, EPS Capital
- Mr. Gary Rackliffe, Vice President, Market Development and Innovation North America, Hitachi ABB Power Grids
- Mr. Bruce Lisle, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Lignetics
- Ms. Ramya Swaminathan, CEO, Malta
- Mr. Carl Fleming, Partner, McDermott, Will and Emery LLP
- Mr. Paul Mutchler, Director of Commercial Operations, Mission Solar Energy
- Mr. Alexander Boesenberg, Director, Regulatory Affairs, National Electrical Manufacturers Association
- Mr. William Pott, Government Services Project Manager, POWER Engineers
- Ms. Kelly Davis, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Renewable Fuels Association
- Mr. Kwabena Osei-Sarpong, President and CEO, RIFE International
- Mr. Kenneth Kramer, Managing Director, Rushton Atlantic
- Mr. Matt Card, President and Chief Operating Officer, Suniva
- Mr. Joseph Mendelson, Senior Counsel of Public Policy and Business Development, Tesla
- Mr. Jorge Sanchez, Founder and CEO, THOR Energy
- Mr. Mark Higgins, Managing Director, Tiger Power Ventures
- Mr. Ravinda Vora, CEO, Transventure Energy
- Mr. Terence Dittrich, President, TWD Global Enterprises
- Mr. William Taylor III, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Verdant Power
- Mr. Steffen Shelley, Vice President of Energy and Renewables, VLO Offshore

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

- Ms. Gaelle Burkhart, Director of Global Stakeholder Relations, AES Corporation
- Ms. Johanna Jochum, Counsel, American Clean Power Association
- Mr. Sean Tilly, Global Technology Portfolio Manager, Black & Veatch
- Mr. Bruce Colburn, Executive Vice President and Co-Founder, EPS Capital
- Mr. Terry Fry, Senior Vice President of Energy Services, Cadmus
- Ms. Cynthia Thyfault, Founder and CEO, Global BioFuture Solutions
- Mr. Phillip Green, President and CEO, Green Powered Technology
- Mr. Brad Gammons, CEO, irth Solutions
- Mr. Alexander Boesenberg, Director, Regulatory Affairs, National Electrical Manufacturers Association
- Mr. Brian Healy, Director of Global Ethanol Market Development, U.S. Grains Council

Registered Members of the Public:

- Ms. Margaret Spiegelman, Inside US Trade
- Ms. Vanessa Sciarra, American Clean Power Association
- Mr. Josh Mahan, Xylem
- Mr. Scott Seaman, International Business-Government Counsellors
- Ms. Dixie Downing, USITC
- Ms. Martha Marrapese, Wiley Rein
- Mr. Luke Rose, Malta