Alliance to Save Energy

Policy and Programs Committee

Energy-Water Nexus Subcommittee Charter

January 2015

The Alliance to Save Energy chartered a Policy and Programs Committee in 2005 to provide advice and counsel to the Board of Directors on creation and execution of policy platforms, advocacy campaigns, and new programs. The Committee is chaired by two sitting members of the Alliance's Board of Directors and membership is open to representatives of companies and organizations who are Associate members of the Alliance in good standing. In addition, the Committee co-chairs, Board and/or senior management may invite individuals to participate at technical advisors as deemed appropriate.

There are several key issue areas of interest to Alliance Board and Associate members that warrant a specific focus. These include finance, building envelope, and the nexus between water and energy. The Alliance is chartering and forming three subcommittees of the Policy and Programs Committee to develop and agenda and execute policies and programs in these three core areas. Each subcommittee will be chaired by one or more representatives of Associate member organizations. Membership on the subcommittees will be open to representatives of all Alliance Associate member companies and as with the Policy Committee, specific, non-Associate member individuals may be appointed to provide technical assistance to one or more of the subcommittees.

Energy-Water Nexus Subcommittee

Purpose: Efficient use of water has a direct benefit to the efficient use of energy, including in the industrial, commercial building, and building services sectors. As a means of highlighting this connection, the Energy-Water Nexus Subcommittee is chartered to develop recommendations for an Alliance legislative and regulatory agenda that will further the energy efficient use, processing, and treatment of water.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Recommend an overarching goal for the Alliance for water-energy nexus issues as they relate to increased energy efficiency.
- Recommend Alliance positions and/or advocacy campaigns on legislation and regulations related to water that can advance energy efficiency, particularly in the industrial and commercial buildings sectors.
- Develop recommendations for leveraging existing legislative initiatives and advancing new legislation and/or regulations to advance water-energy efficiency in key sectors.
- Oversee and help to execute approved campaigns and initiatives related to the water-energy nexus.

Membership: The subcommittee will be chaired by a Board or Associate member representative from companies involved with water-energy nexus issues. Membership is open to representatives of all Alliance Associate members in good standing.

2015 Chair: Ramola Musante, Nalco

Staff Leads: Laura Van Wie McGrory and Liz Tate

Meetings: The Subcommittee will meet on a regularly scheduled basis to be determined by the Subcommittee Chair. Meeting agendas will be prepared in advance of the meetings and distributed to members, along with appropriate briefing materials.