



# Connecticut Climate Change

Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **October 9, 2007**

#### **Meeting Participants**

GSC Attendees/Designees: DEP Commissioner McCarthy, DPUC Commissioner George, OPM Undersecretary Mengacci, CCEF Chairman Bowles, Ned Hurlle (DOT).

Guests and presenters: CDA President O'Brien, Gary Yohe (Wesleyan, IPCC), Nancy Cole (Union of Concerned Scientists), Jeff Durham (Lang Durham), other attendees from Climate Change Coordinating Committee (C4) and members of the public.

#### **Agenda and Notes**

Presentation: *Confronting Climate Change in the US Northeast: Science, Impacts, and Solutions*

Gary Yohe, Professor of Economics, Wesleyan University, and Nancy Cole, Climate Change Outreach Director, Union of Concerned Scientists, presented an overview of the recent IPCC report and an overview of climate impacts on the Northeast and Connecticut.

Presentation: *Governor Rell's OneThing Campaign*

Jeff Durham, President and Creative Director, Lang/Durham, presented an overview of the OneThing campaign to reduce energy costs and preserve the planet.

GSC Business:

- Public Comments – There were no public comments.
- Approve minutes from July 10, 2007 GSC meeting – The minutes were approved.
- Climate Change Public Stakeholder Meetings – A very brief update on monthly public stakeholder meetings was provided.
- Report on progress in 2007 – GSC directed C4 to draft a short, focused report. Include GHG trajectory (continued growth) and measurement of progress.
- Plan to reach 75-85% GHG reductions by 2050 – GSC stated the need to stay focused on implementation to reach 2020 goals.

#### **Handouts**

- Meeting agenda
- July 10, 2007 meeting minutes

- Summary reports and materials on “Confronting Climate Change in the U.S. Northeast” from Union of Concerned Scientists
- Draft Outline, Report on Progress in 2007 (from C4)
- Draft Outline, Plan to Meet 2050 Climate Goals (from C4)