Members present: Gabrielle Ciuffreda (Chair), Liisa Kissel, Jack Cunningham, Rod Francis, Sue Hammond, Tim Arsnault, Denis Pinkernell, John Whitman, Tad Montgomery, Bruce Gardner, Stephen Dotson, Hervey Scudder, Eric Stevens, Bill Dunkel

Staff present: Marion Major

Called to order at 6:00pm with a quorum present and chaired by Gabrielle Ciuffreda.

1. Draft Energy Plan
   a. Staff gave an overview of Act 174 energy planning and went over the process so far for regional energy planning. Staff reviewed the comments received from the Department of Public Service on the first draft of the Regional Energy Plan. The comments were specific to the details listed in the standards.
   b. Staff reviewed the updates to the draft which incorporated the comments from DPS. The committees discussed this draft and raised questions relating to the comments where and if they were addressed within text.
   c. The committees discussed the thresholds for utility scale developments. The committee approved 500 kW for solar developments and discussed that the definition for utility wind was unclear. The committee voiced concern with the lack of clarity with “community-serving” development. The committee commented on increased the impact footprint of a development within resource lands from 2 acres to 5. The committee discussed the proposed policy on restricting further utility scale wind development. The full commission had approved of this policy in the May. The public would be given the opportunity to submit comments on the draft and policy in the upcoming regional meetings. The committee requested more explicit encouragement of renewable energy generation within the text of the plan.
   d. Staff reviewed the schedule for adoption: 4 public meetings throughout December and January, a Joint committee meeting to review comments and updated draft, Full Commission Meeting January 30th, two hearings in March, and a vote for plan adoption at the Full Commission Meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Marion Major, Staff