



# United States Climate Partnership Association (USCPA)

## MEETING AGENDA

Washington, DC  
February 27-28, 2008

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

**Meeting Location: United States Climate Partnership Association offices (located within the Navista offices) 1155 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005**

**12:00 P.M. – LUNCH (will be provided)**

**12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

S.2191, the America's Climate Security Act is slated to be on the floor of the Senate some time this spring. This session will be very helpful in understanding the Senate dynamics at play and the hunt for 60 votes to break the anticipated filibuster.

*Chris Miller, Senior Policy Advisor, Senator Harry M. Reid (D-NV), Senate Majority Leader (confirmed)*

**1:00 P.M. to 1:15 P.M. – BREAK**

**1:15 P.M. to 2:15 P.M.**

The Climate Registry is named as the targeted model for the EPA to use as they develop their own registry as specified by the Appropriations Bill that passed in December 2007. The bill appropriates \$3.5 million dollars to get it up and running. This session will be very helpful in understanding how the Climate Registry is different than the DOE 1605 b; the EPA Climate Leaders; or the World Resources Institute protocol.

*Joel Levin, Vice President, Business Development, California Climate Registry (confirmed)*

**2:15 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

Chairman Dingell is a legend in his own right. A true survivor. Now, he has taken on what he admits may be his toughest legislative issue yet – climate change. Supportive of a carbon tax, he is being pressured to implement an economy-wide cap & trade bill. Chairman Dingell admittedly wants to take more time to craft a bipartisan bill but is under pressure to produce a bill sooner- not later. This session will be insightful on the deliberative process that the Chairman is taking as he works with Chairman Boucher's subcommittee to produce a bill that will reduce ghg emissions without tanking the economy.

*Bruce Harris, Senior Advisor, Energy Policy, Representative John D. Dingell (D-MI), Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee (confirmed)*

**3:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. – BREAK**

**3:15 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.**

Given concerns about cost containment of Senator Lieberman's legislation S. 2191, many are going back to visit the Bingaman-Specter bill S. 1766, the "Low Carbon Economy Act of 2007" which does so by providing greater carbon price certainty. Will Senator Lieberman take a page out of the Bingaman bill? Plus, the EPA completed its cost analysis of S. 1766 which helps to compare the two bills. These and other topics will be discussed.

*Jonathan Black, Professional Staff Member, Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (confirmed)*

**4:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Representative John Boehner is the top Republican in the House of Representatives. Boehner comes from a state that has been hard hit by energy costs and loss of manufacturing jobs which gives him good reason to be concerned about potentially costly climate bills. But, even more importantly, where does the majority of the Republicans stand on climate change policy? What is the position of the party? How does he intend to lead them through this complex political issue?

*Jay Cranford, Policy Advisor, Representative John A. Boehner (R-OH), House Minority Leader (confirmed)*

**6:00 P.M. – COCKTAILS AND DINNER**

Restaurant: City Club of Washington at Franklin Square (Fountain Square North Room)  
Location: 1300 I (Eye) Street, NW, Washington, DC (I Street & 13<sup>th</sup> Street)  
(McPherson Square, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Metro)  
Cost: Approximately \$56 per person

*Speaker: Dallas Burtraw, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future (confirmed)*

Mr. Burtraw has developed interesting concepts in ghg emission allowance approaches that is getting the attention of key Capitol Hill policy makers. Find out why.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

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**9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.**

Senator Lieberman has been a longtime advocate for cap & trade legislation. In past years he teamed up with Senator McCain. This year, his teammate is Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia. Together they have been successful at pushing S.2191, America's Climate Security Act of 2007 through the full Committee on Environment and Public Works. Action on the floor of the Senate is next. In recent conversations, it has been reported that several key issues must be resolved to

successfully secure the 60 votes needed to overcome a certain filibuster. What are those issues and what are the solutions?

*David McIntosh, Counsel and Legislative Assistant, Senator Joseph I. Lieberman (I-CT), Chairman, Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, Committee on Environment & Public Works (confirmed)*

**10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

The European Union takes ghg reductions seriously having signed the Kyoto Protocol and implemented the Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) in 2004. They have now made important revisions to the EU ETS that will have important implications not only for European companies and US companies operating there, but for potential influence on US cap & trade legislation. We have asked Mr. Meadows to explain the changes made to the ETS.

*Damien Meadows, deputy Head of Unit in DG Environment, Delegation of the European Commission (confirmed)*

**10:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. – BREAK**

**10:45 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Assessing U.S. Climate Policy Options**

Resources for the Future organized the U.S. Climate Policy Forum in May 2006 to analyze and make findings regarding policies to address global climate change. The Forum brought together researchers and business leaders from 23 companies that represent a broad spectrum of the U.S. economy. One of the outcomes is the report, *Assessing U.S. Climate Policy Options*. It represents the culmination of 15 issue briefs, detailing policy questions and concerns in key areas related to greenhouse gas emissions and legislative proposals to curb them. We have asked Mr. Kopp to summarize his key “take-a-ways” from these 15 reports and to address complementary policies.

*Ray Kopp, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future (confirmed)*

**11:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

USCPA Roundtable Discussion: This session is a roundtable discussion to exchange views on what we learned from today’s speakers and what the implications may be.

**12:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned**

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