



The Continuing Role of the Leadership Group

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The Continuing Role of the Leadership Group

- Action Plan strives for leadership and balance
 - Provide a platform to challenge everyone to do more
 - Respect differences, but not a consensus process
 - Maintain a workable process
 - Participation does not imply endorsement
- Action Plan has evolved over time and is a continuously improving process
 - December 2005 Framework Document could be modified to better reflect the role of the Leadership Group as it has matured



Opportunities for further refinement

- Scope
- Leadership Group roles and how participation will be characterized
- Work project planning and organization process
- Resolving differences
- Participation
- Other areas?



Scope

- Issue 1. Clarity on scope and need to address related policies.
- Options to address the issue:
 - Maintain focus on focuses on end-use energy efficiency as supported by natural gas and electricity utilities, their regulators, and partner organizations.
 - Recognize materials may touch on issues and policies beyond this focus when efficiency alone would not be the most effective approach and where deemed appropriate by Leadership Group members.



Leadership Group roles and how participation will be characterized

- Issue 2. Clarity on role and responsibilities as a Leadership Group member.
- Options to address the issue:
 - Share revised Framework Document with all members and post on web site.
 - Maintain the Leadership Group's role to:
 - Attend meetings
 - Offer ideas and expertise
 - Volunteer to contribute to and, when appropriate, lead workgroups
 - Review and provide feedback within established schedules
 - Flag substantive issues
 - Implement the Plan to the best of their abilities



Leadership Group roles and how participation will be characterized

- Issue 3. Clarity on how Leadership Group member organizations will be referenced as part of Action Plan materials.
- Option to address the issue:
 - Reference the following text:
 - “Action Plan resources are developed under the direction and comment by the Action Plan Leadership Group”
 - “A key product is the five Action Plan Recommendations, which many of the Leadership Group organizations and others have endorsed.”
 - “Endorsing any part of the Action Plan stands for endorsement of that part only and not other materials or efforts under the Action Plan.”



Leadership Group roles and how participation will be characterized

- Issue 4. Clarity on endorsement of documents.
 - Which documents to be offered as documents to be endorsed?
 - How it will be clear which organizations have made endorsements?
- Options to address the issue:
 - State that materials do not represent an endorsement by any organizations, including the Leadership Group and Action Plan sponsors.
 - Member involvement does not necessarily reflect organization-level support or endorsement of the Action Plan or its work products
 - Organizations may issue separate statements to show their endorsement of any recommendations or materials produced under the Action Plan.



Work project planning and organization process

- Issue 5. Clarity on how projects will be selected, scoped, refined, and reviewed through communication with Leadership Group members.
- Options to address the issue:
 - Maintain key rules for engagement:
 - Sponsors will not attempt to drive the group to pre-determined outcomes – outcomes will come from the group members;
 - Process will be focused on developing actions that can be taken at the state and utility levels, not on Federal remedies;
 - The process will not allow any members of the group to dominate the discussions or dictate the outcomes.



Work project planning and organization process

- Issue 6. Clarity on product review process.
- Options to address the issue:
 - Leadership Group continue to shape resources by participating in work groups, commenting on proposals and/or draft outlines, and providing timely comments to draft resources.
 - Members will always be given at least two weeks to provide feedback on pieces distributed to the Leadership Group for review.



Resolving differences

- Issue 7. Clarity on how differences in comments from Leadership Group members will be resolved.
- Options to address the issue:
 - Key differences will be resolved by co-chairs at the Action Plan co-chairs or work group leads, as appropriate by resource and the issue subject to disagreement.
 - Materials are to:
 - Be fact-based and objective, referencing available information.
 - Represent the diverse views, perspectives and market conditions of the Leadership Group.
 - Reflect efforts to resolve differences in views and perspectives of the Leadership Group.
 - Not reflect Leadership Group consensus and will unlikely represent 100 percent of any one member's perspective.



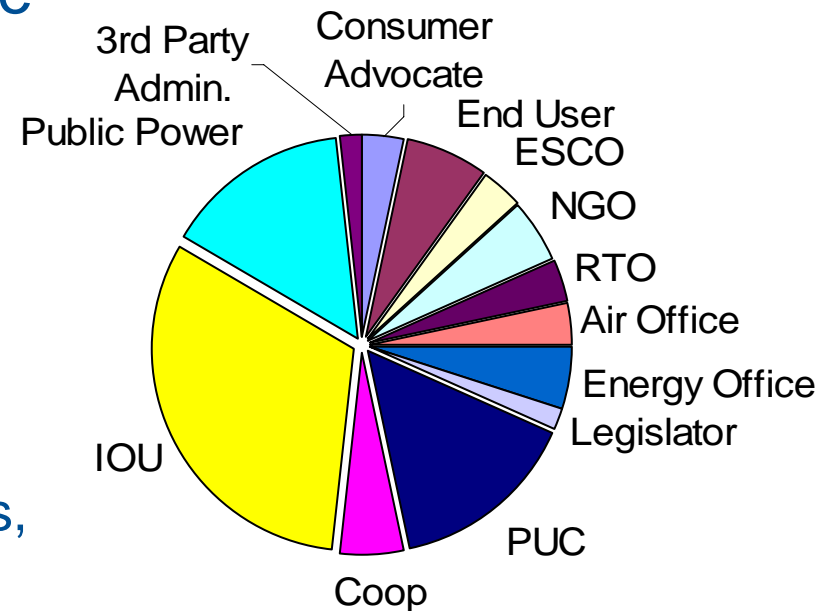
Participation

- Issue 8. Clarity on whether Leadership Group membership should require any specific action.
- Option to address the issue:
 - Require actions such as:
 - Making a commitment under the Action Plan
 - Conducting outreach
 - Submitting comments



Participation

- Issue 9. Is the Leadership Group missing any key participants?
- Options to address the issue:
 - Invite new parties to increase group diversity
 - Increase the role of Action Plan supporters and listserv
 - Supports endorse recommendations and resources, make commitments, and/or conduct related education & outreach





Other Issues?



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