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Top South Carolina (Non-Regulatory) Energy Policy Issues:

- Review and possible revision of utility IRP best practices
- Review of adequacy of access to natural gas
- Next phase of renewable energy legislation

Summary of Major State Energy Program Activities:

- State Energy Planning: Development of the energy plan is complete; moving into study committees to evaluate policy recommendations
- Providing loans and mini-grants to encourage retrofits, renewables and alternative transportation
- Providing energy audits and technical support to government and other entities interested in energy efficiency, retrofits, etc.
- Benchmarking state agency, public college, and public K-12 energy use and compliance with requirement to reduce energy use by 20% over 2000 baseline
- Administering tax credits for EnergyStar mobile homes, biomass energy, and alternative transportation fuels
- Reviewing utility activities such as IRPs and demand-side management and distributed energy resource evaluations
- Providing training and education through publications, Accredited Commercial Energy Manager certification, workshops, presentations, and partnerships with groups such as SC Association of Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors, Association of SC Energy Managers, SC Clean Energy Business Alliance
- Participating in ESF-12 team and updating Energy Assurance Plan annually

Other (Non-SEP) Activities:

- Serving as Clean Cities designee for the state (e.g. Palmetto Clean Fuels coalition manages program to allow for test driving of commercial alternative fuel vehicles—www.energy.sc.gov/pscfc)
- Developing neutral solar website (Solar.SC.gov) and other educational materials to counteract misinformation, in cooperation with Savannah River National Laboratory grant
- Working with a research institution and universities to develop tools used to analyze potential State energy policies and identify opportunities to collaborate