

Energy Mandates Recommendations

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Mid-Ohio Regional
Planning Commission

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Basis of Recommendations

Public Policy Agenda



GOAL 4

Promote energy efficiency and an abundant supply of safe, reliable, and affordable sources of energy for our growing region.

Regional Sustainability Agenda



GOAL 2

Gather, report, and work on public policy issues and opportunities related to sustainability consistent with the Public Policy Agenda and leadership of the Policy Roundtable.

State-Level Energy Policy

- July 2008 Energy, Jobs, Progress: Ohio Senate Bill 221
- Sept 2011 Governor Kasich Energy Summit
- Ohio's 21st Century Energy Policy – comprehensive policy built on 10 “pillars”
- June 2013 Ohio General Assembly: Senate Bill 310
- Creates the Energy Mandates Study Committee
 - Report Issued September 2015

MORPC Committee Process

February 26, 2016

- Joint meeting of Regional Policy Roundtable & Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Developed five recommendations in response to Energy Mandates Study Committee Report

March 3, 2016

- Executive Committee Meeting
- Presentation of recommendations by Regional Policy Roundtable and SAC
- Executive Committee approves moving forward recommendations

Regional Energy Considerations

- Control energy costs through diversified energy portfolio
- Consumer and business tools
- Economic development considerations
- Community support & collaborative planning needed



Legislative Considerations

- Appropriate timing to weigh in on the issue.
- Governor's stance is that an indefinite freeze is unacceptable.
- Movement toward compromise and legislation could be considered in spring/summer.
- If no action is taken, the energy mandates will commence January 1, 2017



Recommendations

1. Extend the SB 310 Freeze Indefinitely
 - **Actively oppose the indefinite freeze.**

2. Provide an expedited process at the PUCO for the review of new utility plans for energy efficiency.
 - **No action.**

Recommendations

3. Investigate and Ensure Maximum Credit for All of Ohio's Energy Initiatives
 - **Actively support appropriate credits to maximize advanced energy projects and recommend taking a closer look at details.**

Recommendations:

4. Switch from energy mandates to energy incentives
 - **Actively support a combination of mandates and incentives, with the idea that incentives will help meet the goals of the mandates.**

5. Declare the General Assembly retains statutory authority with respect to energy policy and dispatch protocols
 - **No action.**



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