

Draft minutes

Canadian Flaring and Venting Regulators Forum

Teleconference Meeting

Date: Thursday April 1, 2010

Time: 10:00 am MT (Approx. 1 hour)

Place: Teleconference

In Attendance:

Name	Group
Paul Molloy	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Mike Layer	CanmetENERGY - NRCan
Todd Han	Saskatchewan Energy and Resources
Lynne Patenaude	Environment Canada
Christy Wickenheiser	National Energy Board
Zoe Pfeiffer	National Energy Board
Kevin Parsonage	BC Oil and Gas Commission
John Ezinwa	BC Oil and Gas Commission
Todd Paget	Government of Northwest Territories
Aileen Stevens	Government of Northwest Territories
Jeff O'Keefe	C-NLOPB
James Vaughan	Energy Resources Conservation Board

The teleconference meeting convened at 10:00 MT was chaired by James Vaughan.

Action Items

	Who	Due
10-04-A: If the Energy Resources Committee has a website – pass on the link to the team.	James	ASAP
10-04-B: Provide feedback from the Montreal ERC meeting to the rest of the team – specifically how would the team fit into the ERC?	James	After Montreal meeting
10-04-C: Forward Paul links to the GGFR website.	James	ASAP
10-04-D: Send user name and password for the CFVRF link.	James	ASAP
10-04-E: Team to look at website and provide any comments back to James	Team	ASAP
10-04-F: Do we share the website publically? Please consider.	Team	ASAP
10-04-G: Invite Roger Fernandez of Methane to Markets to next meeting.	Mike L.	ASAP
10-04-H: Invite a representative from the GGFR to the next CFVRF meeting.	James	ASAP

1) Administration

-The teleconference meeting convened at approximately 0900 PT; 1000 MT; 1100 CT; 1200 ET and 1330 NT.

- A round of introductions was conducted.

2) Possible Amalgamation of CFVRF into the Energy Resources Committee.

- Unfortunately Jim was unavailable to give specific details.
- James will be presenting at the Energy Resources Committee in Montreal on May 2, 2010. He will give an overview of what the CFVRF is and what it's mandate is.
- Todd Paget will be joining James in Montreal.
- James will give the CFVRF feedback from the ERC meeting in Montreal and specifically try to find out how exactly the team would fit into the ERC.
- General concern among the team – Is it a good fit?
- CFVRF is still not sure how ERC fits within CAMPUS
- ERC has a broad agenda – Would it dilute our purpose as a team?
- Amalgamation would bring information sharing of flaring and venting to a smaller part of the whole.
- Possible solution – Smaller working group, i.e the CFVRF feeds into the larger ERC?

3) Update from Environment Canada regarding the Federal Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions. (Lynne)

- Unclear what the Americans are going to do.
- Still not sure what the framework for offsets and credits looks like.
- Not 100% clear whether to go to cap and trade.
- U.S. looking at regulating facilities emitting 25 kilotonnes CO2e or more.
- U.S. is confident that technologies are available to accurately measure CO2e.
- U.S. looking at facilities as a basin approach, rather than individual wells or facilities.
- USEPA is not sure what is going to happen. Cap and trade system seems to be in flux.
- IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has adopted 25 as the multiplier for calculating CO2e.
- Just not a lot of clarity right now.
- Oilsands amount to 5% of national inventory of CO2e emissions. Conventional Oil and gas account for approximately 8%.

4) Update from the World Bank – GGFR partnership.

- James gave a quick update from the GGFR workshop in Mexico. Mexico has a new Hydrocarbon regulator and is wanting to learn from Canadian experiences.
- Jim attended the GGFR Steering Committee meeting in Paris in March.
- CIDA has approved participation in the GGFR for its 3rd term.

5) Update on CFVRF website

- CFVRF has its own website hosted by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Web address is: <http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/CFVRF/default.htm>
- User name is: nrforum The Password is: F0rum\$2009

- Please look at the website. Please forward any comments or suggestions for content or layout to James.
- Special thank you to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for hosting the website.
- Website can be shared. Do we share it publically or not? Please consider.

6) Next face to face meeting

- Consensus amongst the forum that a face to face meeting is warranted.
- Saskatchewan is still willing to host the meeting.
- Possible topics for discussion:
 - What do we consider venting? Purge gas? Blanket gas? Instrumentation gas?
 - Fugitive emissions.
 - Clarification from ERCB on fugitives. Where does Alberta stand?
 - Roger Fernandez from Methane to Markets to speak?
- Plan for a 2 day meeting with a one day field trip to the Weyburn area to look at CO2 sequestration projects.
- Update from Saskatchewan on their flaring and venting regulations.
- Update from GGFR
- Meeting tentatively scheduled for the middle of June (Week of June 14th).