

**ENERGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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**Monday, July 31, 2017**

**10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**ENERGY TAC PRESENT:**

Drew Smith, Chairman  
Kelley Smith Burk  
Bob Cochell  
Tim Graboski  
Roger Sanders

Steve Bassett  
Oscar Calleja  
Jan Geyselaers  
Scott Ranck  
David Wojcieszak

**ENERGY TAC NOT PRESENT:**

Lawrence Maxwell

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mo Madani  
Thomas Campbell  
Norman Bellamy  
Marlita Peters

Justin Vogel  
Chris Howell  
Jim Hammers

**Welcome:**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Ms. Peters welcomed all to the Energy Technical Advisory Council teleconference call.

**Roll Call:**

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Energy TAC. A quorum was determined with 10 members present at roll call.

**Agenda Approval:**

Mr. Geyselaers entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted for today's meeting. Mr. Cochell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Minutes June 20, 2017:**

Mr. Cochell entered a motion to approve the minutes as posted from June 20, 2017. Mr. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Minutes June 28, 2017:**

Mr. Cochell entered a motion to approve the minutes as posted from June 28, 2017. Mr. Graboski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Consider and discuss Declaratory Statement: DS 2017-045 by Andrew C. Ask of Andrew C. Ask, P.E., Consulting Engineer:**

Mr. Ask provided an additional summary of his declaratory statement request. He stated he did not agree with the staff response and provided his reasons for the disagreement.

Mr. Madani presented the staff analysis. He further advised Mr. Ask of the requirement for a declaratory statement and that it must be cited for a specific project.

Justin Vogel, Esq. provided the full legal definition of a declaratory statement requirement and cited case law to ensure that the petitioner understood that the request must be specific.

**TAC Comments:**

Mr. Wojcieszak stated that he agreed with Mr. Madani and the staff analysis.

**Consider and discuss Declaratory Statement: DS 2017-045 by Andrew C. Ask of Andrew C. Ask, P.E., Consulting Engineer (cont.):**

**Public Comment:**

Joe Belcher, FHBA, stated he also agreed with Mr. Madani and the staff analysis.

Mr. Cochell entered a motion to accept staff analysis. Mr. Wojcieszak seconded the motion.

Mr. Calleja inquired if this should be handled during a glitch cycle.

Mr. Madani stated this is not a listed item on the agenda to be discussed today.

Mr. Madani and Mr. Campbell addressed the TAC and participants on the call of the process for a glitch.

Mr. Calleja stated the importance of having clear definitions in the code.

The motion was called on the floor. The motion to accept staff analysis for DS2017-045 passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Review and provide recommendation to the Commission on possible submittals for approval of Energy compliance software for compliance with the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (2014) FBC, Energy Conservation.:**

Bill Wright, Wrightsoft Corporation explained the program and provided history and background in detail and asked for the TAC support and approval.

Chairman Smith asked if FSEC would like to speak on this product.

Rob Vieira provided FSEC's concerns on the overall reporting and deficiencies that need to be corrected.

Mr. Wright stated that all areas of concern have been or will be addressed and corrected.

Jeff Sonne, FSEC also provided some concerns.

Mr. Wright stated that all areas of concern have been or will be addressed and corrected.

**TAC Comments:**

Mr. Calleja inquired on a timeline for these areas of concern to be addressed.

**Review and provide recommendation to the Commission on possible submittals for approval of Energy compliance software for compliance with the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (2014) FBC, Energy Conservation (cont.):**

Mr. Madani stated that this software is for the 2014 Code and that the TAC could conditionally approve it based on completion of the deficiencies noticed.

There was discussion among the TAC on the time line for compliance of deficiency completion.

Mr. Wojcieszak stated he was glad to see this competition, as his dealings with customer service at FSEC were not good and he provided examples.

**Public Comment:**

Arlene Stewart, AZS Consulting, stated that conditional approval should be offered to this vendor as it had been offered to other vendors on this project in the past.

Mr. Wright advised the TAC that he fully intends to submit for the 2017 Code. He also stated that all areas of concern on the current software will be addressed and corrected.

Scott Chamberlin asked about a 3<sup>rd</sup> vendor ComCheck.

Mr. Madani stated this is for the current code and this is through DOE and he had not received any comments from them.

Joe Belcher, FHBA, stated he agreed with Ms. Stewart and urged the TAC to support conditional approval.

Kelley Smith Burk had to leave the call at 10:45 a.m. The quorum remained with a total of 9 members present.

Mr. Calleja entered a motion to conditionally approve the Right-Energy Program to allow the deficient areas to be corrected. Mr. Wojcieszak seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8 in favor and 1 against.

**Review proposed outline for blower door air leakage testing guide/brochure:**

Mr. Madani explained that BASF will be funding this outreach project for the testing compliance method.

**Review proposed outline for blower door air leakage testing guide/brochure (cont.):**

**Public Comment:**

Jeff Sonne, FSEC spoke on outline to be used for this project and said that this brochure would be useful.

**TAC Comments:**

Mr. Calleja asked who the intended users would be and the qualifications of the testing.

Mr. Sonne advised this would be used for building officials, energy raters and anyone conducting blower door testing. He also stated there would be a definition of who is qualified to be a tester.

Mr. Calleja asked for definition of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party.

Mr. Madani clarified for Mr. Calleja.

Mr. Calleja stated there seems to be issues with guidelines from local officials and guidelines need to be set with blower door testing.

Mr. Campbell asked if the guidelines are in writing and set.

Mr. Calleja stated yes and that he can send a copy.

**Public Comment:**

Arlene Stewart AZS Consulting stated there is information online for testing on 2012 base code under [energycode.gov](http://energycode.gov) website.

Pete Quintela stated building officials are accountable to Chapter 468, F.S. and contractors under Chapter 489, F.S. will there be a state board for this profession?

Mr. Campbell stated there is not a license for this at DBPR.

Mr. Madani added that there is no actual state certification but the Building Energy Rating System. He stated Chapter 553, F.S. delegates to those entities that qualified as building energy rating systems and those entities have programs to license or certify energy raters, so we rely on those entities to certify those individuals.

**Review proposed outline for blower door air leakage testing guide/brochure (cont.):**

Mr. Quintela then asked how they are disciplined should there be a complaint and do they require continuing education like the other professions require.

Mr. Madani asked that Rob Vieira, FSEC respond as they have this program.

Mr. Vieira stated if an individual is certified under the RESNET system then there are various methods that can be reported to their provider or you can go past that to report directly to RESNET. He said there is uncertainty in the field and that methods for this testing could be clarified through a declaratory statement for specific projects.

Ms. Stewart stated the TAC could respond without declaratory statements.

Mr. Madani and Mr. Campbell both stated that yes they can respond carefully, however for clarification of language there would need to be a declaratory statement request.

Mr. Madani stated this brochure is for informational purposes not for code interpretation.

Ms. Stewart expressed all of her concerns and questions that have not been addressed and should be.

Mr. Ranck explained the process he went through to become an energy rater and how it has changed.

Mr. Quintela stated he also was an energy rater when it was under DCA and he feels this should be in the Code.

John Jones, BPI explained their process for rater's certification.

Chairman Smith added if they have a third party accreditation then those individuals can be disciplined. He did add that blower testing does allow for concern as there is no follow-up on some of these individuals.

No action was needed by the TAC.

**Review proposed outline for blower door air leakage testing guide/brochure (cont.):**

**Public Comment:**

Arlene Stewart asked if this brochure is going out.

Mr. Madani stated this discussion was to allow the TAC and public to give input on information to be provided. He stated any topics or subjects that you would like to comment on should go to FSEC. Mr. Madani stated this will come back to the TAC for review prior to making this brochure available.

Mr. Calleja stated all parties involved in this blower door testing should be allowed to send issues and questions to FSEC to include in the brochure.

Mr. Sanders asked about the reporting forms that need to go to Mr. Issa at the University of Florida, could this be addressed.

Mr. Madani stated when the 2017 Code goes into effect; this reporting requirement will be put back in the Code.

Ms. Peters performed a final roll call 9 of the 10 original members were remaining on the line.

There being on further business Ms. Peters adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.