



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Emergency Management – Coal Ash Management Commission


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Kenneth W. Ashe, P.E., Interim Executive Director

October 1, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION
The Honorable Brent Jackson, Chairman
The Honorable Ruth Samuelson, Co-Chairman
The Honorable Mike Hager, Co-Chairman

FROM: Kenneth W. Ashe, P.E. 
Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: North Carolina Coal Ash Management Commission Beneficial Use of Coal Ash
Combustion Products Study

DATE: October 17, 2014

Pursuant to Senate Bill 729, (§130A-309.202 Section (m) Reports), the North Carolina Coal Ash Management Commission (Commission) shall submit quarterly written reports as to its operation, activities, programs, and progress to the Environmental Review Commission. The attached report satisfies this reporting requirement.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 919.825.2297 or via email at ken.ashe@ncdps.gov.

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North Carolina Coal Ash Management Commission

Quarterly Report

to the Environmental Review Commission
on the North Carolina Coal Ash Management Commission
operation, activities, programs and progress.

October 1, 2014

This report is submitted to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 729§130A-309.202 Section (m) Reports which requires quarterly reporting on the NC Coal Ash Management Commission operation, activities, programs and progress.

Actions taken by the NC Coal Ash Management Commission during Quarter 1 of the 2014-2015

Commission

Governor McCrory appointed three members of the Coal Ash Management Commission; Michael T. Jacobs, Herbert M. Eckerlin and Larry Cobb the last week of September 2014.

Michael T. Jacobs – Mr. Jacobs will serve as the Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Jacobs is Professor of the Practice of Finance at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is the founder and CEO of Jacobs Capital, LLC, an investment banking firm that provides merger and acquisition and business valuation services.

Dr. Herbert M. Eckerlin – Dr. Eckerlin is in the seat requiring experience in science or engineering in the manufacturing sector. Dr. Eckerlin is a professor and senior extension specialist at the Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering at N.C. State with a focus on research to identify and develop novel ways of improving energy efficiency, as well as the practical application of renewable energy sources.

Laurence A. Cobb - Mr. Cobb is in the seat requiring expertise in determining and evaluating the costs associated with electricity generation and establishing the rates associated with electricity consumption. Mr. Cobb practices in the area of utility regulatory law for Nexsen Pruet. He is a former member of both the State House and Senate, where he served as Minority Leader for both chambers. Mr. Cobb also served as a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Advisory Budget Commission, the Court Commission, as Chair of the Governor’s Highway Safety Commission, as Chair of the Governor’s Crime Commission and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Division of Emergency Management

Michael Sprayberry, the Director of Emergency Management, named Kenneth. W. Ashe, P.E., as the Interim Executive Director as required under Section 15.(d) of Senate Bill 729.

Director Sprayberry and Kenneth Ashe met with the Office of State Budget, representatives from the DENR Office of the Controller, representatives from the DPS Office of the Controller, and the Budget Director for the Utilities Commission on September 19, 2014 to establish the process for budget for DPS and DENR.

Director Sprayberry met with Chairman Jacobs on Tuesday September 30, 2014 for an initial planning meeting discussing initial invoicing, staffing, office space, the initial Commission meeting, development of the Coal Ash Commission budget, and development of the Commission's website, server and email addresses. Chairman Jacobs requested the interim executive director submit a 90-day extension request to the Environment Review Commission for the Beneficial Use Study due December 1, 2014.