The Florida Energy and Climate Commission (FECC)

A New Commission Established under House Bill 7135

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Centralizing State Energy Policy

- Governor’s Energy Office staffs the Florida Energy & Climate Commission (FECC)
- Governor appointed seven Department of Agriculture & Consumer
- Chief Financial Officer
FECC: Governor's Appointments

- Chairman James F. Murley, of Miami, director, Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions, (3 year)
- Kathy Baughman McLeod, of Tallahassee, deputy chief of staff, Office of Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink (2 year)
- Nils J. Diaz, of St. Pete Beach, chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (2 year)
- Howell L. Ferguson, of Tallahassee, chief executive officer, Lykes Brothers (3 year)
- Debra S. Harrison, of Marathon, Florida, director, World Wildlife Fund, (3 year)
- Timothy T. Jackson, of Orlando, chief executive officer, Glatting Jackson Kercher & Anglin, (3 year)
- Nicholas C. Gladding, of Sarasota, attorney, Ruden McClosky, (1 year)
FECC: Department of Agriculture and Chief Financial Officers

- The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- Chief Financial Officer:
FECC Powers & Duties

- “Think Tank” for Florida’s Energy Policy
- Required to comment on Energy Efficiency and Cap-and-trade
- Oversee state financial incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency
Meetings for FECC

- Two informative meetings in January 2009

First meeting:
- authorized 2007-2008 grant awards
- Authorized rulemaking for the FECC

Second meeting updated FECC on:
- Action Team report,
- DEP clean car rule, and PSC draft rule on the renewable portfolio standard
Oversee Financial Incentives

- Provides rebates for purchase and installation of solar energy systems (water heaters, pool heaters and photovoltaic) in homes and businesses.
- Tax credits for hydrogen, biodiesel and ethanol
- Renewable Energy Grant Program & Green Government Program
Consultation: RPS

Draft rule will be created by February 1, 2009

- Implementation of rule will require ratification by Legislature

- Navigant study will soon be finalized
Consultation

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation
  - Commission will assist in the adoption of new goals for the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA)
  - Goals will likely include greater incentive for efficiency
  - Utilities file in March 2009
Consultation

- Cap-and-Trade
  - DEP in consultation with the PSC and FECC will develop rules for a market based emissions abatement program.
  - Implementation will require ratification by the Legislature 2010.
Renewable Fuel Standard: 10 by 10

- Over 90% of retail sales contain E10

- Life-Cycle GHG Emissions/Renewable Fuels:

  FECC contracted with the FESC to conduct a study to evaluate and recommend the life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with all renewable fuels,

  FECC is also responsible for the state’s role in petroleum allocation and conservation during declared emergencies.
Emergency Management

- FECC maintains a position within ESF 12
- Primary function it to response to shortages and disruptions in the supply and delivery of electricity, natural gas, and other forms of energy and fuels
- Natural disasters, unexpected operational failure, and/or unusual economic/international political events.
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("stimulus")

- U.S. Senate ~$20,519,748
- U.S. House ~$140,851,398
- Governor Crist joined 18 governors in signing a letter to the U.S. President supporting the Recovery Act (passed in the U.S. House last week)
- Energy Efficiency Block Grant and SEP has been identified in both bills
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