

Commission to Study Implementation of Next-Generation Nuclear Reactor Technology

Final Meeting Summary

Date: Friday, December 1, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Rep. Keith Ammon (Chair), Sen. Howard Pearl, Marc Brown, Chris McLarnon, Catherine Beahm, Matthew Levander, Daniel Goldner, David Shulock

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Arnie Alpert, Rep. Alvin See

1. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the November 6th meeting were approved.

2. Discussion of Draft Report

- The draft report, a compilation of the commission's efforts over the past year, was discussed.
- Key findings and potential state policy options were reviewed in detail.
- Suggestions were made to strengthen specific points, such as the infeasibility of achieving net zero emissions without nuclear energy and the importance of safety in modernizing nuclear licensing processes.
- The likelihood of first-of-a-kind advanced nuclear projects being developed in regulated markets rather than deregulated ones was discussed.
- Recommendations from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) were considered for inclusion.
- The potential for updating state statutes to allow utilities to own nuclear generation assets up to a specific capacity was explored.

3. Conclusion

- The conclusion emphasized New Hampshire's potential to become a net exporter of reliable, cost-competitive electricity to the rest of New England by adopting advanced nuclear energy technologies.
- The importance of cost competitiveness, reliability, and strategic economic benefits was highlighted.

4. Next Steps

- Rep. Alvin See suggested adding a glossary and a graph comparing energy levels to the report.
- The report was approved with suggested amendments. Rep. Ammon will make the changes, distribute a redlined version for review over the weekend, and release the final report by Monday.

5. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned.