Resources Recovery Task Force Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 1:30-3:30 p.m. Holcombe Room/5th Floor 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

Members present: Macky McCleary (Chair), Glenn Lockhart, Joel Freedman, Doreen Zaback, Andrea Keilty, Stephen Diaz, Edward Spinella, Jeff Bridges, Mike Sullivan, Sean Pappas, Lyle Wray, Mark Bobman, Mark Lyon

Meeting Notes

- The Task Force heard a presentation from Macky McCleary introducing the concept of bilateral contracts between resource recovery facilities (RRFs) and municipalities encompassing both tipping fees and electricity rates. Potentially, such contracts could help stabilize costs for municipalities and provide a reliable revenue stream to enhance the economic viability of RFFs.
- The Task Force heard a presentation from Michael Cicchetti of Covanta outlining some of the challenges to RFF economic sustainability due to decreases in electricity pricing, and proposing alternatives aimed at boosting RRF revenue.
- The Task Force heard a presentation from Glenn Lockhart of Wheelabrator on some of the challenges and opportunities of bilateral contracting.
- Subcommittees were finalized and members adjourned to subcommittee meetings.

Action Items:

- Invite a representative of ISO New England to participate in a future task force meeting Macky McCleary
- The Bilateral Contracting Subcommittee should follow up on the following questions / assignments:
 - o Quantify the actual revenue implications of bilateral contracting
 - Explore statutory and regulatory considerations
 - Examine possible approaches to aggregating municipalities
 - Look at how to deal with over-subscription