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## Memorandum

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Executive Committee  
Officers and Board Members

**FROM:** Steve Campbell, Chair of Regional Policy Roundtable  
Kim Maggard, Vice Chair of Regional Policy Roundtable  
Steve Stolte, Chair of Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Jim Schimmer, Vice Chair of Sustainability Advisory Committee

**DATE:** March 4, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 02-16: **"ADOPTION OF MORPC POSITIONS  
ON OHIO ENERGY MANDATES STUDY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS"**

This resolution formally supports and adopts the positions taken by the Regional Policy Roundtable, Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) and Executive Committee.

On February 26, 2016, members of the Regional Policy Roundtable and the Sustainability Advisory Committee held a joint meeting, at which members of the Executive Committee were invited to participate. Participants, reviewed and discussed Energy Mandates in Ohio and further discussed the possibility of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) reaching a position on the recommendations provided by the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee.

The Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee included six members of the Ohio House of Representatives, six members of the Ohio Senate, and the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The group held hearings to study Ohio's renewable energy, peak demand reduction and energy efficiency standards, and released its report with several recommendations concerning Ohio's Advanced Energy Initiative.

The Roundtable, SAC, and Executive Committee members reached a consensus legislative position for MORPC to take on each recommended action.

William Murdock, AICP  
Executive Director

Eric S. Phillips  
Chair

Matt Greeson  
Vice Chair

Rory McGuinness  
Secretary

The following recommended positions are provided in bold below:

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.**
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.**
4. Switch from energy mandates to energy incentives
  - **Actively support of 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.**

Participants at the joint meeting agreed that any position taken would be consistent with the 2016 Public Policy Agenda and the 2015-16 Regional Sustainability Agenda.

The related goals are provided below:

**Goal 4 Public Policy Agenda: "Promote energy efficiency and an abundant supply of safe, reliable, and affordable sources of energy for our growing region."**

**Goal 2 Regional Sustainability Agenda: "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."**

MORPC's committee structure was effectively put into action at this joint meeting by giving the SAC, Regional Policy Roundtable, and Executive Committee members the opportunity to deliberate on each recommendation.

Attachment: Resolution 02-16

RESOLUTION 02-16

**"ADOPTION OF MORPC POSITIONS ON  
OHIO ENERGY MANDATES STUDY COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS"**

WHEREAS, members of the Regional Policy Roundtable and the Sustainability Advisory Committee held a joint meeting, on February 26, 2016, to review, discuss, and understand the Energy Mandates in Ohio and the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee's recommendations; and

WHEREAS the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee, made up of members of the Ohio House and Senate as directed by Senate Bill 310, provided five recommended actions; and

WHEREAS at the joint meeting the members of the Regional Policy Roundtable and the Sustainability Advisory Committee reached a consensus position for MORPC to take on each recommended action; and

WHEREAS, members agreed that any position taken must be consistent with the 2016 Public Policy Agenda and 2015-16 Regional Sustainability Agenda; and

WHEREAS, these consensus positions represent MORPC's focus on maintaining a diversified, affordable and abundant supply of energy to serve the region, controlling energy costs for communities, businesses and residents, and serving as an economic driver to sustain our competitive advantage and regional growth; and

WHEREAS, these consensus positions will be used for any future proposed legislation that addresses or is related to the recommendations of the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee; and

WHEREAS, MORPC staff will continue to utilize the 2016 Public Policy Agenda and the 2015-16 Regional Sustainability Agenda as a framework to advocate for policies; and

WHEREAS, these recommended positions will help MORPC lead on energy policies in the region, state, and nation, while effectively representing the best interests of Central Ohio; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Section 1. That it supports and adopts the positions taken by the Regional Policy Roundtable, Sustainability Advisory Committee and Executive Committee as follows:
- Actively oppose the indefinite freeze.
  - No action providing an expedited process at the PUCO for the review of new utility plans for energy efficiency
  - Actively support appropriate credits to maximize advanced energy projects and recommend taking a closer look at details.
  - Actively support of a combination of mandates and incentives, with the idea that incentives will help meet the goals of the mandates.
  - No action on declaring the General Assembly retains statutory authority with respect to energy policy and dispatch protocols

**Section 2.** That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**Section 3.** That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.



Eric S. Phillips, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Effective date:** March 10, 2016  
**Submitted by:** Steve Campbell, Chair of the Regional Policy Roundtable  
Kim Maggard, Vice-Chair of the Regional Policy Roundtable  
Steve Stolte, Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Jim Schimmer, Vice Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Prepared by:** Joe Garrity, Public & Government Affairs Coordinator  
**Authority:** Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21  
**For action date:** March 10, 2016

**Attachment:** Executive Committee Memo on Regional Policy Roundtable and Sustainability Advisory Committee's recommended legislative actions.



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Executive Committee Members

**FROM:** Steve Campbell, Chair of Regional Policy Roundtable  
Steve Stolte, Chair of Sustainability Advisory Committee

**DATE:** March 3, 2016

**SUBJECT:** TO CONSIDER THE REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE OHIO ENERGY MANDATES STUDY COMMITTEE

The purpose of this memo is to consider the recommendations provided by the members of the Regional Policy Roundtable and Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC), who held a joint meeting on February 26, 2016, on the recommendations of the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee.

At the meeting, members reviewed the 2016 Public Policy Agenda and the 2015-16 Regional Sustainability Agenda. We agreed that any recommendation position taken by the members of the joint meeting would be consistent with the following goals provided below:

**Goal 4 Public Policy Agenda:** *"Promote energy efficiency and an abundant supply of safe, reliable, and affordable sources of energy for our growing region."*

**Goal 2 Regional Sustainability Agenda:** *"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."*

At the conclusion of the joint meeting the body recommended the following actions for MORPC to take:

- Actively oppose the indefinite freeze.
- To not act on the second recommendation of the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee, which would provide an expedited process at the PUCO for the review of new utility plans for energy efficiency.
- Actively supportive of appropriate credits and recommend taking a closer look at details.

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- Actively support a combination of mandates and incentives, with the idea that incentives will help meet the mandates.
- No action on declaring the General Assembly retains statutory authority with respect to energy policy and dispatch protocols.

### **Background**

#### **SB 221 - Creation of Ohio's Advanced Energy Initiative**

In May 2008, Ohio enacted SB 221 broad electric industry restructuring legislation containing advanced energy and renewable energy generation and procurement requirements. These standards apply for investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and Certified Retail Electric Service (CRES) providers under Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) jurisdiction.

IOUs and CRES companies must provide 25 percent of their retail electricity supply from advanced and/or alternative energy resources by 2025. Provisions for meeting the standard include:

- **Advanced Coal and Advanced Nuclear Generation:** Half of the standard (12.5%) can be met with advanced coal and/or advanced nuclear generation capacity.
- **Renewable Generation:** Half of the standard (12.5%) can be met utilizing renewable generation (wind, solar, biomass and/or any PUCO approved renewable technology).
- Half of all generation assets used to meet the standard must be located within Ohio.

SB 221 also requires IOUs to implement peak demand reduction and energy efficiency (PDR/EE) programs that achieve a cumulative energy savings of 22 percent by the end of 2025, and reduce peak demand by 1.0 percent in 2009 and 0.75 percent annually thereafter through 2018.

Annual benchmarks for 2009-24 were created to monitor the progress of incorporating advanced and alternative (renewable) generation, as well as results of PDR/EE programs.

### **SB 310 - Review of Ohio's Advanced Energy Initiative**

In May 2014, Ohio enacted SB 310, a review of its Advanced Energy Initiative. The legislation temporarily freezes SB 221 energy generation and PDR/EE benchmarks at 2014 levels for two years. A legislative panel, known as the Energy Mandates Study Committee, was formed to examine issues related to adopting these standards and benchmarks. SB 310 instructed the panel to issue a report on their findings and recommendations by September 30, 2015. Should the legislature not act on any of the panel's recommendations, most SB 221 standards would automatically resume in 2017 and continue through 2027?

### **Energy Mandates Study Committee Report and Recommended Legislative Actions for MORPC**

The Energy Mandates Study Committee included six members of the Ohio House of Representatives, six members of the Ohio Senate, and the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The group held hearings to study Ohio's renewable energy, peak demand reduction and energy efficiency standards, and released its report with several recommendations concerning Ohio's Advanced Energy Initiative.

For each of the five recommended actions provided by the Ohio Energy Mandates Study Committee, the group reached a consensus recommended legislative approach for MORPC to take.

**Most importantly, these recommended approaches are consistent with both MORPC's 2016 Public Policy Agenda and 2015-16 Regional Sustainability Agenda.**

**The following recommended approaches are provided in bold below:**

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.**
3. **Investigate and ensure maximum credit for all of Ohio's energy initiatives**
  - **Actively supportive of appropriate credits and recommend taking a closer look at details.**
4. **Switch from energy mandates to energy incentives**
  - **Actively support of a combination of mandates and incentives, with the idea that incentives will help meet the mandates.**
5. **Declare the General Assembly retains statutory authority with respect to energy policy and dispatch protocols**
  - **No action.**

Full Name of Memo Recipient

Date of Memo

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**Next Steps**

As chairs of the Regional Policy Roundtable and SAC, we strongly urge members of the Executive Committee to support the proposed recommended legislative actions.

Should the members of the Executive Committee approve these recommendations a resolution will be drafted for a vote at MORPC's next Commission Meeting on Thursday, March, 10, 2016.