

## BEPS Task Force Meeting Notes

### June 22, 2021

**Task Force Member Attendees:** Katie Bergfeld, Patti Boyd, Jen Croft, Marshall Duer-Balkind, Dave Good, Jessica Jones, Cliff Majersik, Todd Nedwick, Matt Praske

**Public Attendees:** Andrew Held, Sharon Jaye, Michael Feldman-Wiencek, Molly Hofsommer, Aykut Yilmaz, Michele Good, Joe Knackstedt, Donald Walker, Taresa Lawrence, Andrew Zimdahl, Lance Loncke, Tola Shabi, Joanna Saunders, Wes Huffman, Zoe Heller, Julian Belity, Tabaris Smith, Denise Fairchild, Janessa Kriven, Cheryl Chan, Jodi Pincus, Betony Jones, Tim Oberleiton, Connor Rattey, Gabrielle Sosa, Jamie Donovan, Daryl Wright, Peggy Jeffers, Eric Jones, Christine Bunch, Dan Guilbeault, Allyson Criner-Brown, Julia Field, Kamita Marbury, Kevin Carey

*The notes reflect the discussion only – please see the referenced slide for content presented.*

#### Agenda:

1. Administrative opening (slides 1-4)
  - a. Opened meeting at 11:02am
  - b. Attendance taken by roll call (see above); Quorum acknowledged
  - c. Reviewed role of TF
2. Update on BEPS Program Timeline (slide 5)
3. Agenda Review (slide 6)
  - a. Matt P.: Ask question if multiple building owners in one commercial building is a 1% issue for BEPS that should it be handled on a case-by-case basis by DOEE, or should it be a bigger conversation for the Task Force to have? General consensus was that we need to discuss this in more detail in a future meeting (TF curious if we have this information in benchmarking data).
  - b. Marshall D-B.: Provided an update that Pepco filed a [motion for an extension](#) to “file for approval of energy efficiency and demand response programs in formal case #1160” until August 2, 2021. This filing was discussed in the [May 25 TF meeting](#).
4. Emerald Cities Collaborative and Inclusive Economics presentation on BEPS Program Jobs and Economic Inclusion Analysis and Recommendations (slides 7-45): Analysis funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies’ American Cities Climate Challenge.
  - a. Clarifying Questions:
    - i. Slide 22: Labor Demand: shows total jobs, not net. Net is closer to 2,500 (be careful in using “net” because the analysis does not look at losses due to natural gas bans). Jobs analysis is for existing buildings energy efficiency only with 30% buildings energy reductions, not new construction. When looking only at “light” efficiencies (<15% energy savings), the range is 400 - 600. Chart shows full-time equivalent direct jobs. Indirect would multiple the total by 1.5 or 2.5, but those jobs are not all captured within DC. Based on only 50,000 sq. ft. buildings and above, through 2050.
    - ii. Slide 19: BEPS private investment numbers of \$250-300m/year were from ECC interviews. Jobs analysis estimated the investment number was much higher.

- iii. Discussion on DC vs. regional capacity for analysis: Scope of analysis was DC-only to see what the District government and BEPS Task Force could influence and how can DC enable their residents to be competitive in the market.
- iv. Slide 27: An attendee expressed that the number of apprenticeships or program attendees on the slide was too low. The attendee was concerned about the emphasis on union-jobs and provided the data that 96% of DC residents in construction are non-union based on 2020 census. ECC will follow up with connections provided by the attendee to see if the numbers could be improved.

b. Discussion:

- i. What is the Task Force role in this or how could the Task Force influence?
  - 1. Could the TF private industry members look at their procurement and hiring procedures and bring back feedback to DOEE?
  - 2. TF member is interested in the public sector suggestions for DGS contracting and hiring and hopes some movement goes forward with that recommendation. Another member would like to see DGS wrap some of these recommendations into the strategic energy management plan process.
  - 3. Where is the win-win overlap of helping owners find good workers and contractors to do the work vs. another regulatory requirement from DC. ECC agrees to focus on building the best pipeline for skilled and trained best-in-class workers to supply the industry.
- ii. DOEE will be presenting this information to multiple other parties in the DC agencies and can continue the conversation on the July 20 meeting. Additional feedback on the presentation is welcome from the public: email feedback to [info.beps@dc.gov](mailto:info.beps@dc.gov)

5. Overall Agenda/Topic review (slide 46)

6. Next Meeting – July 20 (slide 47) – no meeting July 6

7. Announcements (slides 48)

- a. Cliff announced that the state of Colorado just approved their BEPS legislation. Montgomery County and Boston have proposed their policy to Council and several other cities are close to proposal.
- b. Announced that this was the last meeting for Sharon Jaye who is leaving the DOEE on June 30. Appreciation from DOEE and TF members expressed for her work over the last 2 years. Andrew Held will be the new TF administrator in DOEE.