STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 54

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ENERGY POLICY

WHEREAS, ensuring a clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy supply is critical to the prosperity of the state economy, the sustainability of Tennessee's environment, and the general welfare of Tennessee's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's citizens, businesses, and governments are faced with escalating energy costs, challenges to expanding energy production, and varying environmental effects of energy production and consumption; and

WHEREAS, state government, as one of the largest consumers of energy within Tennessee, has the capacity and responsibility to lead by example in reducing energy consumption and improving energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to a wealth of public and private research and technology expertise that can drive the development of clean-energy technology and increase economic development potential in the energy sector; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and use of alternative fuels and renewable energy sources is a key component to energy conservation and the prudent use of available and potential energy supplies.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Governor's Task Force on Energy Policy ("Task Force") is hereby established. The Task Force is charged with developing a state energy plan ("the Plan") to make Tennessee a national leader in energy efficiency and conservation, use of alternative fuels and renewable energy sources, and development of clean-energy technology that can provide economic and environmental benefits to its citizens.

2. In developing the Plan, the Task Force shall consider the advice of recognized experts in the fields of energy efficiency and conservation, energy production, clean-energy technology research and development, and strategies for expanding use of alternative fuels and renewable energy sources. The Task Force also shall consider the cost/benefit relationship of proposed actions and any other factors it deems to be relevant.

3. In developing the Plan, the Task Force shall identify:

   a. Opportunities for state government to lead by example in energy efficiency and conservation, with an emphasis on building construction and management, and vehicle fleet purchasing and management;

b. Prospective policies, legislation, regulations, and/or incentives to encourage statewide energy efficiency and conservation in both the public and private sectors;

c. Possible public-private partnerships and collaborations to encourage research and development of clean-energy technology and increase economic development potential in the state's energy sector; and

d. Strategies for expanding use of alternative fuels and renewable energy sources to support the sustainability of Tennessee's environment.

4. The Governor or his designee shall serve as Chairperson of the Task Force. The Task Force shall have (16) additional members, to be appointed by the Governor and consisting of the following individuals:

a. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or his designee;
b. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation or his designee;
c. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration or his designee;
d. The Commissioner of General Services or her designee;
e. Two (2) representatives of the utility sector, including power generation and/or distribution;
f. Two (2) representatives of environmental advocacy organizations;
g. Two (2) representatives of academic and/or research institutions;
h. Two (2) representatives of the building and/or construction sector;
i. Two (2) representatives of the manufacturing sector and/or general business community;
j. One (1) member of the Tennessee Senate; and
k. One (1) member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

5. The Task Force shall be attached to the Department of Economic and Community Development for administrative purposes.

6. All Executive Branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions, and any other divisions of state government shall fully cooperate with the Task Force in carrying out the mandates of this Executive Order, and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as requested.

7. Non-legislative Task Force members shall receive no compensation for service but may be reimbursed for expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter. Members of the General Assembly shall be reimbursed in the same manner as they are paid for attending legislative meetings pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

8. The Task Force shall convene for its initial meeting on or before April 7, 2008, at a place and time determined by the Chairperson. Thereafter, the Task Force shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Chairperson.

9. The Task Force shall deliver to the Governor short-term recommendations identifying opportunities for state government to lead by example by July 1, 2008, and shall deliver the state energy plan by December 1, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 19th day of March, 2008.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE