

Meeting Minutes 21st November 2023

Introduction

- Steve Cavanaugh opens the meeting and invites new members to introduce themselves.
- The meeting minutes are available on the Meetings Recap page at www.LEIgroup.org/recaps

Discussion of Easy Calc

Stuart details easy calc. It was originally conceived by Roland Limburger. Stuart has taken over development and describes to the group on how to use it.

Discussion of Registration and Arguments against the credits program

There have been opportunities to speak on LEI at conferences which has allowed us to spread the word. There have been questions of how long can we count the emissions reductions. Leakage lagging mindset (LLM) is the term coined for arguing that utilities should already be reducing their leakage. Why should we be rewarding them with credits and revenue? We need to be ready with an argument.

Alan makes a point that we are going in circles with whether utilities should or shouldn't be reducing their leakage.

Stuart gives an update on overall strategy. Stuart has a colleague Gary who owns a carbon company called Zella that has been advising on carbon offsets. He also is discussing with a representative of VERRA to validate our methodology.

Stuart also raises the point that we need to be more specific on our data collection methodology. For example, we need to consider only the power used to produce and transport water as opposed to power used to power computers and air conditioning at offices. We need a robust audit trail.

Ron Burke notes that additionality is a common problem in the voluntary carbon industry. He wonders whether the protocol addresses that or not. We need examples of how this would have not happened without carbon financing.

Dewi notes that most plants have metering for specific water production electricity usage. He also asks if we can put down what their suggestions are and whether we have responses to them.

Alan Wyatt mentions research in Valencia on energy calculations related to water. He is going to follow up on that.

Case Studies

We are still calling for case studies. Stuart discusses the difference in results between the Bahamas and Jamaica case studies. Steve discusses plans to present these case studies on the website. Andrew McCarthy discusses that we need to add context on additionality to the case studies.

Next Meeting will be in January with exact day TBD
Happy Holidays to all!

Attendance:

Ahmadi Mehdi
Andrew McCarthy
Alan Wyatt
Amit Sharma
Andrew Wallace
Arnaud Brunelle
Berry Drijzen
Dewi Rogers
Joerg Koebel
Ron Burke
Steve Cavanaugh
Steve Tooms
Stuart Hamilton
Vernon Nagan
Mike Wrigglesworth