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Commercial Energy Code Technical Advisory Group Meeting Review Notes for February 7, 2025

TAG Members Present: Kjell Anderson, Chair; Larry Andrews; Kim Barker; Erik Bedell; *Todd Blevins; *Andi Burnham; *Ian Casey; *Kevin Charap; *Brett Conway; Alessandra de la Torre; Kevin Duell, Luke Howard; Gregory Johnson; Duane Jonlin; *Nick Massie; Nathan Miller; Margaret Montgomery; *Erik Olnon; Irina Rasputnis; Lisa Rosenow; *Deepa Sivarajan; Poppy Storm; Irina Susorova; Shaun Vig; Markus Virta

TAG Members Absent: *Rick Blumenthal, *Marty Brennan, *Shailesh Desai, Sloan Richie, *Kevin Roberts, *Premkumar Siddharth

Visitors Present: Dierk Meierbachtol, Todd Beyreuther, Tom Handy, Angela Haupt, Ben Omura, Tim Attebery Libby Blossom, Joseph Briscar, Lauren DiPalma, J. Goldsmith, Brenden Guffin, Patrick Hanks, Gary Heikkinen, Evelyn Horan, Bryan Imai, Hoyt Jeter, Lyle Keck, Brian Kehler, Mike Kennedy, Jonny Kocher, Eric Lacey, Dan Luddy, Matt McCormick, Dave Nehren, Henry Odum, Teague Peters, D. Scott Peterson, Kelly Rankich, Erik Reed, David Reddy, Kevin Rose, Michael Rosenberg, Michelle Rosenberger, Ben Roush, C. Singh, Brian Smith, Mike Stone, Kerry Sutton, Kelly T., Todd Titus, Elizabeth Torske, John Uskoski, John Wabel, Rebecca Welch, Ellen Xu

Staff: Dustin Curb, Krista Braaksma, Brandin Groat, Rozanna Ghanie

* indicates an alternate member

Agenda Items	TAG Actions
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. Kjell Anderson welcomed everyone, and roll was called. Kjell began the meeting with a brief outline of the rules of the meeting—using Zoom reactions to raise hands to speak or ask questions or use other icons to note agreement; removing reactions after they have been acknowledged; mute while not speaking. To avoid an Open Public Meetings Act violation, TAG members should never use reply all or send out a group email to all TAG members.
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved as modified. The proposals regarding TSPR were moved to the bottom of Item 5.
3. Review and Approve meeting notes from October 11, 2024	The meeting summary was approved as written.

4. Discussion of the Legal Aspects of Initiative 2066	Dierk Meierbachtol, the Council’s assistant attorney general, spent an hour answering questions on Initiative 2066 and EPCA.
5. Review of Proposals with I-2066 Impacts	
24-GP1-205	<p>Gregory Johnson introduced his proposal to replace the current WSEC with the 2024 IECC as the base code, adding in the applicable petitions from this code cycle and whichever current requirements are deemed necessary. His proposal includes two modifications to the IECC to remove any restrictions on the use of fossil fuel. He felt it would make the code more equitable, easier to comply with and easier to enforce. The TAG discussed the proposal and how it differed from what is currently done and what the effect would be on energy efficiency.</p> <p>The TAG discussed doing something similar to this as an off-cycle project, with the idea that it would take too long to go through all the current petitions and existing requirements to re-draft them for the IECC. To that end, Poppy Storm moved to create a workgroup to simplify and streamline the energy code. Lisa Rosenow seconded the motion. The motion passed 13 to 2 with 1 abstention. The following people volunteered to join the workgroup: Poppy Storm, Greg Johnson, Andi Burnham, Lisa Rosenow, Brett Conway, Kevin Charap, Larry Andrews, Irina Susorova, Jonny Kocher, Hoyt Jeter, Patrick Hanks, and Dan Luddy.</p>
24-GP1-282	<p>Larry Andrews introduced his proposal to go back to the 2015 WSEC as the base code and then add provisions from the other codes on a case-by-case basis. The 2015 code was the last version that didn’t contain a bias towards gas or heat pumps.</p> <p>The TAG felt both 205 and 282 would introduce a lot of additional work into the TAG process.</p> <p>Kevin Duell moved to table discussion on both 205 and 282 until the next meeting. Gregory Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8 to 5 with 3 abstentions.</p>
24-GP1-183	<p>Gary Heikkinen introduced his proposal that removes Section C401.3 but keeps both of the C406 tables to retain the different point weighting for fuel type. Gary noted that the information in the economic impact section is left over from another proposal.</p> <p>The TAG once again discussed the issue of site versus source energy, as well as the basis for the credits in both the WSEC and IECC.</p>
24-GP1-279	<p>The next proposal is from Jonny Kocher also strikes Section C401.3 but uses only one C406 credit table, which was recalculated to be averaged between mixed fuel and electric. It also recalculates the number of credits needed. Jonny noted there was an additional modification needed to change the equations.</p> <p>The TAG discussed the different approaches of 183 and 279. Lisa Rosenow pointed out that the proposal also removes some of the existing building compliance paths in C503.4.6. They should be brought back into the table.</p>

24-GP1-285	<p>Larry Andrews introduced his proposal 285 to remove Section C401.3 with no additional changes.</p> <p>Jonny Kocher volunteered to host a workgroup on proposal 183, 279, and 285. Greg Jonson, Kevin Duell, Lisa Rosenow, Nathan Miller, Andi Burnham, Larry Ward, Poppy Storm, Irina Susorova, and Ben Roush also volunteered.</p> <p>Greg Johnson moved to table discussion on proposals 183, 279, and 285 until the February 14 TAG meeting. Kevin Duell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</p>
24-GP1-140, 141, 142	<p>Mike Kennedy noted that he submitted four proposals to basically clean up the fossil fuel path and associated credits. These should be considered after the TAG determines what action to take on the previously discussed proposals.</p> <p>Greg Johnson moved to table consideration of proposals 140, 141, and 142 until after the decision on the five previously discussed proposals (205, 282, 183, 279, and 285). Lisa Rosenow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</p>
24-GP1-204	<p>Greg Johnson spoke to his proposal to strike the electric readiness section. This just eliminates a requirement for something that will not be used. He felt it was outside the scope of the energy code and would be infringing on L&I's authority.</p> <p>The TAG discussed the proposal and under what code it would better fit. Other items discussed were cost and the impact of the clean buildings law on building electrification.</p> <p>Greg Johnson and Kevin Duell moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes. The motion carried, 8 to 6.</p> <p>Greg Johnson moved to accept proposal 204. Larry Andrews seconded the motion. The motion failed, 5 to 11.</p>
	<p>Having come to the end of the allotted meeting time, the remaining items on the agenda will be continued to a future meeting.</p>
6. Meeting Schedule	The next meeting will be next Friday, February 14, at 8:30am.
7. Other Business	None, due to lack of time.
8. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.