

The following Mission Statement is the product of almost two months of discussions by a small but we hope representative group of us. We hope you can live with it.

The mission of the Energy Policy Task Force is to recommend to the Utility Committee of the City of New Orleans the best combination of financial, regulatory and legal methodologies for establishing a comprehensive energy policy that promotes conservation and efficient use of potential and of existing energy resources, greenhouse gas reduction, and ongoing education. The policy recommendations will be informed by best practices that are affordable, practical, financially viable, and measurable emphasizing market-based solutions. The policy will advocate the use of sound models for financing and fiscal incentives which pursue the best interests of ratepayers and suppliers. This will improve the local economy as we pursue a sustainable energy future, demonstrating the City's leadership in energy policy.

We are recommending three different types of committees. *Committee membership is open to everyone and you are not restricted to being on one and only one committee.*

The following includes Myron Katz and Christophor Faust's edits on the proposed structure of the committees.

The work of the Task Force shall be done in *topical* committees or silos which would act as forums to prioritize all of the suggestions provided during the large open meetings. These working committees would be open access and individuals could participate in more than a single committee. The committees are encouraged to review the literature and the available national information and to consult with local experts. The committees will be convened by the appointed conveners and should elect a Chair who would be asked to also serve on the Steering Committee. Everyone should be guided by the Mission of the Task Force. Committees may organize themselves into sub-committees, as they deem appropriate. The Committees are charged with developing the topics into a set of considerations for inclusion in an energy policy.

Conservation / Energy Efficiency (C or CEE)

How to lower energy consumption and demand while supporting the future regeneration of the City of New Orleans?

Renewable Energy (R or RE)

How can renewable energy resource options be brought in to the fuel mix to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with power provided to or by New Orleans' residents?

Integrated Resource Planning (I or IRP)

What are sources and uses of various energy resources? How can we best allocate the alternatives? Both demand and supply options are considered: Conventional as

well as renewable energy options and demand side planning are considered in an equal playing field. With the goal that energy supply/demand options with decreasing true costs are increasing encouraged. E.g., how can we increase the efficiency of generating, purchasing and delivering the power we consume today and how does that cost compare to demand side options that accomplish these same goals?

See definition at <http://www.aceee.org/pubs/i953.htm>.

“Integrated Resource Planning

Integrated resource planning (IRP) is a planning process for electric utilities that evaluates many different options for meeting future electricity demands and selects the optimal mix of resources that minimizes the cost of electricity supply while meeting reliability needs and other objectives.

With traditional utility planning, planners take into consideration the demand to be met, the reliability to be achieved, and applicable government policies and regulations. The planner then selects the types of fuels, power plants, distribution systems and patterns, and power purchases that will meet these objectives with minimum revenue requirement (the revenue the utility must collect to finance and operate the power system). Options are selected only from the supply side (options to supply more power) as opposed to the demand side (options to reduce electricity demand) of the electricity system.

IRP attempts to take the traditional planning approach several steps further. It strives to:

1. Evaluate all options, from both the supply and demand sides, in a fair and consistent manner.
2. Minimize costs to all stakeholders (and not just costs to the utility).
3. Create a flexible plan that allows for uncertainty and permits adjustment in response to changed circumstances.

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Regulators’ Accountability to Ratepayers (A or RAR)

This committee will include topics such as grievance procedures for bills, detailed explanations of charges on bills, access to information on the cost of contracts, timely notification of City Council Utility meetings and prior availability of legislation in advance of a vote (for example). What new actions can be taken by the Utility committee of the City Council to foster efficiency, conservation, and renewable resource use, while stabilizing or reducing atmospheric emissions? What ongoing education is required?

Expanded Outcomes of a Good Energy Policy (O or EO)

AKA: Sustainability, Generative Systems, Durability, Green Industry and Natural Ecosystems

What opportunities exist as part of this process to promote the use of sustainable home designs and other green industry options through changes in the building code and the local zoning ordinances? What benefits will accrue to the City with

the adoption of a Good Policy? What are all the institutions that are involved or should be created in order to support a sound energy policy? What complementary actions can be taken to empower systems of regeneration that, in addition to improving the fuel mix, also reduce the threats associated with attrition in the existing eco-system surrounding New Orleans?

Again I added this phrase to emphasize the Big Picture/Long-Term nature of our mandate

The topical units would receive technical guidance and process support from the following two *technical* committees made up of experts in various disciplines including: Building Science, Finance, Economics, Engineering, and Government Regulation.

Problem Solving / Technical Support / Reality Check Committee (T or TS)

This committee will help guide the topical committees toward solutions that meet all of the standards set by the Mission Statement, advise the topical committee members regarding solutions that need more development to reach these standards, and ultimately be charged to rank the solutions generated by the topical committees using these standards.

Quantization / Baseline and Measurement Mini Committee / Current Conditions & Yardsticks (Q)

This committee will focus on modeling and explaining what exists today. (Existing Utility Regulations, Current Energy Contract Conditions, Current Energy Infrastructure) What are the regulations and laws under which the City Council regulates Entergy New Orleans? What are the terms of the existing contracts for energy supply as well as for energy sales? What physical assets are used and where do they reside?

A single *Steering Committee* (S or SC) would provide organizational and administrative guidance and support in terms of monitoring progress, coordinating activities between committees, and generally administering the activities of the Task Force. The Steering Committee shall also be charged with delivering the Message of the Task Force and with garnering public support.

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